

# 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

## 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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## Great Expectations

What are your expectations for the Christian life? Titus 2:13 says we are “waiting for our blessed hope,” but what does that mean for us?

As we begin to examine the blessed hope for which we wait, we need to begin with what it means to wait. To wait here means “to look forward to.” This is an exciting waiting. In fact, the Latin translation of the Greek word here is “expectantes” from which you can see the English word “expect.” We are waiting with expectation for God’s blessings. So, the results of the Christian life are exciting. They are blessings worth waiting for. We wait with eager joy for what will be revealed to us.

God described this hope as “blessed.” “Blessed” is from the Greek word *makarias* that has to do with “being fortunate or happy because of circumstances.” *The hope which Christians have for the life we enjoy now and the life to come make us to always be in fortunate circumstances. We would do well to remember our fortunate spiritual circumstances when we find ourselves in unfortunate physical circumstances.*

Finally, we see that we are waiting for hope. This is not just wishful thinking. This hope is a conviction that God will fulfill his promises. Paul wants us to see that this hope or expectation is “the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13). This conviction is seen in Titus 1:13 when Paul wrote, “in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began.” Our “hope” is rightly seen as a certain expectation because we “hope” for things promised by god who never lies. These promises are eternal for they were given “before the ages began.” When time has run its course, God’s promises will remain in perfect realization.

We wait. Doubt, seemingly endless ages, trials of all kinds, and temporary pleasure will not move us away from God’s promises. Whatever may come, we wait. “Even so, Come, Lord Jesus.”

Donnie

## January 2026 Worklist

### Welcome

Jan 4 Donnie DeBord

Jan 11 David Cook

Jan. 18 Michael Harrison

Jan 25 Mark Martindale

### Sunday Song Leader AM    PM

Tucker Shappley

Ronald Chapman

### Read Scripture

Tucker Orman

Haydren Shappley

Anderson Thompson

Jonah James

Kallen Bryowsky

Jackson Shappley

### Opening Prayer AM

### PM

Jan 4 Michael Harrison

Rob Elliott

### Closing Prayer AM

### PM

Haydren Shappley

Jan 11 Paul Macaluso

Justin Thompson

Barry Grisham

Roger McAlister

Jan 18 Nathan Robertson

Mark Martindale

Rodney Chapman

Mike Bennett

Jan 25 Kenny Schmitz

Palmer Jones

David Hudson

Darrell Tatum

### Lord's Table AM

### Assisting at the Lord's Table AM

### Lord's Table PM

Jan 4 Sonny Meeks

Mike Hudson, Robert Elliott, Damon Mock

Justin Luster

Jan 11 Josh James

Brad Pounders, Billy Morton, Scott Kuhl

Cole Chapman

Jan 18 David Cook

Ronald Chapman

Jan 25 Dave Osborn

Timmy DeBord

### Lock Doors:

David Hudson

## **PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- Brandie Rutgers, Donna Schmitz's daughter, had a stroke recently and is in Mercy South Hospital in Arnold, Missouri. Pray for healing and a speedy recovery.
- James Johnston is doing some better. Pray that his recovery is speedy and complete. They want to thank the church family for all the prayers.

### **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, 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.
- Noah Robertson made the decision to obey the gospel and be baptized this week. We want to welcome him as our new brother in Christ and encourage him. What a wonderful example.
- Annie Monroe Works was born Sunday to Parrish and John Wiley Works. Congratulations to Jeannie and Johnny Tice, grandparents and Bruce and Peggy Wallis, Great-grandparents.
- RYG wants to thank all those who helped with their Christmas project helping 2 children, an 8 year old girl and a 16 year old boy for Christmas. They made their Christmas brighter.
- Gary Parsons made a donation to RYG in memory of his parents, Lawrence and Eugenia Parsons.
- 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.
- Anna, Ann Hines, and Calla Meeks Luster will be keeping the nursery this Sunday.

### **Worship Service December 28, 2025**

Welcome.....	David Cook
Song Leader AM.....	Ronald Chapman
Opening Prayer AM.....	Michael Harrison
Read Scripture.....	Tucker Orman
Lord' Supper AM.....	Caleb James
Assisting at the Lord's Table AM.....	Justin Thompson, Palmer Jones, Stephen Wallace
	Robert Elliott, Justin Bennett, Jerry Green
Closing Prayer AM.....	Barry Grisham
Song Leader PM.....	Dan Shappley
Opening Prayer PM.....	Sonny Meeks
Lord's Supper PM.....	Mike Hudson
Closing Prayer PM.....	Robert Elliott