

# *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**

**Sonny Meeks**

**Brad Pounders**

**Nathan Robertson**

**Kenny Schmitz**

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### **BULLETIN**

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LET'S TAKE A MINUTE. . .

## LIVING INSIDE OUT

*A wise man's heart is at his right hand, but a fool's heart at his left."*

*Ecclesiastes 10:2*

If you have ever read this verse, you have probably wondered, "What in the world is Solomon talking about? What does this verse mean?"

One of the best ways to understand a verse is to look at various translations. The verse just quoted is from the King James Version (KJV) New International Version (NIV) "The heart of the wise inclines to the right, but the heart of a fool is to the left." New American Standard Version: (NASV) "A wise man's heart directs him toward the right, but the foolish man's heart directs him toward the left." The Living Bible: A wise man's heart leads him to do right, and a fool's heart leads him to do evil." There – does the verse have more meaning to you now?

From these translations, one may conclude that Solomon is referring to a manner of life. The wise man chooses to follow the will of God while the fool determines to do evil. It appears, then, that it is what we are on the inside that determines what we are on the outside! "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." (Prov. 23:7) Jesus taught His disciples in Matthew 23:2 that they were to follow the teachings of the Pharisees and those who taught the law. But He warned them: "Therefore, whatever they tell you observe and do, but do not do according to their works: for they say, and do not do."

In verses 27 & 28, Jesus said to the scribes and Pharisees, "Hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Even so you outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness." Be reminded that God said, "The Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks upon the heart." (I Sam. 16:5)

What we are on the INSIDE is what is going to happen to us on the OUTSIDE! In other words, the inside influences the outside! Remember, God sees and knows what we are on the inside!

The outcome of our life will be determined by whether we are bigger on the inside than we are on the outside, and not by what we appear to be by others! So, let's follow David's plea in prayer to God: "Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me." (Ps.51:10)

My minute's up!

James A. Horton

## “ON THE FRONT LINE!”

After the Battles at Shiloh on April 6 and 7 of 1862, the fields and woods above Pittsburg Landing, along the Tennessee River, were covered with thousands of dead and wounded soldiers from both sides!

A soldier from Iowa later wrote, “The battlefields were among the most heart rendering sights it was ever my lot to witness! For miles, the ground was strewn with the mangled bodies of the dead and dying.”

At sundown on April 7, Battery Commander Captain Andrew Warren, a Union Officer, entered his battered tent and discovered a body of a Confederate corpse and a young Union officer who was severely wounded. The Captain would later record these details:

“As I raised his head and placed my canteen to his parched lips, the last faint rays of the setting sun came struggling through the pines and illuminated, as with a halo, the face of that dying lad. Suddenly arousing himself, in whispered voice, he said: “Please, Sir – tell my mother where you found me. . .

. . .on the front line!”

In this soldier’s dying moment, his last breath on earth; the thing that concerned him most, was that his mother be assured he had died while doing his duty on the front line of battle!

Likewise, you and I are in a battle with our arch enemy – Satan! But ours is a spiritual battle. “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual wickedness in high places.” (Eph. 6:12)

We are to live and serve as “good soldiers of Jesus Christ.” (2 Tim. 3:3) Paul instructed Timothy to “Fight the good fight of faith.” (1 Tim. 6:12)

As a faithful soldier on the front lines of a life-long battle between temptation and sin, the “victory that overcomes the world, even our faith (I John 5:4) will strengthen our determination to be deemed faithful as we stand before our Great Commander in the Judgment. (Matt. 25)

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 be starting chemotherapy in the next few weeks. Please pray for her and her family.
- Robert Bryant, Jr., the son of Ronald and Jane Chapman, is doing better. His family wants to thank everyone for their prayers. Continue to pray that his recovery will be speedy.
- Continue to pray for Chris Grisham. She is doing well and will start radiation in a couple of weeks. Pray that she continues to do well.
- Charles Ellis is recovering from back surgery. Pray that his recovery is speedy.
- Benny Wallis will have plastic surgery September 8 to help close the wound on his leg. Pray that his surgery is successful and recovery is speedy. Pathology reports were good.
- Scott Kuhl is recovering from an infection in his shoulder. Pray that he is better soon.
- Billy Morton is recovering at home from a procedure on his leg.. Pray for a speedy recovery.
- Tom Childers fell Sunday and broke his femur. Pray for a speedy recovery.

### **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, 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**

- Remember our Wednesday night Fellowship Meal on September 10 at 6:00. The menu will be breakfast. 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.
- 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.
- Leslie and Mia Caviness will be keeping the nursery this Sunday.

### **Worship Service September 7, 2025**

Welcome.....	David Cook
Song Leader AM .....	Michael Harrison
Opening Prayer AM.....	Paul Macaluso
Read Scripture .....	Jonah James
Lord' Supper AM .....	Dave Osborn
Assisting at the Lord's Table AM .....	Rob Elliott, Patrick Ginn, Stephen Wallace
.....	Sonny Meeks, Rodney Chapman, Robert Elliott
Closing Prayer AM.....	Mike Hudson
Song Leader PM.....	Josh James
Opening Prayer PM .....	Justin Thompson
Lord's Supper PM .....	David Hudson
Closing Prayer PM .....	Billy Morton