

NEWS & NOTES

- If you do not wish to receive the bulletin via mail, you are having a class, addition to prayer list, thank you notes or need something announced/put in the bulletin please be sure to text 662-512-8669 or email: ripleymreminder@gmail.com
- The Ladies Bible Class will be 23rd at 4:00 p.m. at the Pavilion.
- We are sponsoring a teenage girl from Pine Vale for Christmas. Her name is Hailey and she is 16 and in the 10th grade. The gifts will be given to her on December 5th. Please see one of the Elders if you want to help.
- Donations are now being accepted for “Adopt A Grandparent” for Diversicare for Christmas. Contact Carla Kuhl, Miranda Medlin or Kenny Schmitz regarding the donations. The last day will be December 13.
- Donations for the Pantry, Freezer Pantry and DHS items are always appreciated. Please put those items in the Pantry room. You can contact Benny or Regina Wallis about Pantry items and Jennifer Stanford about DHS items.
- Lads to Leaders registration forms and fees are due ASAP.

PRAYERS

•Josh Moore, April Pounders brother in law, has pneumonia/Covid and needs our prayers. **Please keep these in your thoughts and prayers:** Carolyn Medlin, Doris Farrow, Mary Jo Lence, Johnnie Jumper, Josephine Cook, Amy May, Sue Carter, Dan Elder, Nancy Hagood, Cohen Hurt, Mary Webster, Noel Akins, Terry Akins, Jessica Doty, David Lence, Glenn Fann, Brenda Walker, Kay Thompson, Wilton Brown, Sandra Jones, Jean Bryan, Daniel Threadgill, Rita Rutherford, John Elliott, Melissa Walker, Benny Akins, Olivia Pounders, James Allen Johnston, Lisa Morrison, Calvin Spears Jr , Journey Marie Webb, Madison Hardy, Vicki Crawford
Rest Haven: Johnnie Stroupe Carpenter-204 **Diversicare:** Terri Barkley C-9, Cindy Holly D-8

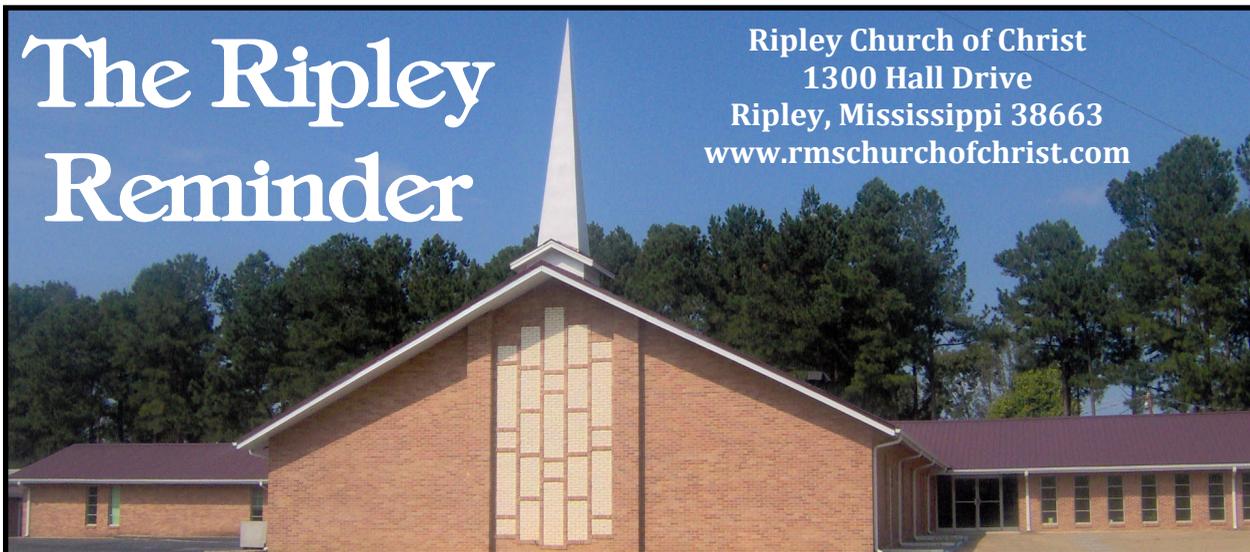
November 22, 2020

Sunday Morning Worship is at 9 AM. Those who do not want to come inside can park next to the building on any side and hear the service on their car radio on 91.5. If you are planning to worship inside, please park away from the building to leave parking spots for those worshipping outside. We will continue to livestream the service.

9:00 A.M. SERVICE

Announcements Cody Hardin
 Song LeaderTucker Shappley
 Opening PrayerBrent Kuhl
 PreachingJosh McCrary
 Lord’s Supper Benny Wallis
 Closing Prayer..... Chris Griffin

- * Josh is teaching class each Sunday at 5 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Lord’s Supper will be available for anyone who couldn’t attend the morning worship.
- * Cody has a class each Wednesday night at 7 p.m.
- * Michael Harrison teaches a Bible Class each Wednesday night at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall for all of those college age and up.



