

THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 19, 2023



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

Are You “In Love” With Your Brethren?

It has been said that you should never fall in love with a tennis player—to them, love means nothing. Love should mean something to us. Love is an important concept to God and it should be to us, as well.

A common phrase we use is “in love” meaning that we are in a state of strong emotional attachment with someone. Well, I believe that Christians should be “in love” with one another. Doing a search of the phrase “in love” in our English Bibles reveals some interesting things concerning Christians’ relationship with each another (note: the following verses are based upon the NKJV).

- **“bearing with one another in love”** (Eph. 4:2). This means that we are patient with one another – that we are always there for them.
- **“edifying...in love”** (Eph. 4:15). To edify means to “build up.” We should always be endeavoring to uplift and encourage our brethren.
- **“walk in love”** (Eph. 5:2). What is meant by walking is a way of life. Our way of life ought to be that of caring for and expressing love for one another.
- **“esteem...very highly in love”** (1 Thess. 5:13). We should prefer one another and honor one another because we love one another.

If we properly operate “in love” with one another, we can see some benefits, as well.

- **“Being knit together in love”** (Col. 2:2). We will grow closer together with the special love bond we have in Christ.
- **“abound in love to one another”** (1 Thess. 3:12). Our love will grow in intensity and be so abundant that it will literally know no bounds.

“And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him” (1 John 4:16).

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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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“Come Worship with Us!”

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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 February 12th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 80
Sun. AM Worship – 115
Sun. PM Worship – 69
Wed. Night (2/15) – 76

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 – David Snell
Facebook Live – Bryan Hartman
Audio/Visual – Justin Paschall
Security – Darrell Smothers

AM Service:

Announcements – Steven Dodson
Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Bryan Hartman
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – David Watts
Lord's Supper – Steve Carmack
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack
Security – Darrell Smothers

PM Service:

Announcements – Steven Dodson
Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Bryan Hartman
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman
Opening Prayer – Joe Hunt
Lord's Supper – Steve Carmack
Closing Prayer – David Snell
Security – Darrell Smothers

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Shannon Williams
Audio/Visual – Steven Dodson
Opening Prayer – Robert Anderson
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Bret Carmack
Security – Joel Sutton

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

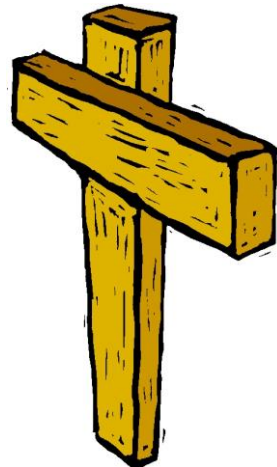
February Birthdays

- 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
- Tristan Jackson – 22
- Stella Young – 24
- Shannon Williams (Father) – 25
- Quincy Richmond – 25
- Mike White – 28
- Neirara Genesy – 29



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Feb. 22nd** – Winter Warm-Up Meal at 5:45.
- **June 4th-9th** – Reelfoot Youth Camp. More details to come.
- **June 26th-28th** – Vacation Bible School.
- **July 16th-19th** – Gospel Meeting with John DeBerry.



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.
- We have been asked to keep the students, teachers, and administrators of the Ripley School System (especially the high school) in our prayers.
- Jimmy Hartman had cataract surgery on Thursday (2/16). Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers and has surgery on the other eye.
- Willie Bonds is having knee problems and will possibly have surgery soon. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Roger Nadeau (Rebecca White's uncle) is in his last days of battling cancer. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Jill Watson (David Snell's sister) has been in the hospital in Murfreesboro. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Shirley Thompson (Roy Colvin's sister) has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please keep her in your prayers as she undergoes treatment.
- Robert Taylor is in the local hospital. He is continuing to receive physical therapy. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Jane Snell will continue with doctor appointments to determine the best course of treatment for breast cancer. Please keep her and David in your prayers.
- Bubba Higdon's (Micah's stepfather) dad, John Higdon, passed away. His funeral was Saturday (2/11). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Lloyd Sanders (Rae Sanders' son) passed away. The funeral was in Camden on Tuesday (1/24). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Scott Sanders (Beverly Sanders' son) is making slow improvements. He has been moved to a long term care unit in Nashville. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Deon Williams (Shannon Williams' brother) was in a serious car accident. He is home recovering and doing better. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Larry Spiess is continuing his treatments for cancer. He received good news that the treatments are being effective! Please keep him and JoAnn in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell (Synthia Gibson's nephew) will be seeing a specialist in New York. Please keep him and the family in your prayers as he battles cancer.
- Frances Harrell, Pam Carmack, Tommy White, Scott Sanders, David Blakely, Marian Smith, Tim Etheridge, Linda Climer, Ruth King, Lillie Dennison, Terry and Stella Young, Josephine Latham, Tommy Watts, Brenda Sutton, Joyce Dunaway, Everett Presson, Frances Harrell, Tyler Newman, Justin Hendrix, Elvis Gay, Leslie Barnes, Betty Arthur, Drexel Reed, Martha Duggar, Paul Bridges, Robert Taylor, and Johnnie Matthews: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.

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