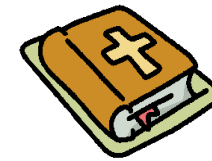


THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 21, 2024



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

Milk Sandwiches

As the snow storm loomed last week, people began their preparations. Walmart had the usual run made on it with milk and bread being bought in bulk. In addition to milk sandwiches, many people must have been planning on making soup or chili because a lot of the staples for those items were lower than usual. Also if you have seen pictures on Facebook, many store shelves are empty. I also heard other people mentioning the fact that all of the snow shovels and salt were sold as well. I mention all of this to illustrate the point that people were making preparations and rightfully so.

Of course, this made me start to think...we make all these preparations for something that will, in all likelihood, last no more than a week. What kind of preparations are we making for Judgment whose verdict will last for all of eternity? Let me suggest two things that we need to be doing to prepare for judgment.

First, we need to obey the Gospel. A reading of the book of Acts can provide people with a picture of what one needs to do to become a Christian. Belief was necessary for those who wanted to wear the name of Christ. Repentance was mandatory. One must be willing to turn from a past life of sin to become a Christian. Confession was needed. The individuals needed to state publicly that belief in Christ as the eunuch did. And baptism was essential. Every conversion in the book of Acts includes the act of baptism. While this gets one started on the road to Heaven, there is still more to be done.

Second, we need to live faithfully. Space will not allow a thorough discussion of all faithfulness entails, but a couple of verses from Matthew will sum it up. “Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’” (Matthew 22:37-39). If we love God with all of our being and love our neighbor as ourselves, everything else will fall into place.

Let’s prepare to stand before God which will make an eternal difference.
~Justin

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Sun. Bible Study-9:30 AM

Sun. Worship-10:30 AM

Sun. Night Worship-6 PM

Wed. Night-7 PM

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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
- Live Faithfully – Rev. 2:10

By The Numbers for January 14th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 61

Sun. AM Worship – 79

Sun. PM Worship – no service

Contribution – \$194,528

Wed. Night (1/17) – no service

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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Those Privileged to Serve:

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Facebook Live – Shannon Williams
Audio/Visual – Justin Paschall
Security – Barry Bates

AM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Facebook Live – Shannon Williams
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – David Watts
Lord's Supper – Darrell Smothers
Closing Prayer – Raymond Neal
Security – Barry Bates

PM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack
Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Shannon Williams
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – MacArthur Watkins
Lord's Supper – Darrell Smothers
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack
Security – Barry Bates

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Bryan Hartman
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – Robert Anderson
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Steven Dodson
Security – Jimmy Hartman

**Thanks to all of the men who
lead in our worship service!**

January Birthdays

- Luke Hartman – 22
- TJ White – 24
- Georgia Carden – 26

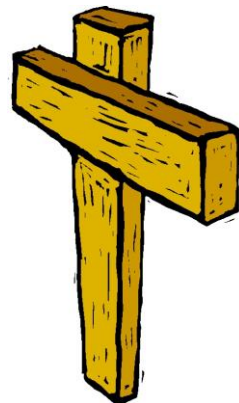
February Birthdays

- Zyriah Harper – 1
- Andy Daniels – 4
- Melanie Moore – 7
- Jimmy Hartman – 8
- Mickey Hamlin – 12
- Darrell Smothers – 13
- Pam Carmack – 16
- Quanisa Richmond – 17
- Bert Lussier – 17
- Lillie Dennison – 20
- Pat Carmack – 21
- Doris Stocklin – 22
- Stella Young – 24
- Shannon Williams (Father) – 25
- Quincy Richmond – 25
- Mike White – 28
- Neirara Genesy – 29



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Jan. 24th** – Wednesday Night Meal at 5:45. Menu on the podium in the foyer.
- **Jan. 25th** – Thursday Night Ladies' Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.



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.
- Russell (Amy Pullen's son) passed away (1/13). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Lillie Dennison is in the local hospital (room 130) for rehab. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Tommy White is home from the hospital. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Larry Spiess' cancer has returned. It is in his spine and pelvis and is aggressive. Please keep him and JoAnn in your prayers.
- Tommy Watts' (David Watts' brother) memorial service was cancelled due to the weather. It will be rescheduled for a latter date. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Wyatt Stanley (Matt and April's son) received great results from his CT. While there is a small issue with one of his valves, it is something that they will keep an eye on but doesn't require surgery. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Leia Stanley (Matt and April's daughter) has her heart surgery rescheduled for Feb. 20th. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- David Blakely is in LCH. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Martha Haynes passed away. The funeral was Thursday (1/4). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Debbie Barnett (daughter-in-law of Mary Barnett) passed away. Visitation was on Thursday (12/28) with a graveside to follow later. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Margaret Meeks (BC Underwoods' sister) passed away. The funeral was on Thursday (12/21) Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Erica White (Dustin White's wife) has been diagnosed with Lupus. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Everett Presson is home. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Paul Watkins (nephew of Synthia Gibson and Vickie Eastep) continues to recover from brain surgery due to cancer. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Renee Blakley is dealing with health issues. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Lynn Shepherd (Elaine Neal's brother) is home now. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Frank Carmack, Johnny Olds, Frances Harrell, Pam Carmack, Scott Sanders, David Blakely, Marian Smith, Tim Etheridge, Linda Climer, Ruth King, Lillie Dennison, Terry and Stella Young, Josephine Latham, Brenda Sutton, Joyce Dunaway, Everett Presson, Tyler Newman, Justin Hendrix, Elvis Gay, Leslie Barnes, Drexel Reed, Martha Duggar, and Johnnie Matthews: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.

"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16)