

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 31, 2023



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

Tips for Reading Through the Bible in a Year

Do pray about it. Pray for help to be dedicated to the endeavor. Pray for wisdom as you read. And pray for courage to be able to apply what you learn.

Do set a time and a place to read. You are far more likely to do the reading if you set a time and place to read. If you just say you are going to do it, you probably will get distracted, but if you say this is when and where, then it is more likely to get done.

Do find someone to hold you accountable. Ask a spouse, sibling, or close friend to help you stay on track. Once a week have them ask you or report to them your status.

Do keep a pen and a pad handy. As you read, you are going to have questions and things you will want to look at more thoroughly. If you spend time with every reading doing that you will get way behind. So, write it down and research it at a different time.

Do designate a “catch up” day. You will more than likely get behind (especially if this is your first time trying this). Designate a couple of days a month or once a week to be times when you can catch up. Maybe on a Sunday afternoon or a Tuesday night – just pick a day and time and use it to stay on track.

Don’t miss 2 days in a row. If you begin to miss several days in a row you will probably stop reading. Don’t let that happen. If you miss a day double up the next, or at least read the next so you don’t get farther behind.

Don’t get discouraged if you do. Even if you do get behind a week, a month...DON’T GIVE UP! Let’s say, you get a month behind. Could you catch up? Yes, but it would take some serious effort. Another option would be to just pick up where you left off and read through the first month of the following year. Did you read through in a year? No, but a year and a month is better than not at all.

Don’t have a smartphone nearby. In other words, remove distractions. Let family know, this is my Bible reading time and I do not want to be distracted.

YOU CAN DO IT!

~Justin

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Service Times:

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 December 24th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 88

Sun. AM Worship – 111

Sun. PM Worship – no service

Contribution – \$4036

Wed. Night (12/27) – 75

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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Those Privileged to Serve:

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Facebook Live – Bryan Hartman
Audio/Visual – Justin Paschall
Security – Robert Anderson

AM Service:

Announcements – Steven Dodson
Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Facebook Live – Bryan Hartman
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers
Lord's Supper – David Watts
Closing Prayer – Jimmy Hartman
Security – Robert Anderson

PM Service:

Announcements – Steven Dodson
Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins
Facebook Live – Bryan Hartman
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – Joe Hunt
Lord's Supper – David Watts
Closing Prayer – Shannon Williams
Security – Robert Anderson

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Steven Dodson
Audio/Visual – Steven Dodson
Opening Prayer – Shannon Williams
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – David Snell
Security – Frank Carmack

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

December Birthdays

- Brenda Sutton – 4
- Martha Dugger – 4
- Khadijah Pierson – 5
- Tracie Goodman – 5
- John Dennison – 6
- Jennifer Olds – 9
- Tanisha Reed – 11
- Gale Shaw – 16
- Chisholm Vaughan – 22
- Larry Carden – 28

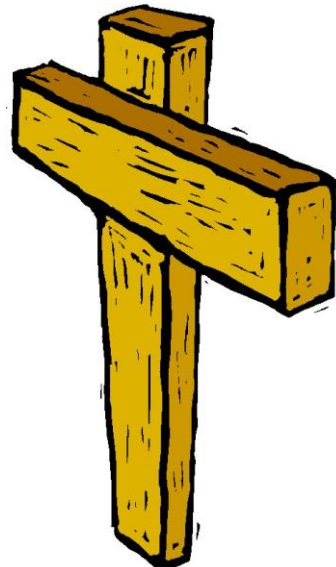


Mark Your Calendars!

- **Dec. 29th-31st** – Light the Fire retreat for ages 13-23.
- **Jan. 4th** – Thursday Night Ladies' Class resumes.

Baptisms!

- **Josie Green** was baptized on Sunday (12/24) following morning services.
- **Kennedy Williams** was baptized on Tuesday (12/26) evening.
- Please keep both in your prayers as they begin a new walk in Christ. We rejoice and congratulate them on their decision!



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.
- David Blakely is in LCH. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Martha Haynes is in ICU in Covington due to a brain stem stroke. Please keep her 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.
- Tommy Watts (David Watts' brother) passed away (12/9). 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 in LCH for rehab. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Leia Stanley (Matt and April's daughter) will have heart surgery on Jan. 11th at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Wyatt Stanley (Matt and April's son) will have a CT on Jan. 11th at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital due to something heard by doctors at a recent appointment. Please keep him and the family 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.
- Larry and JoAnn Spiess lost a grandson Will Spiess. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Raymond and Molly Kelley are both home. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.
- Renee Blakley is dealing with health issues. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Marilyn Wilson (Doris Stocklin's cousin) passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Lynn Shepherd (Elaine Neal's brother) is home now. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Frank Carmack continues to make improvement. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Larry Spiess: Please continue to keep him and JoAnn in your prayers as he deals with issues with his neck and cancer.
- Tommy White, 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.