

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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I Wish We Had Someone Who..

“Make Disciples” (Matthew 28:19-20)

I wish we had more preachers. I wish we had more Bible teachers. I wish we had more song leaders. I wish we had more leaders. I wish our servants' skills were more polished. What can we do?

Leaders are in short supply. Congregations generally have two big needs: 1) someone who will lead and 2) someone who will lead well. How can we leverage our opportunities for excellence in the future?

We must make future leaders. How? Future leaders need relationships with solid Christians to build a solid foundation. Future leaders also need solid training for excellent service in the future.

So, how do we connect young people with potential with solid mature Christians? The Lads to Leaders program has been a uniquely successful tool for several years. The Lads to Leaders program connects mature Christians with younger people to develop those God-given talents for God's glory.

It is easy for us to see the benefit of this program. Many of you remember how the Lads to Leaders program impacted your children and grandchildren. You can see the benefits of the program as those young people are now becoming great leaders for God's people today.

The Lads to Leaders program at Ripley has been successful in the past. The program can be even better today. Some great Christian people will serve by investing in our young people. The current leadership is behind the program. The trip to the main convention is just an award. The real work and the real reward is in the journey the participants take together and in the future leaders of the Lord's church.

This program is an investment. It requires effort, prayer, money, and courage. But what about the investment? Does it pay off? What are the results? Will the church be blessed? Do you know of a better program? It will be great when we can say “I'm so thankful we have so many who can serve,’ but will we make the investment with our children and our time?

Donnie

HAVE YOU “BEEN WITH JESUS?”

“And when they saw the boldness of Peter and John. . .they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus.” (John 4:13)

In the MAGNOLIA MESSENGER ((Fall, 2022, Vol. 44, No. 3), Kathy Brummett of the Batesville congregation in Panola County, has an article she entitled, “WAR ROOM,” in which she talked about her practice of beginning each day in Bible study and prayer.

Kathy wrote: “My quiet time each morning was something I carefully guarded. First, I found a spot in a closet in an upstairs bedroom that was unused and quiet. I moved the few things in the closet to a new location and moved in a small bookcase and a chair. I am an early riser, so I usually made my way to my “war room” with a cup of coffee anytime from 4 a.m. – 5 a.m. Most times, I could manage to get a couple of hours in my new quiet spot.”

“The length of time I have for “quiet times” will change with different seasons of life. The amount of time is not the most important thing. It’s about creating the habit of spending time-with Jesus that’s important! It doesn’t have to be at 4 a.m. I just happen to be an early riser.”

“I usually have one or two daily devotional books with short articles to jump start the day. I am always working my way through the Bible with study guides. . .or a topical study that goes a little more in depth.”

“One morning, I was working through the book of Acts. I was in chapter four and reading about Peter and John being hauled in because they had annoyed the priests, the captain of the guard and the Sadducees. When I got to verse 13 of Acts 4, I felt like I had been sucker-punched! “Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished, AND THEN they recognized that they had BEEN WITH JESUS!”

“I was getting up every morning and having an hour and a half, to two hours, alone with Jesus, but could anybody tell that about me through the rest of the day? Could my husband tell that I had ‘been with Jesus?’ Could the checker at the grocery store tell that I had ‘been with Jesus?’ Could anyone I had encountered throughout the day tell that I had ‘been with Jesus?’ My prayer each morning, as I end my “quiet time,” has become: “Lord, please let the people I meet each day be able to tell that I began my day with You!”

How can we attract people to Jesus if being with Him hasn’t changed us?..Is my life reflecting a life that has been changed by being in the presence of Jesus? May we all be determined to be different because “we have been with Jesus!”

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(Written by Kathy Brummett, Batesville,

JHorton

Adapted and Edited for space)

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Savannah Orman has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Pray for her and her family.
- 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 complete recovery.
- James Johnston will possibly have surgery next week to fix complications from his surgery. 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 family and friends in your prayers. She passed away.

Please keep these in your thoughts and prayers:

Susan Ainsworth, Ann Akins, Ali Rae Barkley, Pattie Box, Annette Brooks, Dianne Butler, Wade Carmichael, 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, Savannah Orman, 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

- Weekly fellowship meals will resume on Wednesday nights.
- Links for the yearly Bible reading are: <https://www.bible.com/en/reading-plans/24> and fishshare.net. These links are on Facebook pages, Ripley Church of Christ Reminder and Donnie DeBord. For questions or help contact Donnie.
- FHU Lectureship is just around the corner in February. Information can be found on-line.
- We are currently trying to change our communication app over to Light Post. See Cole or Tucker if you are having issues with it.
- There will be a very important Lads to Leaders meeting this Sunday.
- If you are willing to help in the nursery or preparing for the Lord's Supper in 2026, sign up lists are in the foyer. There is also an Invasion list on the youth table.
- 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.

Worship Service January 11, 2026

Welcome.....	David Cook
Song Leader AM.....	Cole Chapman
Opening Prayer AM.....	Paul Macaluso
Read Scripture.....	Haydren Shappley
Lord' Supper AM.....	Josh James
Assisting at the Lord's Table AM.....	Mike Hudson, Robert Elliott, Damon Mock Brad Pounders, Billy Morton, Scott Kuhl
Closing Prayer AM	Barry Grisham
Song Leader PM.....	Dan Shappley
Opening Prayer PM.....	Justin Thompson
Lord's Supper PM.....	Cole Chapman
Closing Prayer PM.....	Roger McAlister