

# THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 27, 2018



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

### The Three S’s of the Gospel

Part 2

The Gospel is the good news of salvation by the sacrifice of Jesus. We have set out to examine that good news in a very simple way, by noticing three s’s of the Gospel.

The first “s” of the Gospel is the *sinner*. A sinner is one who living, abiding in, and conducting a life that is contrary to God’s Word. This definition would include those who have never become Christians through obedience to God’s commands and those who have departed from Christianity. As we think about this first “s” I want us to notice two things concerning the sinner.

First, let’s notice his description. The Bible says that this individual is separated from God (Isiah 59:1-2). While I realize that this verse was written to an apostate nation, if sin can separate a nation from God than it can also separate the individual from fellowship with Him. The Bible also says that this individual is dead. “And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins” (Ephesians 2:1). And the sinner is described as having no hope. “That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world” (Ephesians 2:12). That is a very dismal description, but the worst part is not just the description. It is the second thing that we want to notice concerning the sinner.

Second, let’s notice his destiny. Numerous verses throughout the New Testament illustrate that the destination of the sinner is an eternity in Hell. “And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life” (Matthew 25:46). Note some of the words and phrases the Bible uses to describe Hell – everlasting, a place of eternal fire, unquenchable fire, eternal punishment, darkness, weeping and gnashing of teeth. That doesn’t sound like a place where anyone would want to spend one second much less an eternity.

Thanks be to God that we do not have to spend any time there because of our second “s” which we will notice next week!

~Justin

#### Elders:

Larry Carden  
Steve Carmack  
Joe Hunt  
David Snell

#### Deacons:

Pat Carmack  
Tommy Climer  
Kenneth Roark

#### Minister:

Justin Paschall  
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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!”**

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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
- Remain Faithful – Rev. 2:10

#### By The Numbers for May 20<sup>th</sup>

##### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 78  
Sun. AM Worship – 113  
Sun. PM Worship – 59  
Wed. Night (5/23) – 65

#### 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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**AM Bible Study:**

Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Devotional – Robert Taylor

**AM Service:**

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Kenneth Roark  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack  
Lord’s Supper – (S) Raymond Neal  
(S) Joel Sutton  
(N) Darrell Smothers  
(N) John Dennison  
(N) Tommy White

Closing Prayer – David Bridges  
Security – Barry Bates

**PM Service:**

Announcements – Kenneth Roark  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Jimmy Hartman  
Lord’s Supper – Raymond Neal  
Closing Prayer – Robert Anderson  
Security – Tommy Climer

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor  
& Devotional

Closing Prayer – Joe Carmack  
Security – Frank Carmack

**Door Greeters for May**

South – Steve Carmack  
Center – Robert Taylor  
North – Joe Hunt

**Communion for May**

Tommy and Linda Climer

**May Birthdays**

- David Blakely – 1
- Sonny Arwood – 3
- Synthia Gibson – 6
- Carson Hamlin – 7
- Nancy Etheridge – 8
- Elaine Neal – 9
- Julianna Carmack – 9
- Shirley Smothers – 19
- Vickie Kennedy – 25
- Winston Starks – 28
- Linda Climer – 30



**Mark Your Calendars!**

- **May 27<sup>th</sup>** – Camp Meeting at 4:15 in the Fellowship Hall.
- **June 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>** – Reelfoot Youth Camp.
- **June 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>** – Vacation Bible School from 6:30-8pm nightly.
- **June 25<sup>th</sup>** – Monday Night Summer Youth Series at 7 pm.
- **July 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>** – Gospel Meeting with David Powell.

**What Are My Children Studying?**

- **May 27<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 155 – David Cursed – 2 Samuel 16
- **May 30<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 156 – Ahithophel and Hushai Couseled Absalom – 2 Samuel 17
- **June 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Lesson 157 – Absalom Killed – 2 Samuel 18

**Graduates**

- Landon Carmack graduated from Halls High School on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Barrett Climer and Anne Marie Hanna graduated from the University of Mississippi on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

**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.
- Pam Carmack fell and broke her ankle which required surgery. She is home recovering. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Matthew Buckner is battling leukemia. It has been a difficult 3 to 4 months with 2 to 3 months to go. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Marvin Moore was baptized into Christ following the morning services Sunday (5/13). Let’s encourage him as he begins this new walk in Christ.
- Ann Simone (Joyce Blakemore’s sister) fell and broke her hip. She had surgery, and everything went well. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Betty Clark’s (Amanda Clark’s mother) shoulder surgery went as planned. She will have a lengthy recovery period. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Jackie Flagg Dixon (Kamisha’s step-mother) had a sister pass away, Kathy Flagg. Please keep this family in your prayers.
- Rae Sanders had surgery on Tuesday (5/8). She is home now recovering. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers and awaits test results.
- Bert Lussier fell on Saturday (5/5) and fractured four ribs. He is waiting for the cardiologist to ok him having back surgery. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Martha Haynes (June Roark’s sister-in-law) is in Baptist East. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ted Sutton continues to deal with some health related issues. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Tommy Burroughs (son of Wanda Burroughs who attends the Solo congregation) has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Betty Arthur had a slip/fall and hurt her leg and her back. She is currently doing therapy. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Gail Grffin (friend of Doris Stocklin) has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Kenneth Trozt (friend of Doris Stocklin) has a mass on his pancreas. Please keep him in your prayers. Address: 7657 Bel Mar Dr., Belvedere, IL 61008
- Mary Stolz (Janet Colvin’s niece) has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing chemo treatments. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell (Synthia Gibson’s nephew) has liver cancer again. He is doing chemo and will most likely need surgery again. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin continues to battle cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Kenny Kennedy, Brenda, Sutton, Joe Henry, Sonny Arwood, Ted Sutton, Robert Taylor, Josephine Latham, Abbey Climer, Johnnie Matthews, Randy Roark, Jr., Eunice Dobbbs, Marion Morris, Tim Carmack, Lillie Dennison, Joyce Blakemore, Drexel Reed, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.