

# What Must I Do to Be Saved?

- Hear the Word of God – Rom. 10:17
- Believe that Jesus is the Son of God – Heb. 11:6; John 8:24
- Repent of your sins – Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ before men – Rom. 10:10; Matt. 10:32-33
- Be baptized for the remission of your sins – Acts 2:38; 1 Pet. 3:21
- Remain Faithful – Rev. 2:10

## By The Numbers for October 11<sup>th</sup>

Attendance:  
Sun. Bible Study – ---  
Sun. AM Worship – 69  
Sun. PM Worship – ---  
Wed. Night (10/14) – ---

## To Our Visitors:

We are so glad and honored that you chose to be with us today. If you have any questions please feel free to ask the elders or one of the members. If we can be of any assistance, please let us know. Thanks for being with us, and we hope to see you again real soon!

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8:15 AM

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## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 18, 2020



### *“Where the Gospel is Preached and People are Loved!”*

## Choose a Chair!

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#### Service Times:

Sun. Bible Study-10 AM  
Sun. Worship-11 AM  
Sun. Night-5 PM  
Wed. Night-7 PM

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*“Come Worship with Us!”*

“When I was a boy, my father, a baker, introduced me to the wonders of song,” tenor Luciano Pavarotti relates. “He urged me to work very hard to develop my voice. Arrigo Pola, a professional tenor in my hometown of Modena, Italy, took me as a pupil. I also enrolled in a teachers college. On graduating, I asked my father, ‘Shall I be a teacher or a singer?’” “Luciano,” my father replied, ‘if you try to sit on two chairs, you will fall between them. For life, you must choose one chair.’” “I chose one. It took seven years of study and frustration before I made my first professional appearance. It took another seven to reach the Metropolitan Opera. And now I think whether it’s laying bricks, writing a book--whatever we choose--we should give ourselves to it. Commitment, that’s the key. Choose one chair.”<sup>1</sup>

Great people throughout the Bible made a choice to not straddle the fence, to sit in one chair. And if we are going to be faithful to God and committed to him fully, we too must choose one chair. Let’s notice three individuals who made such a choice.

Joshua chose to sit in one chair when speaking to the nation of Israel after the conquest of Canaan. “And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15). Joshua chose to sit in the chair of obedience to God.

Moses chose one chair when presented with the wealth and prominence offered him in Egypt. “By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin” (Hebrews 11:24-25). Moses could have had a life of ease with everything he wanted being provided for him. But instead of ease he chose affliction in order to be faithful to God. Indeed Moses chose to sit in the chair of obedience to God.

Peter and the apostles chose one chair when they faced persecution from the religious leaders of the day. “But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: ‘We ought to obey God rather than men’” (Acts 5:29). Despite intense opposition, the apostles always chose to sit in the chair of obedience to God.

In which chair will you choose to sit, God’s or the world’s? Choose to sit with God here so you can sit with Him in the hereafter!

~ Justin

<sup>1</sup> Taken from [www.sermonillustrations.com](http://www.sermonillustrations.com).

**AM Bible Study:**

Song Leader –  
Audio/Visual –  
Devotional –I

**AM Service:**

Usher –  
Announcements –  
Song Leader –  
Audio/Visual –  
Opening Prayer –  
Lord’s Supper – (S)  
(S)  
(N)  
(N)  
(N)

Closing Prayer –  
Security –

**PM Service:**

Announcements –  
Song Leader –  
Audio/Visual –  
Opening Prayer –  
Lord’s Supper –  
Closing Prayer –  
Security –

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader –  
Audio/Visual –  
Opening Prayer –  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer –  
Security –

**Door Greeters for October**

South –  
Center –  
North –

**Communion for October**

- Vernice Richmond – 2
- Rita Watkins – 11
- Debra Foshee – 11
- Mel Gibson – 14
- Rhonda Sparks – 16
- Josiah Kennedy – 17
- Alexis White – 22
- Bryan Hartman – 23
- Adrianna Carmack – 23
- Camden Tharpe – 26
- Robert Taylor – 30



**Memorials Received**

Memorials have been received for Dot Mullins.

**Trunk-or-Treat at 6 pm, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>**

This year our Trunk-or-Treat will be a little different. First, this year we are not advertising the event. It is for members and their guests only. Second, there will be no decorated trunks. We are asking those who would like to participate to bring their candy to the building by next Sunday (25<sup>th</sup>). It will be divided into Ziploc bags to cut down on contact. Also everything will be outside. Because of that, there will be no food as in the past. We will have a costume judging for prizes that will start at 6:30! The festivities will wrap up by 7 pm.

**Those in Need of Our Prayers and Encouragement:**

*Our Regulars/Friends/Relatives:*

- At any given time there are members going through different difficulties that they would rather keep private. Please say a prayer for them; God knows who they are.
- WL Sandlin is at LCH following a fall. Thankfully nothing was broken, but he is bruised and banged up. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Margaret Parker’s sister, Yvonne Daniels, passed away on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton was taken to Baptist East due to very low oxygen. She is better but was still there at time of bulletin printing. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Waylon Tharpe (Linsey and JB’s son) will have an MRI on Wednesday at LeBonheur to determine if the cyst on his head is attached to his brain or not. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Tim Cross (friend of Shawna) is battled COVID-19 and is very sick. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Anita Rogers (Kamisha’s older sister) is battling two different forms of cancer, one of which is breast cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Dustin Warren (Justin Paschall’s brother-in-law) is home recovery from his lung surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Paul King (Beverly Sander’s brother) is home now. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Gloria Crook will have knee surgery on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Lou Leatherwood has been moved to Covington Care Nursing Home. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Gene Turner fell and broke his hip. He is home now. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Bo Bodiford (friend of Melanie Moore) is fighting COVID-19 in the hospital at Vanderbilt in ICU. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Peter Rode (Mickey Hamlin’s father) is making slow improvements and is home. They are still trying to determine the cause for the issues he is having. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Terry Young (Stella’s husband) has been moved to LCH. He still has a long road ahead. Please keep him and Stella in your prayers.
- Bert Lussier is having some health problems. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Tommy White Please keep him and the family in your prayers as there are a lot of challenges and adjustments ahead of them.
- Leslie Barnes is home but is still having health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Dorothy Bridges, Lillie Dennison, Tommy and Linda Climer, David Jennings, Blake Carden, Bert Lussier, Joyce Dunaway, Drexel Reed, Linda Climer, Justin Hendrix, Patricia Lee, Josephine Latham, Frances Harrell, Sonny and Reba Arwood, Rae Sanders, WL and Doris Sandlin, Martha Duggar, Johnny Olds, Pam Carmack, Beverly Sanders, Paul Bridges, Tim Etheridge, Eunice Dobbs, Ann Paschall, Robert Taylor, Johnnie Matthews, Joyce Blakemore, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.