

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
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ELDERS

David Cook
Michael Harrison
Mark Martindale

DEACONS

Ronald Chapman
Rob Elliott
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BULLETIN

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Reservations

A vibrant graphic with a green background. It features a large jar of honey with a wooden dipper, a honeycomb, and several bees. A speech bubble contains a quote from Proverbs 16:24. The text is in various colors and fonts, including green and orange.

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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. . .

DOES GOD WHISPER INTO OUR EARS?

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my pathway.” (Ps. 119:105)

It is generally agreed that Abraham Lincoln was among our greatest Presidents. He believed the Bible to be the inspired word of God. Many of his speeches were flavored with quotations from the Holy Scriptures.

After signing the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, President Lincoln wrote that he had sought the will of God in the process by searching the Scriptures and counseling with prominent religious leaders of the day about how he could best lead the nation to solve the problem of slavery which was so negatively affecting the nation.

The President wrote:

“I hope it will not be irreverent for me to say that if it is probable that God would reveal His will to others on a point so connected with my duty, it might be supposed that He would reveal to me directly; for unless I am more deceived in myself as I often am, it is my earnest desire to know the will of Providence in this matter and, if I can learn what it is, I will do it.”

He then concluded:

“These are not, however, the days of miracles and I suppose it will be granted that I am not to expect a direct revelation but study the plain physical facts of the case, as certain what is possible, and learn what appears to be wise and right. The subject is difficult and good men do not agree.”

We have all had moments in our lives when we would have welcomed a voice from heaven to tell us exactly what we needed to know and to do in a difficult situation. But solutions do not come to us that way! We must make our own decisions. Guided by His Word, and in answer to our prayers, God loves and protects us from many dangers and harms. But we can still do as we please! We can love and serve Him, or we can turn our backs upon Him and His Word. We have the power to choose whom we obey.

The Holy Spirit does not have to whisper this truth in our ears, does He?

My minute's up!

James A. Horton

LET'S TAKE A MINUTE. . .

“AS POOR AS JOB’S TURKEY”

“Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return: the LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.” (Job 1:21)

The Bible describes Job as being extremely wealthy until, with the LORD’S permission, Satan caused him all kinds of misery by stripping him of his ten children, his livelihood, his possessions and his physical health.

The origin of the reference to the poverty of Job is found in The Facts on File Encyclopedia of Word and Phrase Origins. The Bible does not mention Job owning any turkeys but having lost family and great possessions, he must have been very poor and miserable, which inspired 19th century Canadian humorist Thomas Haliburton to coin the expression: “As poor as Job’s turkey.”

Haliburton wrote of Job’s turkey as being so weak and hungry that it had to support itself against a barn when he wanted to gobble!

But you will recall that God eventually blessed Job with ten more children and restored his health and wealth so that he was blessed by God’s mercy abundantly.

The story is told in the first chapter of Job to teach the faithful that although bad things may eventually happen to us, God does not abandon His faithful in times of suffering and loss!

Two lessons: First, the book of Job does not unlock the puzzle of why bad things happen to good people. Rather, it does invite us to trust God’s wisdom when we encounter setbacks rather than trying to figure out the “reasons” for them.

Second: the book invites us to bring our pain and grief to God and to trust that He cares, realizing that He knows what He is doing for our eternal good. Whatever comes into your life. . . .”Blessed be the name of the Lord.”

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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

- Brandie Rutgers, Donna and Kenny Schmitz’s daughter is recovering at the Schmit’s home and is in rehab. Pray for her and those caring for her.
- Eddie Meeks has been released from the hospital and is in rehab. They want to thank everyone for the prayers and ask that you continue to pray for his recovery.
- Harry Ward is in the hospital. Pray that he is well soon.

Please keep these in your thoughts and prayers:

Susan Ainsworth, Ann Akins, Tim Anderson, Ali Rae Barkley, Pattie Box, Annette Brooks, Dianne Butler, Wade Carmichael, Cora Chills, Carolyn Craft, 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.
- For those interested in the 2026-2027 Lads/Leaders Wilderness Challenge; it gets us out of or normal routines and allows us to examine ourselves, learn, develop new skills, and grow spiritually and physically. This program is for 3rd—12th grade participants. Timeline would be August through early November. Want to help mentor? Sign up sheets are in the foyer or contact Darrell Tatum or Paul Macaluso.
- Please keep Sharon and Andy Clemmer in your prayers. They are doing another search for her father, Wade Davis, Thursday morning, July 2. Pray that get positives results.
- Collee Stroup was baptized during our Gospel Meeting. Let us welcome and encourage him in this wonderful decision. Pray that we can be an example to him as he has been in this decision.
- Billy and Pat McBryde, parents of Laura Green, will celebrate their 60th Anniversary, July 5th at South Main Events, 102 South Main St., Ripley, from 2:00—3:30, no gifts, please. All friends and family are invited to attend.
- The new quarter for our Bible class teachers will begin July 5th.
- Emily and Virginia Raines will care for the nursery during our worship services.

Worship Service July 5, 2026

Welcome.....	Donnie DeBord
Song Leader AM.....	Tucker Shappley
Opening Prayer AM.....	Andy Clemmer
Read Scripture.....	Tucker Orman
Lord’s Supper AM.....	David Cook
Assisting at the Lord’s Table AM.....	Rob Elliott, Palmer Jones, Robert Elliott
.....	Shane Green, Rodney Chapman, Darrell Tatum
Closing Prayer AM.....	Clay Crawford
Song Leader PM.....	Cole Chapman
Opening Prayer PM.....	Dave Osborn
Lord’s Supper PM.....	Benny Wallis
Closing Prayer PM.....	Mike Bennett