

# 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
- Live Faithfully – Rev. 2:10

## By The Numbers for October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Attendance:  
Sun. Bible Study – 75  
Sun. AM Worship – 108  
Sun. PM Worship – 55  
Wed. Night (10/5) – 69

## 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 FROM THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST



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

## Easy Overview of the New Testament

It isn’t uncommon today to hear someone say that it is impossible to understand the Bible. It seems to me that this is a reflection on God. Is God not powerful enough, smart enough, and loving enough to give us a Book we can understand? Certainly, He is. The problem, therefore, when it comes to understanding the Bible, lies with men, not with God.

We shouldn’t make the Bible harder to understand than it is. Here is a simple, easy-to-remember overview of the New Testament:

**Think of Matthew through John as the “Belief Section.”** These four books were written to inform us of the life of Christ and to produce faith in our hearts (John 3:16; 8:24; 20:30-31).

**Think of the Book of Acts as the “Unique Section.”** Acts is unique in that it is the only book of the Bible that gives an example of a person becoming a Christian. There are 10 such examples in Acts. Some examples include more details than others. Studying Acts, you will find that belief is mentioned in 6 examples, repentance in 1, confession in 1, and baptism in all 10. But since the Lord requires all who are in sin to believe, repent, confess, and be baptized, we safely conclude that all who were saved in the book of Acts did all these things.

**Think of Romans through Jude as the “How to Live Section.”** These books were written to instruct Christians how to live in Christ. While studying this section, it will be helpful to remember that these books were written to those who had become Christians already (see the book of Acts for how they became Christians).

**Then, think of the Book of Revelation as the “Victory Section.”** This book was written to encourage Christians to remain faithful to Christ that they might receive eternal life (Revelation 2:10).

There you have it—all the New Testament. If you can keep these simple divisions in mind, you can understand the Word of God.

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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 – MacArthur Watkins  
Facebook Live – Steven Dodson  
Audio/Visual – Justin Paschall  
Security – JB Tharpe

### AM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Facebook Live – Steven Dodson  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Robert Taylor  
Lord's Supper – David Watts  
Closing Prayer – Pat Carmack  
Security – JB Tharpe

### PM Service:

Announcements – Steve Carmack  
Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Facebook Live – Steven Dodson  
Audio/Visual – Bret Carmack  
Opening Prayer – Robert Anderson  
Lord's Supper – David Watts  
Closing Prayer – David Bridges  
Security – JB Tharpe

### Wednesday Night:

Song Leader – David Snell  
Facebook Live – Bryan Hartman  
Audio/Visual – Jimmy Hartman  
Opening Prayer – Steven Dodson  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Bryan Hartman  
Security – Barry Bates

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

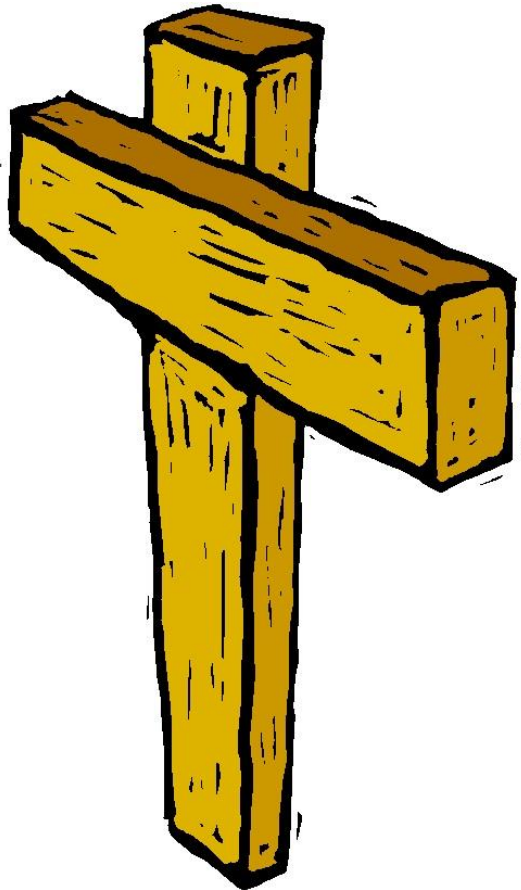
## October Birthdays

- Kennedy Wilson – 9
- Rita Watkins – 11
- Mel Gibson – 14
- Rhonda Sparks – 16
- Alexis White – 22
- Bryan Hartman – 23
- Camden Tharpe – 26
- Sidney Richmond – 30
- Robert Taylor – 30



### Mark Your Calendars!

- **Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies' Bible Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies' Bible Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.



## 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 our prayers.
- Linda Lovejoy (Janet Colvin's sister) is in the hospital in Springdale, AR, on a ventilator. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Dorothy Bridges fell and suffered a head injury. She was taken to the MED for treatment. She is back home now. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Larry Spiess is home now. He will be receiving treatment for cancer very soon once his PT from the surgery has ended. Please keep him and JoAnn in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell: (Synthia Gibson's nephew) Please keep him and the family in your prayers as he battles cancer.
- Kim White is having a lot of pain in her neck. She is having tests run to determine what to do. Please pray that she will find some relief.
- Bert Lussier is continuing to have health related issues. He is back home. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Lois Watts will no longer be receiving treatments for her cancer. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Leland Gaines (father of a co-worker of Deborah Morris) continues in the ICU at the MED. He still has a long road to recovery. Please keep him in your prayers.
- John Dennison is having rehab on his shoulder. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Tommy White will have his stem cell treatment on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Jimmy Hartman does not have COPD and is continuing to improve. Please continue to keep him in your prayers and encourage him.
- Scott Sanders (Beverly Sanders' son) is having a tough time with his chemo. 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.
- Tim Etheridge, Tommy and Linda Climer, Mark Paschall, Ruth King, David Bridges, Pam Carmack, Lillie Dennison, Terry and Stella Young, Tommy White, Josephine Latham, Scott King, Tommy Watts, Brenda Sutton, Joyce Dunaway, Everett Presson, Frances Harrell, Tyler Newman, Justin Hendrix, Elvis Gay, Leslie Barnes, Betty Arthur, Drexel Reed, Martha Duggar, Johnny Olds, Paul Bridges, Eunice Dobbs, Robert Taylor, and Johnnie Matthews: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.

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