

The Ripley Reminder



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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 Shappley

ELDERS

David Cook
Michael Harrison
Mark Martindale

DEACONS

Ronald Chapman
Rob Elliott
Shane Green
David Hudson
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BULLETIN

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A graphic for the Ladies Day event featuring a honey theme. It includes a large green speech bubble with a quote from Proverbs 16:24, a jar of honey with a wooden dipper, a honeycomb, and several bees. The text is in green and orange colors.

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1300 Hall Dr. Ripley, MS

LADIES DAY

Sweet Like Honey!

Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.
Proverbs 16:24

- ✓ Saturday August 8, 2026
- ✓ 8:30 AM Registration
- ✓ 9:00 AM Speaker, Kara Farr

Lunch Provided

Let's Take a Minute. . . .

SIN IS NO GAME

*“Be not deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he shall also reap.
(Gal. 6:7)*

Two cars rushed toward one another at breakneck speed! They were playing “Chicken” to see which of them would first swerve to avoid crashing head-on into the other! Both cars raced toward one another as each driver was determined to not be the one to “chicken-out!” As they each sped toward each other, it became clear that something was going dreadfully wrong! Neither driver was willing to swerve to avoid a head-on collision. The result was a terrible disaster in which both drivers lost their lives!

This scene illustrates the danger of flirting with sin. Sin is a trap. We believe we can control it, but in fact, we are controlled by it. Only after it has destroyed our life can we see the error of our ways. The point is clear: when we play with fire, we will ultimately receive the consequences. ”Can a man take fire into his bosom and not be burned?” (Prov. 6:27) There is nothing to be gained by seeing how close we can come to sin and not be held guilty of transgressing the will of God. The results are also clear: “The soul who sins shall die,” (Ezek. 18:20)

No one is free from sin. ”For all have sinned and come short of the glory of the glory of God.” (Rom. 3:23) But Paul warns, “Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in the lust thereof. (Rom. 6:12) Remember the warning from Jeremiah: “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? (Jer. 17:9)

Thank God for His willingness to forgive sin! “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)

Sin is not a game!

My minute's up

James A. Horton

LET'S TAKE A MINUTE. . .

BE A SHINING LIGHT

“But the path of the just is as a shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble.” (Prov. 4:18-19)

A young woman worked at night in a factory located just ten blocks from her house. She could walk to her job, but walking to work would require passing over a long and high railroad bridge extended over a dry gorge which was very dangerous to cross on foot, especially at night! She would have to avoid walking across the bridge altogether were it not for the help of a Crossing Guard.

Each night, as she approached the bridge, the guard waved his lantern to signal that he was there to assist her in crossing the bridge. By using his powerful shining light, the way was lighted as they walked side-by-side across the expansion.

Similarly, the lives of people who are touched with the love of Christ are as guiding lights to others who have yet to invite Christ into their lives by obedience to the gospel.

As Christians, each of us has the opportunity to demonstrate to others what a wonderful life can be lived by letting God's light shine through us, if we will but let it! Empowered by the light of God, we can live the way God wants us to live!

My minute's up! James A, Horton

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Brandie Rutgers, Donna and Kenny Schmitz’s daughter is recovering at the Schmitz’s home and is in rehab. Pray for her and those caring for her.
- Eddie Meeks remains in the hospital. They want to thank everyone for the prayers and ask that you continue to pray for his recovery.
- Tim Anderson, Lorilynn Thompson’s brother, is home from the hospital and doing well. They want to thank you for the prayers.
- Daryl Carter will be having procedures in the near future and his wife, Heather Grisham’s coworker, requested the prayers of our congregation.
- Carolyn Craft passed away July 4. Remember her family in these difficult days.
- Audrey Taylor, the 6 month old niece of Madison Johnston, passed away July 4 from RSV. Pray for her family at this difficult time.

Please keep these in your thoughts and prayers:

Susan Ainsworth, Ann Akins, Ali Rae Barkley, Pattie Box, Annette Brooks, Dianne Butler, Wade Carmichael, Daryl Carter, Cora Chills, Paula Dowty, Roger Cunningham, Grevil Flores, Chris Grisham, Ann Izard, Kenny James, James Johnston, James Allen Johnston, Johnnie Jumper, David Lipe, Billy Hugh McBryde, Eddie Meeks, Donald McTizi, Sharon Monson, Steve Robinson, Jan Rooker, Brandie Rutgers, Carol Smith, Trey Smith, Anna Hearn Thompson, Peggy Tidwell, Peggy Wallis, Austin Wentz, Margie Wilburn, Jimmy Willingham, Bryan Wilson

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

NEWS & NOTES

- L2L Event Supervisors, this is a reminder that practices will begin in August. Groups need to be planning events for the year and have a Lightpost group set up. As soon as dates for practices are set up, pass this on to Cole and Tucker to be added to the calendar. Check your Lightpost notifications for
- more details or check with Cole or Tucker.
- The 2026-2027 Lads/Leaders Wilderness Challenge; will kick off in August. This program is for 3rd—12th grade participants. If you are interested, you need to sign up ASAP. Sign up sheets are on the youth table or contact Darrell Tatum or Paul Macaluso.
- Brittany and Emry Tatum will care for the nursery during our worship services.

Worship Service July 12, 2026

Welcome.....	Cole Chapman
Song Leader AM.....	Ronald Chapman
Opening Prayer AM.....	Paul Macaluso
Read Scripture.....	Jonah James
Lord’s Supper AM.....	Caleb James
Assisting at the Lord’s Table AM.....	Rob Elliott, Palmer Jones, Robert Elliott
.....	Shane Green, Rodney Chapman, Darrell Tatum
Closing Prayer AM.....	Mike Hudson
Song Leader PM.....	Kallen Bryowsky
Opening Prayer PM.....	Justin Thompson
Lord’s Supper PM.....	Hayden Kuhl
Closing Prayer PM.....	Anderson Thompson