

# 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 March 7<sup>th</sup>

Attendance:  
Sun. Bible Study – ---  
Sun. AM Worship – 92  
Sun. PM Worship – ---  
Wed. Night (3/10) – ---

## 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



March 14, 2021

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

## Every Time I See the Cross

Part 1

There is a song that is sometimes sung in youth gatherings which ends with the following words...“Every time I see the cross.” Of all the events that have occurred throughout the history of this earth. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus should stand at the forefront for all of us. The real impact of Christianity is found on a cruel cross and an empty tomb. The real impact is seen in the angel that announced his resurrection to the women who came to the tomb that Sunday morning. The real impact is found in the over 500 people that beheld Him after that day. It is His death that we remember every first day of the week when we partake of the Lord’s Supper. What an important event for all of us! Every time I see the cross, what do I see? Let’s notice three things.

First, I see the suffering of an innocent. Peter and Paul both attest to the innocence of our Savior. “Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth” (1 Peter 2:22). “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:8). One of the thieves on the cross would say, “This man has done nothing wrong” (Luke 23:41). Even Pilate knew he was innocent. “I have found no reason for death in him” (Luke 23:22). Christ was indeed innocent. He did not deserve one second of the punishment that he received. Isaiah noted that fact in Isaiah 53. “But He was wounded for **our** transgressions, He was bruised for **our** iniquities; The chastisement for **our** peace was upon Him, And by His stripes **we** are healed” (Isaiah 53:5, **emp. added, jjp**). Christ was innocent; we were guilty; He suffered in our place.

And friends, oh how He suffered. Christ’s suffering began long before he was nailed to that old wooden cross. His suffering began in the garden as His sweat mixed with blood, as His close friends slept in His greatest hour of need, and as one of His own betrayed Him with a kiss. Those sufferings continued with a mockery of trials, the lying of false witnesses, and the cries of crucifixion from His own countrymen. Even more suffering is seen in the scourging of our Savior, the placing of the crown of thorns, and the cruel mocking of those who gathered round. Then there was the march to Golgotha, the spikes driven into His hands and feet, and the struggle to breath for six excruciating hours. The first thing we should see when we see the cross is the suffering of an innocent.

Next week we will notice two more.

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Bryan Hartman

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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!”*

~Justin

**AM Bible Study:**

Song Leader –  
Audio/Visual –  
Devotional –I

**AM Service:**

Usher –  
Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual –  
Opening Prayer – David Bridges  
Lord's Supper – (S) MacArthur Watkins  
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Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack  
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 March**

South –  
Center –  
North –

**Communion for March**

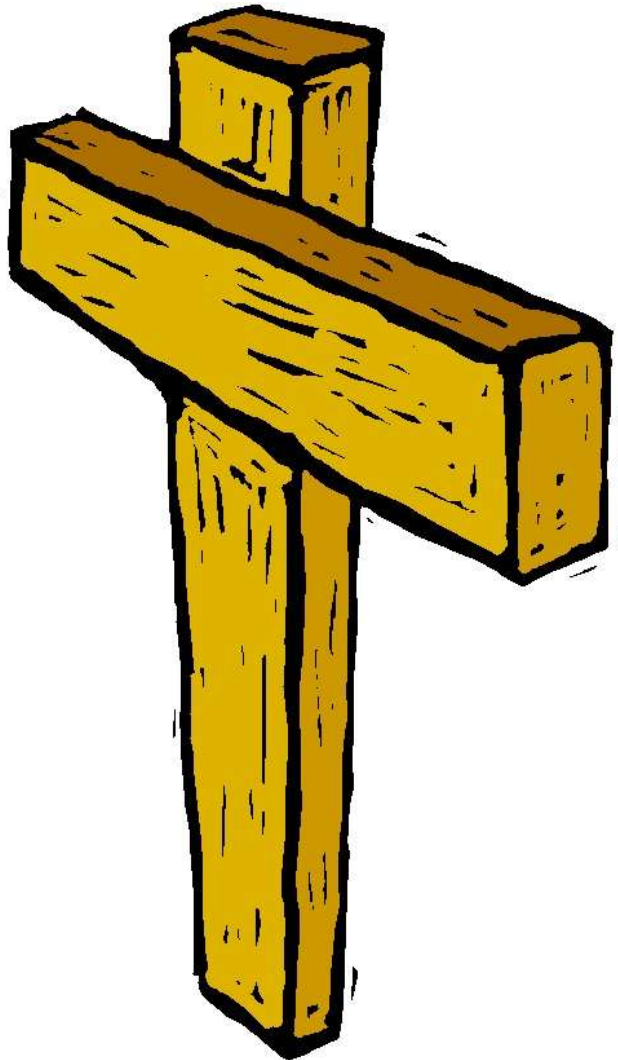
**March Birthdays**

- Ann Carmack – 9
- Everett Presson – 9
- Betty Brogdon – 10
- June Roark – 13
- Dorothy Bridges – 15
- Sherry Scallions – 17
- Patrice Perry – 19



**Memorials Received**

Memorials have been received for Betty Sutton, Mary Presson, and Terry Etheridge.



**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): David Watts, Dorothy Dodson (Steven Dodson's grandmother), Frances Harrell, Bert Lussier.
- Reba Arwood fell again and has broken her arm. She is still in NHC in Milan. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Betty Sutton passed away on Wednesday (3/3). Please keep Joel and the rest of the family in your prayers.
- Shirley Smothers had an appendectomy. She is home recovering. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Mike White had hernia surgery. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Terry Etheridge (Nancy Etheridge's nephew) passed away (2/25). His funeral was held Sunday (2/28). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Mary Presson passed away (2/15). Funeral services were held in Corinth, MS on Saturday (2/27). Please keep Mr. Everett and the rest of the family in your prayers.
- Emily Watson (Beverly Sanders' daughter) is home and doing better. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Joann Spiess had shoulder surgery (2/16), and everything went as planned. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Kenneth Roark had carpal tunnel surgery on Thursday (2/18). Everything went as planned. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Robin Alford (TJ White's virtual learning teacher) is in the hospital with a severe kidney infection. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Tyler Newman (grandson of Jimmy and Rita Hartman) has joined the Marines and has left for basic training.
- David Bridges has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. It is stage 3 and in the lymph nodes. He will begin radiation/chemo treatments soon. Please keep him in your prayers.
- David Watts will have a procedure to relieve pain in his back soon. He does not have a definite date yet. He has also been diagnosed with COVID. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Ronnie Etheridge (Nancy Etheridge's nephew) has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Peter Rode, Justin Hendrix, Elvis Gay, Leslie Barnes, Reg Carmack, Tommy White, Doris Sandlin, Terry Young, Bert Lussier, Betty Arthur, Lou Leatherwood, Brenda Sutton, Gene Turner, Lillie Dennison, Tommy and Linda Climer, David Jennings, Blake Carden, Joyce Dunaway, Drexel Reed, 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.