

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

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*“The Lord gives and the Lord takes away
blessed be the name of the Lord.” Job 1:21*

Artists who work with pencil, charcoal, or graphite, know that a great portrait depends on not just laying charcoal or graphite on the paper, but also skillfully removing it. For example, when creating white lines (such as the whiskers in an old man’s beard), the artist first applies the medium to the paper, and then skillfully erases it, leaving plain white streaks against a darker background. The beauty of many works of art comes not only from what’s added, but from what is erased. God is pleased to add blessings to our lives, but He will just as willingly erase certain things. A beautiful life is one that involves not only the gifts God gives, but the thing He takes away because they’re not good for us, or because losing them will strengthen our character and make us more like Him. We must praise God for being the most skilled and loving artist of all! Ask Him to add to your life, but also to apply His eraser as He sees fit and be aware and always in submission to His eraser!

LET'S TAKE A MINUTE:

WALKING THE SNAKE PATH

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive. (Ephesians 4:14)

I had an aunt and uncle who lived in central Mississippi and each summer my mother always enjoyed having our family take a trip to Mississippi to visit her sister and her family. My two sisters and I always looked forward to these trips and the chance to spend time with our two cousins.

Something both families enjoyed was taking a walk in the afternoon to a nearby pond full of fish, toads, and a couple of beavers. On one such walk my aunt stopped suddenly, frozen in place and pointed ahead. There, almost invisible in the leaves, was a deadly copperhead snake! My cousin had not yet noticed it, and fortunately, it had chosen to avoid her as she stepped over it.

In our spiritual lives the time of greatest danger is when we feel we know just what our Lord wants and so we run ahead to pursue it. If we keep in step with Jesus, He will guide us through the dangers of life. Aren't we glad we have Jesus to lead us through such dangers?

My Minute's Up!

James A Horton

LET'S TAKE A MINUTE. . .

ENJOY THE LAUGHTER!

“A merry heart does good like a medicine: but a broken spirit dries the bones.” (Prov. 17:22)

Joachim Bahrenfeld, a German accountant, was sued by several joggers who claimed their runs on the edge of the woods were disturbed by Barneveld's deafening squeals of joy! He faced up to six months in jail should he be caught again!

Bahrenfeld, 54, explained that he went into the woods to scream and laughed for joy because it relieved the stress of his job! His was a cheerful heart. To him, laughter was as valuable as breathing! He believed that a heart filled with joy was an important component to good health and survival, so he took Solomon's advice in Proverbs at face value.

But there is an even more important joy which is not based on frivolity. It is the joy based on love of God and the sacrifice of His Son for our salvation! The Psalmist said in 126:3, “The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad.” Indeed, God has blessed us, blessed us greatly, blessed us individually, and blessed us assuredly.

And We Sing Praise unto His Name as we enjoy the laughter!

My minute's up!

James A. Horton

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- At this time Chris Grisham's doctor has advised them to request that there be no visitors. If you would like to help with meals, food can be left outside. Please pray for her , her family, and her medical team.
- Charles Ellis recently had surgery on his hand. Pray for a speedy recovery for him.
- Caleb McAlister, Savannah Orman's brother, is waiting on test results to determine if he qualifies for placement on the donor's list for lung and liver transplant. Pray for him and his family.
- Connie Alberson of the Tiplersville congregation passed away earlier this week. Remember her family at this difficult time.
- Arnold Bullock of our community passed away last week. Pray for his family.

Please keep these in your thoughts and prayers:

Ann Akins, Johnnie Jumper, Lindsay Garrison, Pattie Box, Anna Hearn Thompson, Chris Grisham, Wade Carmichael, Brenda Koon, Carol Smith, Ali Rae Barkley, Cora Chills, Austin Wentz, Jan Rooker, Lori Chapman, Mike Harrison, Shan Grisham, Trey Smith, Clem Edge, Linda Cook, Dianne Butler, Susan Ainsworth, Billy Hugh McBryde, Phil Young, Tom Childers, Peggy Wallis, Paula Dowty, Steve Robinson, Donald McTizi , Lynn DeBord, Kenny James, Benny Wallis, Shandal Maxedon, Dennis Woods, Vince Jordan

Diversicare: Terri Barkley C-9, Cindy Holly D-8

NEWS & NOTES

- Jenny Thompson made a schedule for meals for Chris and Barry. Contact her at 662 837-5446, to schedule a date to take food or sign up on the list in the foyer.
- Our menu for the meal on 2/26 will be red beans & rice with grilled cheese sandwiches.
- Please help us fill the yearly lists with volunteers for the nursery, RYG Invasions, and preparing communion. The nursery list is in the nursery, RYG list is on the youth table, and the communion list is on the table in the foyer.
- There will be a men's breakfast February 23 at 8:00. There will be a sign up list for those planning to attend in the foyer.
- Heather and Isla Shappley will be nursery attendants this Sunday.

Worship Service February 23, 2025

Welcome.....	Mark Martindale
Song Leader.....	Ronald Chapman
Opening Prayer AM	Brad Ponders
Read Scripture	Palmer Jones
Lord' Supper AM	Dave Osborn
Assisting at the Lord's Table AM	Tucker Shappley, Hayden Kuhl, Anderson Thompson
.....	Cole Chapman, Hunter Kuhl, Timmy DeBord
Closing Prayer AM.....	Barry Grisham
Opening Prayer PM	Paul Macaluso
Lord's Supper PM	Jerry Green
Closing Prayer PM	Darrell Tatum
Usher	Roger McAlister