The Ripley Reminder

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Let’s Take A Minute: **ON THE GIVING OF THANKS**

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise; be thankful unto Him and bless His name!” (Psalm 100:4)

It is wonderful that our nation has specified a day for all our citizens to give thanks to the Almighty for the blessings and bounty He has bestowed upon our country! We as Christians, however, must not think that the day designated as “*Thanksgiving Day*” is an occasional, seasonal, thing. The giving of thanks must be a constant part of our everyday Christian living.

Moses commanded the Israelites to remember that it was God who had delivered them and brought them into a land that enabled them to enjoy His blessings again. The same is true here in America. Never have so many been blessed with so much! We do eat and are satisfied, but we must also remember to “praise the Lord our God for the good land He has given unto us.”

David wrote Psalm 100 in which he said that we are not to come into God’s presence without praise and thanksgiving! Thus, we are to continually “count our many blessings, name them one by one,” as we often sing. It is pleasing to God to know that each of us is thankful for the good things He has given to us. Paul wrote, “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. . .and be ye thankful!” (Co. 3:15)

Again, from the pen of Paul who wrote that we should “give thanks in all things, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” ((I Thess. 5:18)

Giving thanks to God the Father is as natural for the child of God as living and breathing. God has every right to expect it and we have the joy of expressing it.

The ultimate gratitude must be, as Paul expressed it: “Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift,” Jesus Christ, our Lord! (2 Cor. 9:15) No gift can compare! Let us be a thankful people.

My minute’s up!

James Horton

“THANK YOU GOD!” (Psalm 136:1-9)

Joanna Fuchs wrote: “As meals go, Thanksgiving dinner, is always a feast--a five star winner. Here comes the salad, dressed just right, The golden-brown turkey--a savory delight; The stuffing now, and then the gravy, the jello mold, all wiggly and wavy. Take some cranberry sauce and candied yams; is there room for fresh made rolls and jams? More dishes tempt the hungry eye, but I Must save some room for pumpkin pie!”

Thanksgiving is filled with love and food! This is a great celebration in the United States of America to thank God for all of the great ways which He has blessed this nation. God has been good to us and may we give Him the thanks that He deserves during this holiday season.

The writer would like to notice three points about being thankful from Psalm 136:1-9, and the points are as follows: (1) Thankful that God is GOOD, (2) Thankful for God’s GRACE, (3) Thankful that God is GREAT.

Notice the text: **“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever; the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever; the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever” (Psalm 136:1-9).**

Notice first, we must be thankful that God is GOOD. The text reads: **“Give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good, for his steadfast love endures forever...”** Joseph was sold into slavery in Egypt by his brothers, and later they came needing food and did not recognize Joseph until he made himself known to them. The brothers were afraid thinking that Joseph would kill them, but Joseph said: **“Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.” (Genesis 50:19-20).** God can make all situation to turn good. Certainly God did that on this occasion.

Paul wrote about God’s goodness: **“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28).**

A man was crying to a friend and friend asked what is wrong. The man said: My uncle died 4 weeks ago and left me \$40,000. My grandmother died 3 weeks ago and left me \$100,000. My distant cousin died last week and left me \$500,000. The friend said: “That is great! Why are you still so sad?” The man said: “Because no one left me

anything this week!” If we are not careful we can be very ungrateful at times. When we have so much it is hard too remember when we did not have much. May we remember that God is GOOD!

Notice second, we must be thankful for God’s GRACE. After every statement in the psalm above, the writer uses the phrase: **“...for his steadfast love endures forever.”** God is always rich in mercy and grace! We sing a song in our hymn books that states: “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end. They are now every morning. The Lord is my portion says my soul. Therefore, I will hope in Him.” What a wonderful blessing to has grace extended to us from God because of His love!

Notice third, we must be thankful that God is GREAT. The text reads: **“By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.” (Psalm 33:6-9).** God is our GREAT Creator and Sustainer, our Strength and our Hope!

The sound of a baby’s cry amid the rubble seemed so impossible that soldiers searching a tsunami-smashed village dismissed it as a mistake. But it came again. And they realized they had not been hearing things. They pulled away wood and slate, dug back thick oozing mud and there was the child they were to describe as a “tiny miracle.” This little child was helpless and had to rely on someone greater her in order for her to be saved. Mankind has to rely on God’s GREATNESS to help them and ultimately get them to heaven.

Will you be thankful most of all for God’s salvation this Thanksgiving holiday? Ungratefulness can lead to many deadly things. One of these deadly things is unfaithfulness. Paul wrote about this: **“For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. Therefore, God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.” (Rom. 1:21-25).** The main problem these people faced is the fact that they were not grateful for what God had done. This ultimately led them to live very ungodly and wicked lives. May God bless you and keep you during this time with your families and friends. May we all remember to be thankful to God most of all for what He has done to save us from our sins. Have a wonderful and happy Thanksgiving. I love all of you!

Josh McCrary