

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 6th

Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 56
Sun. AM Worship – 90
Sun. PM Worship – 61
Wed. Night (3/9) – 62

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

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

OUCH!

A few years ago, I had an accident involving bacon grease and carelessness. Being a loving husband and father, I offered to fix breakfast for supper (which is almost always a hit at our house). The menu consisted of eggs, bacon, and toast.

I began by frying the bacons, and once I was done, I decided that I would use some of the bacon grease to flavor the eggs. This is the point at which things went downhill fast. I had the skillet in one hand and a glass container for the grease in the other hand. Yes, I now that was a dumb idea, and no, I don't know why I didn't just put the container on the counter like a normal person would have done. As I was pouring, something happened causing the grease to land on the hand holding the container. It landed on my index finger, palm, and wrist.

This is the problem that I was now facing: I had HOT grease just sitting on my hand, but I still had the skillet with more grease in it and the container with grease in it. So before I could thrust my hand under cold water to get the grease off, I had to slowly set down the skillet and container. Needless to say, I got some pretty severe burns (thankfully not “hospital” severe) which took a little while to heal.

Now, at this point you may be asking, “What does this have to do with Christianity?” Many times as Christians, we treat sin just like this.

First, we put ourselves in situations where temptation is likely and our succumbing to that temptation is probable. By holding the container in my hand while pouring hot grease, I was asking to get burned. And many times we see how close we can get to the fire of sin without getting burned. Instead as Christians, we should seek to stay away from places and situations that may tempt us to sin.

Second, if we do sin, don't allow that sin to linger. The longer it sits in the heart of an individual the more damage sin will do. If I could have gotten that grease off immediately, the damage to my skin would not have been as severe. Handle sin as soon as you recognize that you have committed it. If you allow it to linger it may begin to harden your heart to the truth of God's Word.

Sin hurts, but God heals. Let's all seek to faithfully serve Him!

~Justin

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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!”

Those Privileged to Serve:

AM Bible Study:

Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Shannon Williams
Audio/Visual – Justin Paschall
Security – Robert Anderson

AM Service:

Announcements – Barry Bates
Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Shannon Williams
Audio/Visual – Bryan Hartman
Opening Prayer – David Watts
Lord's Supper – Steven Dodson
Closing Prayer – Jimmy Hartman
Security – Robert Anderson

PM Service:

Announcements – Barry Bates
Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Shannon Williams
Audio/Visual – Steven Dodson
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack
Lord's Supper – Steven Dodson
Closing Prayer – Larry Spiess
Security – Robert Anderson

Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell
Facebook Live – Steven Dodson
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack
Opening Prayer – Raymond Neal
& Devotional
Closing Prayer – Shannon Williams
Security – Darrell Smothers

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

March Birthdays

- Zoe Carmack – 1
- Mary Halliburton – 5
- Renee Blakley – 7
- Ann Carmack – 9
- Everett Presson – 9
- Betty Brogdon – 10
- June Roark – 13
- Dorothy Bridges – 15
- Sherry Scallions – 17
- Patrice Perry – 19



Mark Your Calendars!

- **Mar. 17th** – Ladies' Bible Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Mar. 24th** – Ladies' Bible Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Apr. 30th** – Ladies' Day with Cindy Rogers. More details as the date gets closer.
- **June 5th-10th** – Reelfoot Youth Camp. More details coming soon.
- **June 27th-29th** – Vacation Bible School.
- **July 17th-20th** – Gospel Meeting with Justin Rogers.



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 your prayers.
- David Watts had surgery on his eye lid on Friday (3/11). Please keep him in your prayers.
- Gloria Crook's aunt Mary White passed away. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Renee Blakely had a car accident and had surgery on her shoulder (3/8). Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Rae Sanders passed away. Her funeral services were on Wednesday (3/9). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- Kenny Stowe had to have his arm amputated on Monday (2/28). Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- Ronnie Nelson (friend of Mike White) has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Marian Smith (Evelyn's sister-in-law) has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell's (Synthia Gibson's nephew) cancer has returned. He will have surgery toward the end of this month. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- Ruth King (Beverly Sander's sister-in-law) received insurance approval for a new treatment for her cancer. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Kelly McCanless (friend of Tommy and Rebecca) is having some health issues. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Lynette Currie (classmate of Mike White) has made the decision to stop dialysis. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.
- Linsey Tharpe is home from the hospital. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- David Bridges fell and broke his arm. Please keep him in your prayers as he heals and continues to battle cancer.
- Tommy and Linda Climer: Linda was transferred to a memory care unit in Franklin. Tommy will continue at Ripley Rehab for now. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Mark Paschall (Justin Paschall's father) has begun his chemo. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Pam Carmack, Lillie Dennison, Bert Lussier, Terry and Stella Young, Tommy White, Josephine Latham, Dorothy Bridges, Scott King, Tim Etheridge, Tommy White, Tommy Watts, Roger and Elizabeth Tillman, Brenda Sutton, Joyce Dunaway, Everett Presson, Frances Harrell, Tyler Newman, Justin Hendrix, Elvis Gay, Leslie Barnes, Reg Carmack, Betty Arthur, Gene Turner, Drexel Reed, Sonny Arwood, Martha Duggar, Johnny Olds, Paul Bridges, Eunice Dobbs, Robert Taylor, and Johnnie Matthews: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.