

# *The Ripley Reminder*



## **RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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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**

**Sonny Meeks**

**Brad Pounders**

**Nathan Robertson**

**Kenny Schmitz**

**Justin Thompson**

**Benny Wallis**

**Bruce Wallis**

### **BULLETIN**

**Announcements ..... 662-837-9011**

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**Reservations**

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A graphic for the Fall Ladies Day event. It features a light gray background with several autumn leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow scattered around the text. The text is centered and reads:

**Ripley Church Of Christ**  
**FALL LADIES DAY**  
Sat. September 13, 2025  
1300 Hall Dr. Ripley, MS 38663  
8:30 a.m. - Registration  
9:00 a.m. - Kara Farr (Speaker)  
Lunch will be provided!

LET'S TAKE A MINUTE. . .

## JESUS KNOWS MY NAME!

*"I am the Good Shepherd, and know my sheep, and I am known of mine."  
John 10:14*

In this chapter, Jesus is describing His relationship with His followers by affirming that they know Him (the Good Shepherd) and that He knows each of those who make up His flock (His sheep). In verse 27 He says: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

Light heartedly, can you imagine a faithful Christian praying to God and He answers back, as if on a telephone call, "Who is this?"

Notice these passages: 2 Tim. 2:19 "The Lord knows those who are His." Nahum 1:7 God "... knows those who trust in Him." David acknowledged, "How precious are Your thoughts of me, O God! How great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with Thee."

To further illustrate that God knows each of us intimately, our Lord said, "The very hairs of your head are numbered." (Luke 12:7) Finally, the faithful are to "rejoice because your names are written in heaven." (Luke 10:20)

God knows our needs even before we ask them of Him. "Your Father knows what things you have need of before you ask Him." (Matt. 6:8) And, "Even before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." (Isa. 65:24)

What a loving and thoughtful God, and His Beloved Son, we serve!

My minute's up!

James A. Horton

LET'S TAKE A MINUTE. . .

## **IT IS NO SECRET (What God Can Do)**

*“ . . .and your Father, who sees in secret, shall reward you openly. ” (Matt. 6:4b)*

The popular song, “It Is No Secret,” was written and recorded by Stewart Hamlin in 1950. He was one of radio’s first “Singing Cowboys.”

After a conversion experience which resulted in what he described as a change in his “destructive habits,” Hamlin changed his life’s goals and directed his attention toward God and all things good. Even his subsequent songs included Biblical themes. (For example, he also wrote, “Until Then.”)

Here is how “It Is No Secret” came to be written: While he and his wife visited in a friend’s home – a fellow western star – Hamlin shared his new-found goals and the joy in the direction his new lifestyle was taking him! In the course of the conversation, he expressed to his friend how amazed he was that a person can solve even the most serious conflicts and problems! He added, “It is no secret what God can do in a man’s life!”

About two hours later, as the Hamlins were leaving to go home, his friend suggested, “Stewart, why don’t you write a song about it not being a secret what God can do in a person’s life? That is a beautiful thought!”

When the Hamlins arrived home, he went immediately to his piano to begin writing the lyrics to ‘It Is No Secret.’ Just then, his clock in the hallway began to chime the midnight hour so he began the song with the words, “The chimes of time ring out the news, another day is through.” The first verse of a song which has been recorded many times by the most popular singers. (Incidentally, it is # 493 in our hymnal) If you don’t know the tune, next time you pick up the book, just be blessed by reading the words to, “It Is No Secret!”

And, who was his friend who suggested he write the song? None other than John Wayne!

My Minute’s up!

James A. Horton

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

- Following a recent surgery, Alice Cross was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. She will start chemotherapy Friday. Please pray for her and her family.
- Continue to pray for Chris Grisham as she has recently started chemotherapy.
- Benny Wallis had plastic surgery on his leg and is doing well. He will begin immunotherapy soon as a maintenance procedure. He and his family appreciate the support and prayers.
- Jack Garner is doing well and plans to be in a regular room Wednesday. He will remain in the hospital for several days. His family thanks you all for the prayers.
- Tom Childers fell Sunday and broke his femur. Pray for a speedy recovery.
- Caleb McAlister, brother of Savannah Orman, has returned home after an extended stay following transplant surgery. His family appreciates your prayers and asked that you continue to pray for a complete recovery.
- Joanie Kate Reece, the 8 year old daughter of Andy and Brandi Reese, passed away recently. Please remember this family at this difficult time.

### **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, Paula Dowty, Chris Grisham, Shan Grisham, Kenny James, James Johnston, James Allen Johnston, Vince Jordan, Johnnie Jumper, David Lipe, 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**

- Remember our Wednesday night Fellowship Meal on September 17 at 6:00. The menu will be BBQ. Bible Study will follow at 7:00.
- Help is needed in preparing the food for Ladies Day. If you are able to help, contact Michelle Elliott. The group will meet Friday, September 12th at 1:00 at the Fellowship Hall. The plan will be to complete this in a couple of hours.
- Our Gospel Meeting will be October 4-5 with Aubrey Johnson.
- Ladies day will be Saturday, September 13. See the flyer on the front for more details. Let's support this through our prayers, volunteering, monetary contribution, and inviting others.

### **Worship Service September 14, 2025**

Welcome.....	Cole Chapman
Song Leader AM .....	Caleb James
Opening Prayer AM.....	David Cook
Read Scripture .....	Kallen Bryowsky
Lord' Supper AM .....	Brad Pounders
Assisting at the Lord's Table AM .....	Rob Elliott, Patrick Ginn, Stephen Wallace
.....	Sonny Meeks, Rodney Chapman, Robert Elliott
Closing Prayer AM.....	Brent Kuhl
Song Leader PM.....	Ronald Chapman
Opening Prayer PM .....	Cole Chapman
Lord's Supper PM .....	Justin Luster
Closing Prayer PM .....	Timmy DeBord