

## 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 January 17<sup>th</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – ---  
Sun. AM Worship – 69  
Sun. PM Worship – ---  
Wed. Night (1/20) – ---

#### 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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## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 24, 2021



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

### And the Door was Shut! – Part 1

In Matthew 25, Jesus teaches a parable concerning his return that we commonly refer to as the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming” (Matthew 25:1-13). There is a day coming when the bridegroom, Jesus Christ, will return. And if we are not ready, the door may be shut on us. We want to notice three reasons why the door may be shut (one this week, and two next week).

First, the door was shut because of *ignorance*. Some say that ignorance is bliss, but not in this case. In particular we are talking about willful ignorance (those who choose to be ignorant of God’s will for them). Many individuals sit in the worship services of the church, hear what they need to do, but choose to ignore what they hear. In the United States, Bibles are plentiful, but most choose not to read and study and see what God requires of them. Don’t allow the door to be shut due to willful ignorance. Read through the book of Acts and see what those people did to become Christians. We would be happy to answer any questions and show you from the Bible what God would have you to do. There is day coming when the door to heaven will be shut, don’t be left on the outside due to willful ignorance.

Next week we will notice two more reasons that can cause us to be on the outside when the door is shut.

~ Justin

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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!”*

**AM Bible Study:**

Song Leader –  
Audio/Visual –  
Devotional –

**AM Service:**

Usher –  
Announcements – Larry Carden  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual –  
Opening Prayer – Robert Anderson  
Lord’s Supper – (S) MacArthur Watkins  
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Closing Prayer – Robert Taylor  
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 January**

South –  
Center –  
North –

**Communion for January**

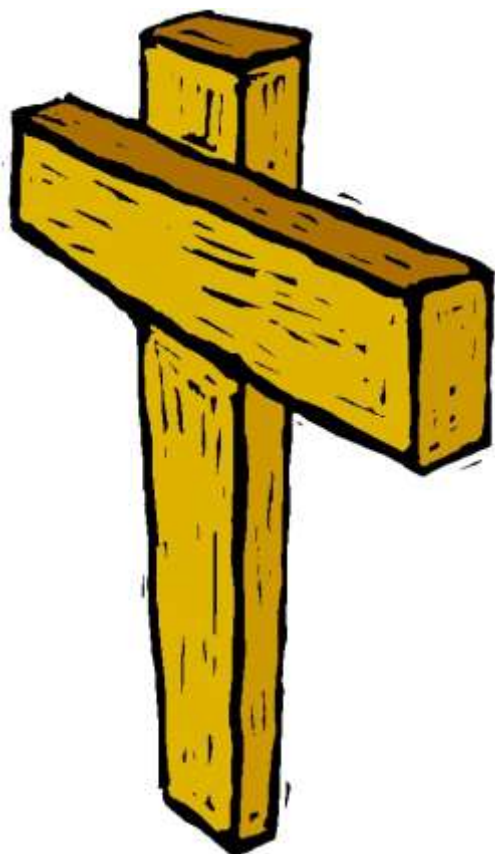
**January Birthdays**

- Frank Carmack – 4
- Landon Carmack – 7
- Brent White – 11
- Chrystal Hartman – 12
- Micah Paschall – 13
- Rebecca White – 18
- Perrilyn Cherry – 19
- Zahmyia Harper – 20
- Luke Hartman – 22
- TJ White – 24
- Judy Anderson – 24
- Georgia Carden – 26



**Memorials Received**

Memorials have been received for Anita Rogers, Margaret Sellers, and Paula Spoon.



**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.
- COVID (Those who have and/or recovering from coronavirus): Frances Harrell, Rita Hartman, Bert Lussier, Brent Stanley, Juanita Stanley (Rita Hartman’s mother), Tommy White, Sr., and Annie White (Tommy’s father and stepmother).
- Reba Arwood fell and broke her hip. She had surgery and is in NHC in Milan for rehab. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Bianca Perry is having a lot of back problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Joann Spiess will have shoulder surgery. She is waiting for a surgery date. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Janet Colvin’s sister-in-law, Adell Dew, passed away Friday. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Justin Hendrix is about to be deployed until August. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Kamisha Dixon’s older sister, Anita Rogers, lost her battle with cancer. Funeral services were held on Wednesday (1/13). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Pat Carmack’s sister-in-law, Barbara Carmack, passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Ronald Kendrick (David Snell’s brother-in-law) passed away due to COVID. The funeral was on Friday (1/15). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Leslie Barnes had surgery. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Reg Carmack had surgery. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Stephen and Amy Snell. There has been an outbreak of COVID among the medical team in Zambia. Please keep this family and the other doctors and nurses in your prayers.
- Everett and Mary Presson: Mr. Everett is still in a facility in Memphis. Also Mrs. Mary continues to have good days and bad days. Please keep both of them in your prayers.
- Elvis Gay (David Bridges’ brother-in-law) has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Peter Rode (Mickey Hamlin’s father) is still not doing well at all. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Caroline Snell continues to recover from wrist surgery. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Tommy White, Shirley Cates Mustion, Doris Sandlin, Terry Young, Bert Lussier, Betty Arthur, Lou Leatherwood, Brenda Sutton, Gene Turner, Leslie Barnes, Dorothy Bridges, Lillie Dennison, Tommy and Linda Climer, David Jennings, Blake Carden, Joyce Dunaway, Drexel Reed, Patricia Lee, Josephine Latham, Sonny and Reba Arwood, Rae Sanders, Martha Duggar, Johnny Olds, Pam Carmack, Beverly Sanders, Paul Bridges, Tim Etheridge, Eunice Dobbs, Robert Taylor, Johnnie Matthews, and Joyce Blakemore: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.