

## 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 July 28<sup>th</sup>

#### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 89  
Sun. AM Worship – 108  
Sun. PM Worship – 69  
Wed. Night (7/31) – 72

#### 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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**Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday**

**8:15 AM**

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# THE RIPLEY BEACON

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## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 4, 2019



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

### Let the Church Walk

One Sunday morning the preacher encouraged the congregation to consider the potential of the church. He told them, “With God’s help we can see the day when this church will go from crawling to walking.”

And the people responded, “Let the church walk, preacher; let the church walk.”

He continued, “And when the church begins to walk, next the church can begin to run.”

And the people shouted, “Let the church run, preacher; let the church run!”

The preacher continued, “And finally, the church can move from running to flying. Oh, the church can fly! But of course it is going to take a lot of money and work for that to happen!”

The congregation grew quiet, and from the back someone mumbled, “Let the church walk, preacher; let the church walk.”

That humorous story illustrates a very real problem in the Lord’s Church today – a lack of willingness to sacrifice and work. It is seen very clearly in people’s unwillingness to put Christ and His Church above all else. Look at the fluctuation in the attendance record. Take a head count when we have something going on outside of the regular worship service. If we were able to calculate percentages for how much of our time, abilities, money, etc. were used in service to God, we might be embarrassed to have those numbers published.

In Matthew 25, the five foolish virgins were not allowed to enter the wedding banquet because they had failed to work and prepare themselves for the bridegroom’s coming. Also, the one talent man did no work with what was entrusted to him, and as a result, he was cast out. What will you do? Will you work and sacrifice, or will you stand idle and watch?

So the question is not merely, “Do we want the Church to fly?” But the real question is, “Are we willing to work and sacrifice to make it soar?”

~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 – Steven Dodson  
Devotional – Tommy Climer

**AM Service:**

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

Closing Prayer – David Bridges  
Security – Barry Bates

**PM Service:**

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

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – Steven Dodson  
Opening Prayer – David Bridges  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Justin Paschall  
Security – Bret Carmack

**Door Greeters for August**

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

**Communion for August**

Betty Thomas and Penny Gaines

**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. 4<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 279 – Tola, Jair, and Jephthah – Judges 10-11:1
- **Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 280 – Jephthah, Ibzan, Elon, and Abdon – Judges 11:12-12:15
- **Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 281 – Birth of Samson – Judges 13

**Mark Your Calendars!**

- **Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>** – Annual Friends and Family Day.

**Memorials Received**

Memorials have been received for Janie Richardson, Phillip Rhoads, and Alison Isom.

**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.
- Penny Gaines had a CT scan last Friday because of pain in her back. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Charley Finney is having a biopsy to check for cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Mariah Campbell: Jaxon was released from the NICU and is home now. Everyone is doing good. Please keep them all 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.
- Patti Jolicoeur is relocating to Florida due to her health and that of her immediate family. Also her younger brother has been put on hospice care. Please keep her and her 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.
- 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)**