

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

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David Cook

Michael Harrison

Mark Martindale

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Ronald Chapman

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Ripley Church of Christ

October 4-5

The Greatness of Serving

Saturday Evening

4:30—Welcome

5:00—The Servant's Role (Matthew 20.25-28)

**6:00—The Servant's Requirements
(1 Timothy 3.8-12)**

6:45—Dinner

Sunday Morning

**9:30—The Servant's Responsibilities
(Proverbs 6.6-11)**

**10:20—The Servant's Relationships
(Hebrews 13:17)**

Lunch

Sunday Afternoon

**12:30—The Servant's Rewards
(1 Timothy 3.13)**

LET'S TAKE A MINUTE...

“LOOK FOR ME, FOR I WILL BE THERE TOO”

‘And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.’ (Rev. 20:12)

Will we know each other in heaven? This is a sobering question which seems to have the interest of everyone. Bible scholar and preacher, Guy N. Woods (1908-1993) wrote: “If a joyous reunion with those we have loved were to be taken away, we would be robbed of some of the sweetest delights and most highly expected anticipations of eternal happiness and bliss!”

This expectation of a reunion with our loved ones will be one of the blessed results of passages such as Ps. 16:11 “You will show me the path of life: in your presence is fullness of joy; at your right hand there are pleasures forevermore.” One of those greatest joys will be a reuniting with our loved ones in eternity.

A very moving song which conveys the spirit of the joy of being reunited in heaven with our loved ones was written by Rusty Goodman (1933-1990), a member of the singing group, The Happy Goodman Family. His daughter, Tanya Goodman Sykes, can be seen on YouTube singing this very touching song, entitled: “Look for me, for I will be there, too!”

But someone will ask, “How can we be happy in heaven if we know that any of our family or friends are not in heaven with us?” This situation is especially puzzling in light of such passages as Ps. 16:11. How can we have ‘joy’ and ‘pleasure’ in heaven knowing our loved ones are not here with us?

The answer is rather simple – “There is nothing impossible with God.” (Lk. 1:37) We cannot comprehend the seeming contradiction between the conditions of joy and sadness, but God will work it out according to His will. We will accept His promise of joys and pleasures in heaven and anticipate the experience of God’s gracious and merciful gift of eternal life in His presence. Is it not left to each of us, then, to live our lives with heaven in view, and to be obedient children of God so that we can enter into eternal glory, having invited our family and friends to “Look for me, for I will be there too!”

My minute’s up!

James A. Horton

LET'S TAKE A MINUTE. . .

“HOOK, LINE AND SINKER”

“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.” (John 8:44)

The phrase “Hook, line and sinker” is used to refer to recreational fishing. First, there is the lure to deceive the fish into believing there is something to eat on the line. Then, there is a hook to capture the fish when he bites at the lure. Finally, there is the weight, which holds the line underwater where the fish can find it.

The phrase also pictures someone believing a lie by referring to the entire process of fishing as that of “swallowing” the deception from the lure, the hook, and the sinker, in the act of deceiving someone. In this case, that of the devil deceiving all of mankind! Remember, the Scriptures, in numerous passages, portrays the devil as one “. . .who deceives the whole world.” (Rev. 12:9) It all began with Satan telling Eve, “Has God said that you are not to eat of the tree lest you die? You will NOT surely die.” (Gen. 3:4)

God tests us from time to time – that is, He allows us to get into situations where we must make a choice between right and wrong. You will recall that at the beginning of the ministry of Jesus, He was tempted by the devil to abandon the mission on which the Father had sent Him to the earth – and God allowed those tests to occur!

Because Jesus Himself has suffered when tempted, “He is able to help those who are tempted.” (Heb. 2:18) Jesus suffered by denying Himself of food, water, glory and praise! He endured hunger, thirst, hatred and ridicule, all of which He endured alone!

This, and much more, He endured for us all and then urged us to NOT “be deceived,” as with ‘HOOK, LINE AND SINKER,’ by the devil!

My minute’s up!

James A. Horton

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Alice Cross will start chemotherapy October 3. Please pray for her and her family.
- Chris Grisham is taking treatments. Remember her and her family in your prayers.
- Susan Ainsworth's cancer has returned. She is the sister of Sharon Macaluso. Pray for her and her family.
- Debbie Ricks, sister of Jerry Green, has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Sherry Bennett, Justin Bennett's mother is recovering at home. Pray that she is better soon.
- Please remember Inona Mauney in your prayers. She had heart valve replacement on Wednesday. She is the sister of Wanda Orman
- Jack Garner passed away last week. Please remember Regina Morton, Al Garner, and their family in your prayers during this time of loss.

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, Alice Cross, 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, Debbie Ricks, Steve Robinson, Jan Rooker, Carol Smith, Trey Smith, Anna Hearn Thompson, Pam Thompson, Peggy 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 October 8 at 6:00. The menu will be hamburger sliders. Bible Study will follow at 7:00.
- If you would like to participate in Secret Sisters, there are forms in the foyer. Contact Isabella Thompson if you have questions.
- Our Gospel Meeting will be October 4-5 with Aubrey Johnson. The schedule for the meeting is on the front of the bulletin. There will be a meal following the lessons on Saturday evening at 6:45. On Sunday our schedule will be church-eat-church. The meal will follow the morning worship and our evening service will be at 12:30. Group 3 will be the hostesses.
- October 1 will begin the new quarter for Bible Class teachers. If you have questions contact Brad Pounders
- Jenny Thompson, Eden, Virginia, and Evie will be keeping the nursery this Sunday.

Worship Service October 5, 2025

Welcome.....	Michael Harrison
Song Leader AM	Caleb James
Opening Prayer AM.....	Dave Osborn
Read Scripture	Haydren Shappley
Lord' Supper AM	Cole Chapman
Assisting at the Lord's Table AM	Nathan Robertson, Justin Bennett, Justin Luster
Closing Prayer AM.....	Ronald Chapman, Jerry Green, Clay Crawford
Song Leader PM.....	Roger McAlister
Opening Prayer PM	Tucker Shappley
Lord's Supper PM	David Cook
	Robert Elliott