

The Ripley Reminder



RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST

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A CLEAN BLACKBOARD

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

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David Cook

Michael Harrison

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Ronald Chapman

Rob Elliott

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“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (I John 1:9)

Some can remember when our elementary classrooms featured blackboards on the walls. Do you remember when your teacher had you come up to erase the chalk from the boards in your room? You felt so special that she would trust, and call upon you, to perform such an important task! When you wiped down the entire board, it was as if nothing had been written on it.

This is much like the promise of God that when we repent and ask His forgiveness, He will both forgive and forget our transgressions. “Their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.” (Jer. 31:34; Heb. 8:12)

Notice what He promises – both forgiveness and forgetting! It’s like God, upon our confession of sins and asking forgiveness, will “wipe the board clean” of our transgressions, and just as Jesus said to the woman caught in adultery, we are to “. . .go and sin no more.” (John 8:11)

Is your ‘spiritual blackboard’ cluttered with a record of sins in your life? Well then, here is your ‘assignment’ - erase them all by confessing and seeking forgiveness from a savior who is “rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He has loved us!” (Eph. 2:4) Only then will the slate be wiped clean. God has promised He will do that for us.

Remember how you loved the praise of your teacher for having done such a good job of erasing the blackboard? Imagine your reward for having repented and seeking God’s forgiveness and praise!

My minute’s up!

James A. Horton

LET'S TAKE A MINUTE:

JUST YOU AND GOD

“Plead my case, O Lord, with those who strive with me.” (Ps. 35:1)

My friend, Ronnie, was not having a good day! His new job had him working among people who were foul-mouthed, rude and obnoxious! Ron was a tough guy, but after two months of working in that unpleasant environment, he was not sure he could tolerate working with uncouth, ungodly behavior also, or at one time, had to endure such an unpleasant predicament. Maybe you have found yourself in an environment that is not friendly to godliness – either at work, at school, at home or elsewhere.

So, what can you do? The following are some suggestions which may help you to endure, or even survive, such a deplorable situation.

1. Concentrate on the goodness of God and depend on it. Our situations do not change the fact that the Lord is good all the time. The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knows them that trust Him.” (Nahum 1:7)
2. Stay true to your convictions. Daniel refused to give in when he was surrounded by the ungodly. (Daniel 1)
3. Immerse yourself in the Word of God. Listen to Him as He speaks in the Scriptures. It will be of great encouragement to you (Ps. 119:49-50)
4. Do good to those who oppose you. Return good for evil. (Matt. 3:44)
5. Trust God to be your companion. He will never leave you or forsake you. (Heb.13:5) When it is just you and God – that is enough!

My minute's up!

James A. Horton

LET'S TAKE A MINUTE:

GOD IS ON HIS THRONE

“And all the angels stood around the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God.” (Rev. 7:11)

Thrones are a thing of the past! Can you imagine falling on your face before a throne? This would happen in very few nations today. Americans characteristically do not bow the knee to earthly powers. We are independent and self-sufficient – or so we would like to think!

What is the significance of the throne? What does it represent? A throne represents kings, queens, potentates, and supreme rulers. A throne is a symbol of power and authority. It calls for humility, submission, and subservience.

It is easy to talk about God being a God of love; that He is longsuffering, forgiving, merciful and much, much, more. Our God, the Creator of heaven and earth, is Lord of all, and He is on His throne. We are to love Him and worship Him with our whole heart, body, mind and soul.

Then, some day, we will join the angels in falling on our faces before the throne of God while worshipping Him- our Loving Savior, the Great, “I Am!”

My minute's up!

James A. Horton

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Ricky McCollum has a torn aorta. Remember him in your prayers.
- Barry and Chris Grisham are having some health issues. Pray that they are better soon.
- Cade Stone, Steve Morrison's nephew, was injured 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!

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 will be chicken and vegetables.
- We have new food lists. The updated lists are in the foyer. Please pick up one.
- 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. If you would like to order one, see Cole Chapman or Tucker Shappley.
- Anna, Ann Hines, and Calla Meeks Luster will be nursery attendants this Sunday.

Worship Service September 8, 2024

Welcome.....	David Cook
Song Leader	Dan Shappley
Opening Prayer AM.....	Brad Pounders
Read Scripture.....	Timmy DeBord
Lord' Supper AM.....	Michael Harrison
Assisting at the Lord's Table AM.....	Mike Hurst, Robert Elliott, Rodney Chapman
.....	David Hudson, Hunter Kuhl, Scott Kuhl
Closing Prayer AM	Barry Grisham
Opening Prayer PM.....	David Cook
Lord's Supper PM.....	Shane Green
Closing Prayer PM.....	Roger McAlister
Usher	Roger McAllister