

The Ripley Reminder



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LET'S TAKE A MINUTE:

THE REWARD FOR HUMILITY

“Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will lift you up.” (James 4:10)

You have experienced being in line at a grocery store with several people in front of you and behind you. Suddenly a new lane opens and customers in your line quickly rush over and become first in the new line while you remain in the crowded line.

Many people feel “that’s not fair!” But grocery lines are not exactly what Jesus was talking about. He might have made a parable out of this situation if such lines had been part of life in first century Galilee.

It is comforting to know that being first in the eyes of men is not the final word. In his conclusion to the workers in the vineyard, Jesus said, “So the last shall be first and the first shall be last.” (Matthew 20: 1-16)

Jesus set the example, on the nature of a servant... God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name. (Philippians 2:7-9)

The promise of scripture is that if we humble ourselves before the Lord, He will exalt us, or “lift us up.”

My minute’s up!

James A. Horton

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

Sonny Meeks

Brad Pounders

Nathan Robertson

Kenny Schmitz

Justin Thompson

Benny Wallis

Bruce Wallis

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LET'S TAKE A MINUTE:

GOD IS IN CONTROL

I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.” (Psalm 40:8)

Muhammad Ali was a famous athlete known for his distinctive boxing styles, foot speed and powerful punch. He was known as the boxer who could “float like a butterfly and sting like a bee!” He liked to announce to the world, “I am the greatest.” Ali was a little ahead of his time.

Today, all kinds of athletes are happy to make similar claims. Such behavior is a degenerate form of a trait of the American character once described as “rugged individualism.” Have not you heard claims such as, “he is a self-made man” or “he pulled himself up by his own bootstraps.” Some people delight in thinking they can make it on their own.

There is nothing wrong with individual effort but trust in oneself is misguided. James reminds us that we are not in charge of tomorrow. It is true that the use of common sense is valuable in making plans, to anticipate, to charter a course for our lives, and to work toward goals.

With James we should always say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” (James 4:15) Let us recognize that God is in control.

My minute’s up! James A Horton

July 2025 Worklist

Welcome

July 6 Michael Harrison

July 13 David Cook

July 20 Donnie DeBord

July 27 Mark Martindale

Sunday Song Leader

Caleb James

Dan Shappley

Ronald Chapman

Nathan Stanford

Read Scripture

Kallen Bryowsky

Jonah James

Channer Bryowsky

Haydren Shappley

Opening Prayer AM

PM

Closing Prayer AM

PM

July 6 Tucker Shappley

Paul Macaluso

Sam Green

Robert Elliott

July 13 Cole Chapman

Justin Thompson

Rodney Chapman

Nathan Stanford

July 20 Nathan Stanford

Paul Macaluso

Clay Crawford

Brent Kuhl

July 27 Josh James

Brad Pounders

David Hudson

Darrell Tatum

Lord's Table AM

Assisting at the Lord's Table AM

Lord's Table PM

July 6 Dave Osborn
son

Mike Hudson, Palmer Jones, Stephen Wallace

Nathan Robert-

July 13 Mark Martindale

Rob Elliott, Dean Caviness, Justin Bennett

Justin Luster

July 20 Michael Harrison

Shane Green

July 27 Kenny Schmitz

Sonny Meeks

Lock Doors:

Nathan Robertson

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Kira Smith is recovering from back surgery. Remember her in your prayers.
- James Allen Johnston is home recovering from recent surgery. He is doing much better. Please pray for him and his family.

Please keep these in your thoughts and prayers:

Susan Ainsworth, Ann Akins, Ali Rae Barkley, Pattie Box, Annette Brooks, Dianne Butler, Wade Carmichael, Lori Chapman, Tom Childers, Cora Chills, Roger Cunningham, Paula Dowty, Chris Grisham, Shan Grisham, Kenny James, James Johnston, James Allen Johnston, Vince Jordan, Johnnie Jumper, Caleb McAlister, Billy Hugh McBryde, Donald McTizi, Sharon Monson, Steve Robinson, Jan Rooker, Carol Smith, Trey Smith, Anna Hearn Thompson, Peggy Wallis, Benny Wallis, Austin Wentz, Jimmy Willingham, Dennis Woods

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

NEWS & NOTES

- We rejoice that Damen Mock was baptized recently. We want to support him in his decision and welcome him as our new brother in Christ.
- Little Ladies Day / Pancakes and Pajamas will be Saturday morning from 10:00 to 12:30 at the home of JoLea Raines. Wear your pajamas and bring your Bible.
- RYG will host the annual Back To School Bash July 19. They are asking for monetary donations to cover the school supplies for this event. To help give you donations to Cole or Tucker by July 16.
- The Worship Group will meet July 9th at 6:00.
- Please check the Youth table to sign up for their “Helping Hands Initiative.” If you or any one you know needs some help with yard work; sign-up or see Tucker or Cole.
- Our updated church directory is nearing completion. Please, check your information to make sure it is complete and correct. If you have not entered yours, please do so. If you need any help or have questions see Shane Green.
- Heather & Isla Shappley will be nursery attendants this Sunday.

Worship Service June 29, 2025

Welcome.....	Donnie DeBord
Song Leader	Cole Chapman
Opening Prayer AM	Kenny Schmitz
Read Scripture	Young Men
Lord’ Supper AM.....	David Cook
Assisting at the Lord’s Table AM	Justin Thomson, Justin Luster, Anderson Thompson
.....	Brent Kuhl, Hunter Kuhl, Hayden Kuhl
Closing Prayer AM.....	Rodney Chapman
Opening Prayer PM.....	Young Men
Lord’s Supper PM	Sam Green
Closing Prayer PM	Young Men`