

# 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

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

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Benny Wallis

Bruce Wallis

### BULLETIN

Announcements ..... 662-837-9011

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Reservations

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## CHURCH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

PROVIDING STABILITY IN AN  
UNSTABLE WORLD

**MAY  
1 & 2**

REGISTRATION STARTS AT  
6:00 PM ON MAY 1.

Friday: 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
Saturday: 9:00 AM - LUNCH

HOSTED BY GLOSTER STREET  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

**307 N. GLOSTER ST.**

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LET'S TAKE A MINUTE. .

## SAFE IN THE CREVICE

*“The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.” (Psalm 18:2)*

“Peace, Perfect Peace,” is one of the most beautiful hymns we sing in worship to God. It is about the Christian’s dependence upon the Almighty. Fear and worry have dampened the human race since the beginning of mankind! Modern man has failed to find the cure for anxiety on his own. A statement sometimes heard in sermons on the subject is: “Worry is like sitting in a rocking chair. It will give you something to do but it won’t get you anywhere!”

This is the best definition I have ever heard on the subject: “Worry is like holding a mental picture of things you don’t want to happen to you!” One can imagine all kinds of terrible things that MAY happen, but the probability of it actually occurring, just because one may think of it, is not very likely.

Imagine a harsh storm along the ocean’s shore! The lightening is blinding! Large waves are bursting onto shore - loud and threatening while beating against the rocks! But you see a split in the rocks – a crevice – inside the rocky shoreline, and inside that crevice is a little bird. Its head is tucked under its wing and it is fast asleep. It knows there is safety from the stormy rage of waves and lightening and protected by the rock surrounding it.

David said, “The Lord is my rock my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my rock in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”

Another beautiful song we sometimes sing: “The Lord’s our rock, in Him we hide. A shelter in the time of storm. Secure whatever ill betide, a shelter in the time of storm.” So, when worry overtakes you, imagine yourself as that little bird – in the crevice of the rock of God with His love all around you, protecting you from life’s storms!

My minute’s up!

James A. Horton

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## ENJOYING THE PRESENCE OF GOD

*“In Thy presence is fullness of joy.” (Psalm 16:11)*

Have you had occasions to watch young couples communicate their love for one another? This they accomplish without even saying a word. You know what I mean. You have experienced it yourself! Every glance, touch and smile conveys love because they enjoy so much just being together.

Is this not like being in the presence of God at every opportunity as we listen to His Word preached, or as we study in Bible class, or privately in our home? It happens when we pray because we know we have God's ear when we cry unto Him!

But it also happens when we simply enjoy His presence – reflecting upon His goodness toward us, rejoicing in all He has done for us in our lifetime, and the surprise of His repeated blessings every day.

Oh, how we anticipate being in His presence someday forever! John said, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.” (Rev. 21:3)

What a joy that promises to be! But in the meantime, delight in His presence right now – every day- for He is with us every hour of the day! In fact, He has promised never to forsake us! (Heb. 13:5, quoted from Deut. 31:6).

My minute's up!

James A. Horton

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- Margie Wilburn has been moved to the Tippah County Hospital to complete her recovery following a fall. Pray that her recovery is speedy and complete.
- Pray for Savannah Orman as she recovers from a follow up surgery.
- Susan Ainsworth, Sharon Macaluso’s sister, started chemo Wednesday because her cancer is growing. Please remember her and her family in your prayers.
- Remember Mrs. Rose Harrison , her family, and many friends following the loss of Brother James Horton.

**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.
- A new Ladies Bible class has started with April Pounders teaching the class. It meets in the last room on the right going toward the Old Fellowship Hall.
- There will be a meeting up front on Sunday April 26, after the morning service for all ladies of all ages who are interested in helping with the Ladies’ Day this year.
- 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.
- Freed Hardeman University will present a CHURCH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP May 1-May 2 hosted by Gloster Street Church of Christ. See flyer posted in foyer for schedules.
- 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 26, 2026

Welcome.....	Mark Martindale
Song Leader AM.....	Cole Chapman
Opening Prayer AM.....	Dave Osborn
Read Scripture.....	Haydren Shappley
Lord’s Supper AM.....	Josh James
Assisting at the Lord’s Table AM.....	Paul Macaluso, Palmer Jones, Scott Kuhl
.....	Rob Elliott, Ben Wallis, Jerry Green
Closing Prayer AM.....	Mike Huudsn
Song Leader PM.....	Tucker Shappley
Opening Prayer PM.....	Brent Kuhl
Lord’s Supper PM.....	Haydren Kuhl
Closing Prayer PM.....	Billy Morton