

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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SUMMER SERIES

ATTITUDES AND LIFE

*Attitudes That Shape Our Lives,
Families, and Congregations*

Ripley church of Christ

Wednesday Nights • 7:00 PM • August 2026

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**Pride or Humility:
Who Sits at the Center?**

Billy Smith

AUGUST

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**Fear or Faith:
What Governs Our Decisions?**

Caleb Hammond

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**Selfishness or Service:
What Do We Owe One Another?**

Alan Judd

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**Complacency or Zeal:
Will We Drift or Devote Ourselves?**

Michael Rucker

Join us as we examine the attitudes
that shape our hearts, homes, and church.

Let's Take A Minute. . .

WE ARE CALLED TO “SERVE!”

“But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant.” (Matt. 23:11)

Jesus invested time and effort in developing a close, personal relationship with those whom He would leave behind to spread the “good news” of His kingdom. From the choosing of the twelve, to the “inner three” (Peter, James, and John), as they accompanied Jesus up to the Mount of Transfiguration (Matt. 17:1-13), and into the Garden of Gethsemane (Mk. 14:32-43), Jesus emphasized the closeness which would exist among His followers.

In John 13:34-35, Jesus issued a ‘new commandment’ to “love one another as I have loved you.” This was to be the supreme identifying trait that we are His disciples!

As a congregation of His followers, we must follow the lifestyle of Jesus and, in doing so, our lives will be given to serving others! Jesus stated His mission on earth was to “seek and to save that which was lost!” (Lk. 19:10) Paul wrote of how Jesus “being in the very nature of God, did not consider equality with God a thing to be grasped (Gk. ‘held on to’), but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of man.” (Phil. 2:6-7) Thus, our Lord came to this earth, not to be served, “. . .but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” (Matt. 20:28)

And it was to this lifestyle, He has called us – His servants! In Luke 22-27b, Jesus declared He came among us “as one who serves.” Therefore, if we are to be true disciples of Jesus, we, too, must take up the cross of serving others! When Paul, by inspiration, admonished the servants of God, “in love, serve one another,” (Gal. 5:13) he was not implying that we should limit our efforts to fellow Christians only, The Christian is, like our Lord, to be a servant to all of those with whom we come in contact! Through such a style of living, we have a greater opportunity to share the “good news” we have come to believe.

My minute's up!

James A. Horton

LET’S TAKE A MINUTE. . .

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

Worship Service August 30, 2026

Welcome.....	Tucker Shappley
Song Leader AM	Cole Chapman
Opening Prayer AM.....	David Cook
Read Scripture	Tucker Orman
Lord’s Supper AM.....	Justin Thompson
Assisting at the Lord’s Table AM	Benny Wallis, Ben Wallis, Justin Luster
	David Hudson, Scott Kuhl, Jerry Green
Closing Prayer AM	Roger McAlister
Song Leader PM.....	Young Men
Opening Prayer PM	Young Men
Lord’s Supper PM	Mike Hudson
Closing Prayer PM.....	Young Men

Remember In Your Prayers

- Nellie Wallace was evaluated for some stomach issues and they were concerned that something neurological was going on. She had a CT of her head and there is a cyst in her brain. They are currently waiting on an appointment with neurosurgery to get an MRI of her brain. Pray for Nellie, her family and her medical team.
- Palmer Jones is recovering from an automobile accident. He is improving and may be discharged from the hospital soon. Pray that his recovery is complete and speedy.
- Jonathan Stanford is recovering at home after a stay in the hospital. He is feeling better and is scheduled to follow-up soon. Pray that he continues to improve.
- Edward Willingham is recovering at home after a stay in the hospital for heart issues. Pray that he continues to improve.
- Alan Graddy of the Beech Hill congregation received a cancer diagnosis and will see doctors to determine the extent and options for treatment. Pray for Alan and his family
- Please remember Clint Odom in your prayers. He is taking cancer treatments.
- Bill Tatum, nephew of Kathy Shappley and uncle of Darrell Tatum, passed away recently. Please pray for his family at this difficult time.
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Please keep these in your thoughts and prayers:

Susan Ainsworth, Ann Akins, Ali Rae Barkley, Pattie Box, Annette Brooks, Tammy Wammack Bryars, Dianne Butler, Wade Carmichael, Daryl Carter, Cora Chills, Roger Cunningham, Paula Dowty, Alan Graddy, Chris Grisham, Harold Wayne Hankins, Ann Izard, Kenny James, James Johnston, James Allen Johnston, Palmer Jones, Johnnie Jumper, David Lipe, Billy Hugh McBryde, Eddie Meeks, Donald McTizi, Sharon Monson, Clint Odom, Steve Robinson, Jan Rooker, Brandie Rutgers, Carol Smith, Trey Smith, Lisa Stroupe, Anna Hearn Thompson, Peggy Tidwell, Nellie Wallace, Peggy Wallis, Austin Wentz, Margie Wilburn, Edward Willingham, Jimmy Willingham, Bryan Wilson

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

NEWS & NOTES

- Our Summer Series concludes this Wednesday night at 7:00. Our Family meal will be at 6:00.
- This Sunday will be 5th Sunday and we will follow the Church/Eat/Church Schedule. Morning worship will be at its normal time. A potluck meal will follow. **Group 2 will be in charge of the kitchen.** Our evening service will be at 1:00 and the Young Men will be in charge of it.
- You are invited to a baby shower honoring Anna & Bailey Reese on September 6 in the fellowship hall from 1:30-3:00. It's a Boy. They are registered at Baby List.
- Please join us in honoring Allie Wilson Been with a Bridal Gift Card Shower as she and Garrett begin married life together. Due to conflicts there will not be a shower. There will be a table set up in the foyer to shower them with gift cards.
- All showers will be in the foyer while repairs are being made in the Annex,
- We will have an area wide youth night Sunday night, November 1. Sign up sheets will be posted soon.
- There are signup sheets for Lads to Leaders in the foyer for Puppets, Keepers, and Songs of Praise.. Please add your name to the lists that you are interested in asap.
- Brittany and Emry Tatum will care for the nursery during our worship services.