

# The Ripley Reminder



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### Service Times

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

Sunday Morning ..... 10:20 AM

Sunday Evening..... 5:00 PM

Wednesday Evening..... 7:00 PM

### MINISTERS

Dr. Donnie DeBord

Cole Chapman

Tucker Shappley

### ELDERS

David Cook

Michael Harrison

Mark Martindale

### DEACONS

Ronald Chapman

Rob Elliott

Shane Green

David Hudson

Mike Hurst

Sonny Meeks

Brad Pounders

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LET'S TAKE A MINUTE:

## WE ARE NEVER ALONE

*"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.:  
(John14:18)*

Jesus is just as real today as He was when He walked on the earth! Even though He no longer walks physically among men, as God, He is here, there and everywhere – a continuous living presence.

This may be an unsettling feeling to some, as they think of all of the bad and sinful deeds they have done.

But despite who you are, or what you have done, Jesus loves you! (Rom. 5:8 - John 4:7-11). He will never leave you or forsake you. (John 14:8 – Heb. 13:5) Others may not even think much of you – such as the way you act or live, but our Lord looks at our heart (I Sam. 16:17 – Lk.24:38) and will love us to the end: (Rom. 8:35-39).

Jesus loves you in spite of all the conditions that cause others to turn away. He wants to change you to be like Him and never abandon you because you are part of the Lord's family and you will never, ever be alone!

My minute's up!

James A. Horton

LET’S TAKE A MINUTE:

## NO EXPLANATION REQUIRED

*“I have uttered what I did not understand, things so wonderful for me, which I did not know.” (Job 42:3)*

A college classmate of mine who believed God had led him to take a daring step of faith, said, “If God doesn’t give me success in this matter, He will have a lot of explaining to do!”

In Romans 8:28, Paul did not promise that all setbacks and events will be explained. Instead God promised that “All things work together for good to those who love God, and to those who are called according to his purpose.”

The classic story of Job reassures us that questioning God is common to human experience. Yet, when Job demanded that God justify His lack of intervention in his trials, He did not comply. Instead, He bombarded Job with his own searching questions. (Job 38 – 41) The Almighty does not have to explain Himself, nor is He required to reveal His grand design. He reveals Himself and His plans in His way and in His time.

Thoroughly humbled, Job admitted, “I have uttered what I did not understand; things which I did not know.”

Like Job, will you now trust God in all His decisions on your behalf - no explanation required!

My minute’s up!

James A. Horton

LET'S TAKE A MINUTE:

## I'M IN IT TO WIN IT!

*“But thanks be to God which gives us the victory through  
our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Cor. 9:24)*

“I’m in it to win it” is a phrase used to win a victory in a contest, or competition of any kind – from sports to politics.

A computer study of five thousand racehorses has revealed a way to predict whether a young horse can develop into a good runner. A professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology used computers and highspeed cameras to find out how well a good horse can run. He discovered that the legs of a fast horse operate much like the spokes of a wheel. Each leg touches down only as the leg pushes off before it pushes off. The effect is peak efficiency of effort and speed.

In the Old Testament Isaiah talked about running well during life. He said that the person who runs the best is the one who learns to “Wait on the Lord!” (Isaiah 40:31). He does not waste energy trying to do things on his own. He looks to the Lord for his strength and hope.

In the New Testament, the Christian life is like a race. The apostle Paul indicated that those who run well are characterized by self-control and self-discipline. (1st Cor. 9:24-27). The author of Hebrews said, “Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” (Heb.12:1) Do you want to earn an impressionable crown? Then wait on the Lord with determination and patience!

The Scriptures encourage the Christian to make every effort to gains success in winning the victory through the Lord Jesus Christ. John wrote, “This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. (I Jn. 5:4)

In I Cor. 9:24, Paul declared: “Know ye not that they who run the race run all, but one receives the prize? So run that ye may obtain.”

These Scriptures are instructing the Christian not to give up! Do not quit! Complete your spiritual race! Do not grow weary in well doing!

I do not know about you, but I AM IN TO WIN IT!

### **PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- Ray Henderson had 2 surgeries this week to stabilize his neck and to remove vertebrae and a tumor in this neck. He also has a bleed behind his eye. An MRI will be done to find out the cause of the bleed. It is thought to be a mass in the cerebrum. Doctors think that kidney cancer has returned. Pray for Ray, his family and his medical team.
- Larry Joe Thompson, Karen Meeks' father, had a heart attack last week and had stent surgery. He is doing much better. Continue to pray for his continued recovery.

### **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**

- Additional teachers are needed for the 4th quarter 1st and 2nd grade class. If you can help, contact Mike Hurst.
- Wednesday night's meal for September 25 will be meatball sliders. A calendar for the next few month's meals is posted in the foyer.
- 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 on the table 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.
- Janie and Reagan Campbell will be nursery attendants this Sunday.

### **Worship Service September 22, 2024**

Welcome.....	Michael Harrison
Song Leader .....	Josh James
Opening Prayer AM.....	Paul Macaluso
Read Scripture.....	Tucker Shappley
Lord' Supper AM.....	Cooper Pounders
Assisting at the Lord's Table AM.....	Mike Hurst, Robert Elliott, Rodney Chapman
.....	David Hudson, Hunter Kuhl, Scott Kuhl
Closing Prayer AM .....	Clay Crawford
Opening Prayer PM.....	Benny Wallis
Lord's Supper PM.....	Nathan Robertson
Closing Prayer PM.....	Palmer Jones
Usher .....	Roger McAllister