

# The Ripley Reminder



**RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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## **BLOOD DRIVE**

### **Ripley Church of Christ**

**Place: Fellowship Hall**

**Date: Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Open to ages 17 and up. No limit of senior age. Will accept 16 year olds with signed parental consent.**

**Persons who have had cancer within the last year are not eligible. If cancer free for one year, you can donate.**

**Persons who have had blood cancer are not eligible to donate.**

**Test will be done on each donor and if disqualifying conditions are discovered, the donor will not be able to donate at that time.**

**Drinks and snacks will be provided.**

**If you cannot donate, we can still use your help with baking cookies and clean up.**

**This drive not only helps us, but also helps our community.**

**Sign up now and let's make this event a HUGE SUCCESS!**

#### **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 Shapley**

#### **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**

#### **BULLETIN**

**Announcements ..... 662-837-9011**

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**Reservations**

## Wisdom From Above And Insights From Within

Thomas B. Warren was known for saying, “Philosophy leads theology around by the nose.” But is that the way it should be? Perhaps we can see that secular human philosophy often does take the lead today. Jean-Jaque Rousseau wrote his *Confessions*: “All I need do, as I have done up until now, is to look inside myself.” Rousseau represents the view of many of our contemporaries, who find meaning from within rather than from God. Rene Descartes' *cogito ergo sum* (I think therefore I am) coupled with Sigmund Freud's focus on the self (the id, ego, and superego) pointed us all to discover truth, personal identity, and fulfillment within ourselves. Perhaps Augustine was far better than Descartes when he argued, “For if I am deceived, I am. For he who is not, cannot be deceived; and if I am deceived, by this same token I am.” (*City of God* XI. 26). Our most pressing reality is that we are often wrong, rather than being the source of what is right.

Our greatest teacher is God himself. We depend upon God and his revelation to provide truth so that we might discover who we truly are. The Holy Spirit says in 2 Tim 3:16 “All Scripture inspired by God is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correcting, and for instructing in justice.” Thomas Aquinas reasoned from this Scripture to say, “Now Scripture, inspired by God, is no part of the philosophical disciplines, which were discovered by human reason. Therefore, it is useful that, besides the philosophical disciplines, there should be another science inspired by God.” (ST.I.Q1.A1.C).

If we only look inward at ourselves or even outward at our experiences, we will never find any truth, value, or reality greater than that which we can conceive. We will not be and do not have to be content with what we can produce for ourselves. Instead, we all look for something greater. This heavenward call draws our eyes to the Scriptures. As Paul said, “The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things but is himself to be judged by no one. For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ” (2 Cor 2:14–16).

Donnie DeBord

## May 2026 Worklist

### Welcome

### Sunday Song Leader AM PM

### Read Scripture

May 3	Donnie DeBord	Dan Shappley	Tucker Shappley	Tucker Orman
May 10	Mark Martindale	Ronald Chapman	Anderson Thompson	Noah Robertson
May 17	David Cook	Josh James	Kallen Bryowski	Jonah James
May 24	Michael Harrison	Caleb James	Cole Chapman	Jackson Shappley
May 31	Cole Chapman	Michael Harrison	Young Men	Haydren Shappley

### Opening Prayer AM

### PM

### Closing Prayer AM

### PM

May 3	Sonny Meeks	Palmer Jones	Caleb James	Timmy DeBord
May 10	Justin Thompson	Ben Wallis	Paul Macaluso	Mike Bennett
May 17	Brad Pounders	Rob Elliott	Roger McAlister	Darrell Tatum
May 24	Dave Osborn	Benny Wallis	David Cook	Billy Morton
May 31	Mark Martindale	Young Men	Barry Grisham	Young Men

### Lord's Table AM

### Assisting at the Lord's Table AM

### Lord's Table PM

May 3	Michael Harrison	Mike Hudson, Damon Mock, Justin Luster	Hayden Kuhl
May 10	Nathan Robertson	David Hudson, Rodney Chapman, Scott Kuhl	Nathan Robertson
May 17	Kenny Schmitz		Robert Elliott
May 24	Paul Macaluso		Shane Green
May 31	Brent Kuhl		Justin Luster

### Lock Doors:

Kenny Schmitz

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- Continue to pray for Mrs. Margie Wilburn who recently fell and has had 2 surgeries. Pray that her recovery is speedy and complete.
- Brother James Horton passed away April 11. Visitation will be April 16th from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm at Ripley Church of Christ with the funeral service to follow at 2:00. Remember Mrs. Rose , his family, and his many friends in the difficult days ahead.
- Tommy Berry, Allie Wallis’s uncle, passed away recently. Remember her in your prayers.
- Herbert Richardson, Erica Stroup’s grandfather, passed away. Pray for her at this time.

**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, Ann Izard, Kenny James, James Johnston, James Allen Johnston, Johnnie Jumper, David Lipe, Bonnie Martindale, 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

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

**NEWS & NOTES**

- Our weekly fellowship meals will be paused for the summer after April 29th. We will have a potluck meal with all groups bringing dishes that night. Meals will resume in the fall.
- We will sponsor a Blood Drive, this Saturday, April 18. Information is posted in the foyer and on the front page. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer.
- A new Ladies Bible class will begin Sunday morning, April 19th with April Pounders teaching the class. It will meet in the last room on the right going toward the Old Fellowship Hall.
- There will be a bridal shower for Kate Harrison April 19th. She is registered on Amazon and at Ripley Drug, Co.
- L2L Recognition/Kickoff Ice-Cream Supper on May 17th after evening services. Everyone is encouraged to attend. A signup sheet will be placed in the foyer.
- Cole Chapman, Caroline Chapman, and Sophie DeBord will be traveling to El Salvadore this summer on a mission trip. 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 April 19, 2026

Welcome.....	Donnie DeBord
Song Leader AM.....	Michael Harrison
Opening Prayer AM.....	Sonny Meeks
Read Scripture.....	Jonah James
Lord’s Supper AM.....	Caleb James
Assisting at the Lord’s Table AM.....	Paul Macaluso, Palmer Jones, Scott Kuhl
.....	Rob Elliott, Ben Wallis, Jerry Green
Closing Prayer AM.....	Rodney Chapman
Song Leader PM.....	Kallen Bryowsky
Opening Prayer PM.....	Benny Wallis
Lord’s Supper PM.....	Timmy DeBord
Closing Prayer PM.....	Barry Grisham