

## 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 August 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 92  
Sun. AM Worship – 133  
Sun. PM Worship – nc  
Wed. Night (8/7) – 51

#### 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 BEACON

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## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 11, 2019



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

### The Parable of the Pencil

Recognizing that many of our young people have either started school/college or will very soon, I wanted to share with you a story I found several years ago. I don't know where it originated so I can't give credit, but it teaches all of us some great lessons. It is called the “Parable of the Pencil.”

After a wise pencil maker had finished making the last pencil for a box he placed it inside its container and proceeded to tell the pencils five important lessons.

“First, everything you do will leave a mark.” As we go through life, we will come in contact with many people in various situations. How we conduct ourselves will leave a mark on those individuals. “For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself” (Romans 14:7). We cannot keep from making a mark, but we do get to choose what kind of mark that is. Let's all strive to make positive marks for the cause of Christ everywhere we go.

“Second, you have an eraser to correct your mistakes.” No one lives life perfectly. We all make mistakes. We all sin. “For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). And while some of the mistakes we make do not rise to the level of sin, we should be willing to take corrective action for any wrong we have done. We all need to learn how to say and mean three words, “I am sorry.” God speaking of those who sought his forgiveness said, “...their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more” (Hebrews 8:12). Let's never be too prideful to admit when we are wrong, nor too stubborn to do the things necessary to make it right.

Next week, we will notice the final three lessons the pencil maker told the pencils and how they relate to our lives.

~Justin

#### Elders:

Larry Carden  
Steve Carmack  
Joe Hunt  
David Snell

#### Deacons:

Pat Carmack  
Tommy Climer  
Robert Anderson  
Bret Carmack  
Jimmy Hartman  
Bryan Hartman

#### 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!”*

**AM Bible Study:**

Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Devotional – Robert Taylor

**AM Service:**

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Darrell Smothers  
Lord’s Supper – (S) Jimmy Hartman  
(S) Quincy Richmond  
(N) MacArthur Watkins  
(N) Mike White  
(N) Tommy White

Closing Prayer – John Dennison  
Security – Barry Bates

**PM Service:**

Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Steven Dodson  
Lord’s Supper – Jimmy Hartman  
Closing Prayer – Larry Carden  
Security – Robert Anderson

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack  
Security – Bret Carmack

**Door Greeters for August**

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

**Communion for August**  
MacArthur and Rita Watkins

**August Birthdays**

- Justin Paschall – 2
- Darrin Hamlin – 10
- Raymond Neal – 11
- Darlene Underwood – 13
- Indyia Halliburton – 14
- JB Tharpe – 16
- Quame Richmond – 17
- Reagan Paschall – 17
- Cynthia Hunt – 20
- Evelyn Smith – 20
- Betty Binkley – 21
- Bret Carmack – 23
- Tommy Climer – 23
- Rylee Moore – 23
- Nell Dodson – 24



**What Are My Children Studying?**

- **Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 281 – Birth of Samson – Judges 13
- **Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 282 – Samson’s Marriage – Judges 14
- **Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 283 – Samson Used Foxes and Fire – Judges 15

**Mark Your Calendars!**

- **Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Friends and Family Day.
- **Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>** – Annual Trunk-or-Treat at the building.

**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.
- Johanna Carmack has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She has an appointment at the West Clinic on Monday. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Tommy Climer had a heart cath scheduled for Friday. No update was available at time of bulletin printing. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Zack Claybrook, Jr. (Robert Anderson’s uncle) was airlifted to JMCGH due to a heart attack. He was in a coma at time of bulletin printing. Please keep the family and him in your prayers.
- Penny Gaines’ back is starting to feel better. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Charley Finney is having a biopsy to check for cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- David Crossett (Mel Gibson’s step father) is in the closing stages of his life. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Doris Stocklin is having some issues with her kidneys that may require seeing a specialist. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Rae Sanders’ cancer has returned. She has a chemo implant and went back on July 15<sup>th</sup> for another scan. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Joan Tippit (Rae Sanders’ sister) has been diagnosed with throat cancer. She is taking radiation and chemo. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Martha Duggar is dealing with some health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Frances Harrell is at Ripley Healthcare and Rehabilitation in room 418 for rehab. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Melissa Spain (Rebecca White’s co-worker) has been diagnosed with tongue cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Samantha Johnson (Rebecca White’s sister-in-law) is having problems with her lungs. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Matthew Buckner is home and doing well. He is still undergoing treatments but is able to drive himself to those treatments. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- Ted Sutton, WL Sandlin, Pam Carmack, Ted Sutton, Beverly Sanders, Burt Lussier, Rae Sanders, BC Underwood, Paul Bridges, Tim Etheridge, Eunice Dobbs, Ann Paschall, Patti Jolicoeur, Kenny Kennedy, Brenda Sutton, Sonny Arwood, Robert Taylor, Josephine Latham, Johnnie Matthews, Marion Morris, Joyce Blakemore, Drexel Reed, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.

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