

The Ripley Reminder



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LET' TAKE A MINUTE:

Service Times

Sunday Bible Study..... 9:30 AM

Sunday Morning 10:20 AM

Sunday Evening 5:00 PM

Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM

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Dr. Donnie DeBord
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Tucker Shappley

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David Cook
Michael Harrison
Mark Martindale

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Ronald Chapman
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HYMNS OF PRAISE

“Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and His praise in the congregation of saints.” (Ps. 149:1)

An old Jewish legend says that after God created the world, He gathered angels to Himself and asked them what they thought about what He had done. One of them said, “The only thing lacking is the sound of praise to the Creator!”

So, God created music! It was heard in the whisper of the wind and in the songs of the birds. He also gave man the gift of song. Throughout all the ages, music has blessed multitudes of people!

Music is one of the good things in life that many take for granted, yet it is often the case that sinful man has taken this wonderful gift of God and used it for evil purposes.

In our day, we are especially aware of its misuse and of the shameful lyrics are so often a part of it. Good, pure and sweet music, however, is a blessing from the LORD! It is a soothing tonic for broken hearts. It can motivate us to live for Christ. Without music, we would all be deprived of joy and happiness!

Singing God’s praises honors the LORD! It edifies our brethren and brings joy to us all.! So, let us join our voices in praise and lift our hearts together in honoring Him every time we are given the privilege!

My minute’s up!

James A. Horton

LET’S TAKE A MINUTE:

A SURE HOPE

“And now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept. (I Cor. 15:20)”

Konrad Adenauer, former Chancellor of West Germany, said, “If Jesus Christ is alive, then there is hope for this world. If not, I don’t see the slightest glimmer of hope on the horizon.” Then he added, “I believe the resurrection to be one of the best-attested facts of history.”

Both our resurrection and, that of Jesus, go together. So reasoned the Apostle Paul in I Corinthians 15. And if Christ did not rise from the grave, what’s left but empty preaching ((v.14), false witnesses (v.15), a futile faith (v. 17), unforgiven sins (v. 17), no life after death, (v. 18), and hopelessness (v.19).

But Christ DID rise from the grave! Paul asserted the truth of His resurrection in verses 1 through 11, listing many credible witnesses who actually saw Jesus after His resurrection: Peter (v.5), 500 people (v, 6), all the apostles (v.7), and Paul himself (v. 8).

When the Greek philosopher, Socrates, lay dying, his friends asked him, “Shall we live again? He could only reply, “I hope so!” In contrast, the night before, author and explorer, Sir Walter Raleigh, wrote in his Bible: “From the earth, this grave, this dust, my God shall rase me up!”

If we obey the gospel and follow the will of God, we will never say, “I hope so” about our resurrection. The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ gives us A SURE HOPE!

My minute’s up!

James A. Horton

Don't feel sorry for or fear for your children/grandchildren because the world they are going to grow up in is not what it used to be. God created them and called them for the exact moment in time that they're in. Their life wasn't a coincidence or an accident. Raise them up to know the power they walk in as children of God. Train them up in the authority of His Word. Teach them to walk in faith knowing that God is in control. Empower them to know they can change the world. Don't teach them to be fearful and disheartened by the state of the world but hopeful that they can do something about it.

Every person in all of history has been placed in the time that they were in because of God's sovereign plan.

- He knew Daniel could handle the lion's den.
- He knew David could handle Goliath.
- He knew Esther could handle Haman.
- He knew Peter could handle persecution.

He knows that your child can handle whatever challenge they face in their life. He created them especially for it!

Don't be scared for your children, but be honored that God chose YOU to parent the generation that is facing the biggest challenges of our lifetime. Rise up to the challenge. Raise Daniels, Davids, Esthers, and Peters!

God isn't scratching His head wondering what He's going to do with this mess of a world. He has an army He's raising up to drive back the darkness and make Him known all over the earth.

Don't let your fear steal the greatness God placed in them. I know it's hard to imagine them as anything besides our sweet little babies, and we just want to protect them from anything that could ever be hard on them, but they were born for such a time as this.

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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Ray Henderson will be having some tests done soon. Pray for answers and good results.
- Lutie Willingham is recovering from outpatient surgery. Pray for a speedy recovery.
- Ricky McCollum has a torn aorta. Remember him in your prayers.
- Bruce Wallis is recovering from outpatient surgery. Pray for a speedy recovery.
- Cade Stone, Steve Morrison's nephew, was in a 4-wheeler accident. Pray for his recovery.
- Heather McSwain, Tonya Kuhl's friend, received the wonderful news that she is now cancer free and will continue treatments as planned for the next two years. Thank you to everyone for lifting her and her family up in prayer. She is eternally grateful!
- Melrose Roberson of the Beech Hill congregation passed away and her funeral was Monday. Pray for peace and comfort for the family in the days to come.

Please keep these in your thoughts and prayers:

Ann Akins, Peggy Wallis, Johnnie Jumper, James Nunnally, Lindsay Garrison, Pattie Box, Wade Carmichael, Brenda Koon, Carol Smith, Ali Rae Barkley, Cora Chills, Austin Wentz, Lori Chapman, Jan Rooker, Trey Smith, Lenox Kennamore, Clem Edge, Dianne Butler, Billy Hugh McBryde, Phil Young, Tom Childers, Greg Harrell,
Diversicare: Terri Barkley C-9, Cindy Holly D-8

NEWS & NOTES

- Wednesday night's meal for September 18 will be chicken spaghetti and salad.
- Our Gospel Meeting is scheduled for October 20-23. The speaker will be Stephen Rogers. More information will be coming soon. Mark your calendar and invite family and friends.
- We will be helping with Pine Vale's Fall Pantry Drive. Please have donations in the box in the foyer by October 20. Our items are Lysol type wipes, canned chicken and pasta.
- It's a Boy! Austin and Morgan Bynum are expecting a baby boy, Gray Joseph Bynum, in October. If you would like to bring a gift, a table will be set up in the foyer.
- There will be a re-print of the Lads-To-Leaders shirts. To order add name to list in foyer.
- Allison Harrison and Morgan Bynum will be nursery attendants this Sunday.

Worship Service September 15, 2024

Welcome.....	Mark Martindale
Song Leader	Ronald Chapman
Opening Prayer AM.....	Justin Thompson
Read Scripture.....	Anderson Thompson
Lord' Supper AM.....	Dave Osborn
Assisting at the Lord's Table AM.....	Mike Hurst, Robert Elliott, Rodney Chapman
.....	David Hudson, Hunter Kuhl, Scott Kuhl
Closing Prayer AM	Dean Caviness
Opening Prayer PM.....	Brent Kuhl
Lord's Supper PM.....	Jerry Green
Closing Prayer PM.....	Darrell Tatum
Usher	Roger McAllister