

The Ripley Reminder



Service Times

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning 10:20 AM
Sunday Evening 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM

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Dr. Donnie DeBord
Cole Chapman
Tucker Shapley

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David Cook
Michael Harrison
Mark Martindale

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LET'S TAKE A MINUTE . . .

“WHEN HE WAS ON THE CROSS I WAS ON HIS MIND!

*“Christ died for our sins, according to the
Scriptures.” (I Cor. 15:3b)*

Before Jesus went to the cross, He went to the garden. As He spoke to His Father in prayer, He thought, not only of Himself, but of you!

He was despised and betrayed for you! He endured scourging for you! He was brutally nailed to the cross for you! After enduring six hours of excruciating pain and suffering, He died for you! Paul understood the sacrifice of Jesus in dying for him when he said of Christ, “Who loved me, and gave Himself for me!” (Gal. 2:20)

“He knew me; yet, He loved me!
He whose glory makes the heavens shine,
I’m so unworthy of such mercy!
When He was on the cross,
I was on His mind!”

(Song written by Ronny Hinson & Mike Payne)

Jesus died for you that you might live for Him! (Phil. 1:21)

My minute's up!

James A. Horton

“WEEP WITH THOSE WHO WEEP”

(Romans 12:15)

NOTE: It has become the practice of many congregations to place the death notices at the first of the weekly announcements out of respect of those who have suffered the greatest loss that week!

Following is a classic example, from our nation's history, of the expression of that attention!

Executive Mansion

Washington, Nov. 21, 1864

To: Mrs. Bigsby, Boston, Mass.

Dear Madam,

I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sons who died gloriously on the field of battle. I feel how weak and fruitless must be any word of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the republic they died to save. I pray that our heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the alter of freedom.

Yours very sincerely and respectfully,

Abraham Lincoln

Our Triune God

“Here we are occupied with the adorable mystery of the Trinity, which neither reason can comprehend nor example prove, but the authority of divine revelation alone proposes to be received by faith and adored with love” (Francis Turretin, *Institutes* 3.23.1). Salvation rests upon “the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood” (1 Pet. 1:2). Faith in the oneness of God does not prevent the threeness of God. Instead, Christians rely on the God who eternally exists as Father, Son, and Spirit.

We see the oneness of the three persons in Jesus’ command to baptize in the one name shared by the three Persons (Matt. 28:19). In Scripture the name of an individual reveals the character of the individual. For example, Adam is called Adam (man) because he is the first man. When the three persons of the Trinity described with the singular “name,” we are being told that the three persons share the same divine nature. Even though God is one essence or name (Deut 6:4), existing in three persons (Matt. 28:19, 3:16-17).

The deity of Christ is affirmed when Christ is described as proceeding from the Father. In John 1:1 Christ is described as “the Word.” A word is a sharing or communication of an idea. The Father’s Word is the full communication or sharing of himself. Jesus is also described as “the Son of God” or simply “the Son.” A son receives his essence from his father and mother. Although we should never ascribe anything physical or temporal to the Trinity, the Son of God receives the full essence of the Father. Jesus is also described as “the radiance of his glory” in Hebrews 1:3. Jesus is the Brightness flowing from the Father’s Light. This is why the ancients described the Son as “Light of Light.” Finally, the Son is described as “the exact imprint of his nature” (Heb. 1:3). The words “imprint” and “nature” could be translated “the character of his person.” So, we are told that the Son is “the exact nature of his person.”

Likewise the Holy Spirit is described as “the Spirit of God,” “the Spirit of Christ,” “the Spirit of the Lord,” and “the Spirit of Holiness.” The Spirit is described this way because the Spirit shares the divine nature with Father and Son. The Spirit knows the deep things of God because the Spirit is true God (1 Cor. 2:10-12). The intertwined coexistence of the three divine persons is seen especially in the eternal relation of the Spirit to the Father and Son and then also of the Son and the Father (Jn 10:38, 14:11).

The Trinity is a mystery, but we have enough revealed to us in Scripture that we might confess the God who is one according to his essence and three according to his person. The three divine persons share the identical essence, the identical will, and work inseparably to glorify each other in the salvation of the redeemed. “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Cor. 13:14)

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Brandie Rutgers, Donna Schmitz's daughter, had a stroke recently and is in rehab with a long road to recovery. Pray for healing and a speedy recovery.
- James Johnston is experiencing some complications and will possibly have surgery next week to fix them. Pray that the surgery is successful, his recovery is speedy and complete.
- Ann Izard, Brad Pounder's aunt, has been diagnosed with cancer. Remember her in your prayers.
- Please remember Lori Chapman in your prayers.
- Durrell Calver, Peggy Wallis's brother passed away recently. Remember this family in prayer.

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, Cora Chills, Alice Cross, Paula Dowty, Roger Cunningham, Grevil Flores, Chris Grisham, Shan Grisham, Ann Izard, Kenny James, James Johnston, James Allen Johnston, Vince Jordan, Johnnie Jumper, David Lipe, Billy Hugh McBryde, Donald McTizi, Sharon Monson, Steve Robinson, Jan Rooker, Brandie Rutgers, Carol Smith, Trey Smith, Anna Hearn Thompson, Peggy Wallis, Austin Wentz, Jimmy Willingham, Betty Stubblefeild, Dennis Woods ‘

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

NEWS & NOTES

- There will be NO fellowship meals on Wednesday night during the month of December. Meals will resume in January.
- Noah Robertson made the decision to obey the gospel and be baptized last week. We want to welcome him as our new brother in Christ and encourage him. What a wonderful example.
- Teacher rotation starts Sunday. If you would like to teach contact Brad Pounders.
- There will be an Introduction to Puppets Meeting January 4th upstairs in the old youth room.
- Nathan Stanford and Sam Green will be going on a mission trip to Alaska in March. If you would like to aid them in doing this good work, donations can be given to one of our Elders. Please pray that they have a safe and successful trip.
- Pine Vale Children's home had a pipe bust and cause \$70,000 damage to a residence building. If you would like to help, give donations to one of our deacons.

Worship Service January 4, 2026

Welcome.....	Donnie DeBord
Song Leader AM.....	Tucker Shappley
Opening Prayer AM.....	Michael Harrison
Read Scripture.....	Tucker Orman
Lord' Supper AM.....	Sonny Meeks
Assisting at the Lord's Table AM.....	Mike Hudson, Robert Elliott, Damon Mock Brad Pounders, Billy Morton, Scott Kuhl
Closing Prayer AM	Brent Kuhl
Song Leader PM.....	Ronald Chapman
Opening Prayer PM.....	Rob Elliott
Lord's Supper PM.....	Justin Luster
Closing Prayer PM.....	Hayden Kuhl