

# THE RIPLEY BEACON

FROM

## THE RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 15, 2018



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

### Three Things to Do

There is a saying which states, “Turn loose of yesterday for it is gone. Don’t reach for tomorrow for it has not come. Grab today, for it is here.” I want us to look at a few things concerning each of these statements.

First, let’s notice something about turning loose of yesterday. Paul understood the importance of not allowing our past to cripple us from being able to live in the present. Paul stated, “...but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind” (Philippians 3:13). The key to Paul being able to put the past behind him is that he got forgiven of that past. Once we are forgiven of past sins, then we need to turn loose of yesterday in order to move forward.

Second, let’s look at not reaching for tomorrow. By making that statement I am not suggesting that one should not plan for tomorrow. In fact, a failure to plan for the future may find one in trouble if/when the future arrives. James did not condemn planning for the future; instead, he condemned an attitude that plans for the future without including God in those plans. “Instead you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that’” (James 4:15). As Christians, we should look with hope to the future and especially for an eternal home in Heaven, but we can’t do that to the point that we forget to live for today.

Third, we need to grab today. Paul wrote, “Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:15-16, ESV). As Christians we need to seize every opportunity to teach people the Gospel, to help those in need, and to encourage our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

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~Justin

#### Elders:

Larry Carden  
Steve Carmack  
Joe Hunt  
David Snell

#### Deacons:

Pat Carmack  
Tommy Climer  
Kenneth Roark

#### 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!”***

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### 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 April 8<sup>th</sup>

##### Attendance:

Sun. Bible Study – 83  
Sun. AM Worship – 94  
Sun. PM Worship – 88  
Wed. Night (4/11) – 79

#### 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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**AM Bible Study:**

Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Devotional – Robert Taylor

**AM Service:**

Usher – Barry Bates/Darrell Smothers  
Announcements – Tommy Climer  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – Steve Carmack  
Lord’s Supper – (S) Larry Carden  
(S) Mike White  
(N) Joe Hunt  
(N) MacArthur Watkins  
(N) Mel Gibson

Closing Prayer – David Snell  
Security – Frank Carmack

**PM Service:**

Announcements – Tommy Climer  
Song Leader – David Snell  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – Rusty Kennedy  
Lord’s Supper – Larry Carden  
Closing Prayer – Robert Taylor  
Security – Bret Carmack

**Wednesday Night:**

Song Leader – MacArthur Watkins  
Audio/Visual – David Bridges  
Opening Prayer – Jimmy Hartman  
& Devotional  
Closing Prayer – Joe Hunt  
Security – Barry Bates

**Door Greeters for April**

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

**Communion for April**

Bret and Johanna Carmack

**April Birthdays**

- Christopher Carmack – 1
- Kamisha Dixon – 2
- Robert Anderson – 7
- Courtney Smith – 8
- Roy Colvin – 8
- Joe Hunt – 10
- Lauren Carmack – 10
- JT Yarbrough – 10
- Will Carmack – 12
- Eunice Dobbs – 12
- Fisher Carmack – 16
- Rita Lussier – 17
- Donna Bridges – 19
- Lizzy Dunn – 23
- Caroline Snell – 26
- Aaliyah Alley – 30



**Mark Your Calendars!**

- **Apr. 19<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies’ Class at 6 pm in the fellowship hall.
- **May 19<sup>th</sup>** – Ladies’ Day here! More details to come.
- **June 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>** – Reelfoot Youth Camp. Applications are on the table in the foyer and are due by May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **June 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>** – Vacation Bible School from 6:30-8pm nightly.
- **June 25<sup>th</sup>** – Monday Night Summer Youth Series at 7 pm.
- **July 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>** – Gospel Meeting with David Powell.

**What Are My Children Studying?**

- **Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 143 – David Made King of Judah – 2 Samuel 2
- **Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>** - Lesson 144 – Joab Murdered Abner – 2 Samuel 3-4
- **Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Lesson 145 – David Became King of All Israel and Judah – 2 Samuel 5

**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.
- Numerous people have been battling flu, strep, and sickness. Please keep them in your prayers.
- Bert Lussier had an MRI on his back to try and determine what is wrong. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Rebecca White had a severe allergic reaction to some medicine she was taking. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Pam Carmack is currently in a brace to immobilize her knee so it can heal. She is also still dealing with a kidney stone. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.
- Millie Gatlin has been diagnosed with cancer. She has multiple tumors. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Steven and Nell Dodson were both baptized into Christ before Wednesday night services (3/21). Please congratulate them and encourage them as they began a new life in Christ.
- Scott Nolen’s grandmother, Kay Nolen, passed away. Her funeral was held on Friday (3/23). Please keep the family in your prayers.
- David Blakely had gallbladder surgery, and is doing better after some post-surgery difficulties. He is back at his home in Medina. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Sonny Arwood has been moved to Asbury Cove Assisted Living. Please continue to keep him in your prayers.
- Joe Henry (Patti Jolicoeur’s father) has a long road ahead of him still. He is currently at home doing some physical therapy to gain strength for two surgeries that are needed. Please keep him and Patti in your prayers.
- Kenny Kennedy is in basic training. He will graduate on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Brenda Sutton fell and broke her heel. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Darice Sheckell (Synthia Gibson’s sister-in-law) had surgery and everything went as planned. Please keep her in your prayers as she recovers.
- Mary Stolz (Janet Colvin’s niece) has been diagnosed with cancer and is undergoing chemo treatments. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Alan Sheckell (Synthia Gibson’s nephew) has liver cancer again. He is doing chemo and will most likely need surgery again. Please keep him and the family in your prayers.
- WL Sandlin continues to battle cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Pam McDonald’s 3 month old granddaughter is having seizures. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Ted Sutton, Robert Taylor, Betty Sutton, Josephine Latham, Abbey Climer, Johnnie Matthews, Randy Roark, Jr., Larry Carden, Betty Brogdon, Eunice Dobbs, Marion Morris, Tim Carmack, Lillie Dennison, Joyce Blakemore, Drexel Reed, Betty Binkley, and Everett & Mary Presson: Please keep these individuals in your prayers.