

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

DEACONS

Ronald Chapman

Rob Elliott

Shane Green

David Hudson

Sonny Meeks

Brad Pounders

Nathan Robertson

Kenny Schmitz

Justin Thompson

Benny Wallis

Bruce Wallis

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PLEASE JOIN US

Ladies Bible Class

MONDAY

12

OCTOBER

SPEAKER:
Anna Palmer

STARTS AT 6:30 PM

SOUTH MAIN EVENTS

102 SOUTH MAIN STREET
RIPLEY, MS



The ladies of our congregation will be providing refreshments for this event. To volunteer there is a sign up sheet or see Regina Wallis.

Simply Divine

What is God made of? God is not composed of anything. God is spirit (Jn. 4:24, Lk. 24:39). God is experienced in different ways: wrath, justice, mercy, longsuffering, faithfulness, and power, but God isn't composed of wrath, mercy, longsuffering, faithfulness, and power. Instead, all of God is all God. There are no parts. God is one (Deut. 6:4). This lack of composition is called divine simplicity. The complexity of machines increases with the number of parts the machine has. The fewer parts a machine has the more simple we say that it is. God has no parts whatsoever, so God is rightly described as simple. If God were composed of parts, we should worship the one who composed God and value the things composed so great a being. Since God is not composed, we understand that he is the most fundamental being possible, God is not dependent upon anything or anyone else, and God alone is worthy of worship.

Divine simplicity is demonstrated in the oneness of God. The Bible repeatedly affirms the oneness of God in passages like Deuteronomy 6:4, "the Lord is one." Neither Jews nor Christians should be polytheists (1 Cor. 8:4-5). However, the one God exists as three persons and each of those persons is true God. The Holy Spirit is described as God (Acts 5:3, 4, 9; Rom. 8:9-11). Furthermore, the Son is described as God. The Son is God just like the Father (Jn. 1:1). The Son is the exact representation of the Father's nature (Heb. 1:3 NASB 2020). Even though there is one God, the Father, Son, and Spirit are true God. This is possible because the three divine persons share the same simple essence. Without the doctrine of simplicity, Christians turn into polytheists.

Divine simplicity helps us to understand God's attributes. The Bible says God is both "a consuming fire" (Deut. 4:24; Heb. 12:20) and that "God is love" (1 Jn. 1:5). How can the unchanging (Js. 1:17) God be both a consuming fire and love? God is not composed of parts or emotions, instead these experiences of God depend upon how the individual relates to God. If we relate to him as a sinner, we will find our God to be a consuming fire. If we relate to him as a Christian, we will find him to be Love itself. In God everything is one. All his attributes are identical with his essence.

God's simplicity is also important for our understanding of his omnipresence. If God was composed of parts, then we would expect to be in different parts of God as we traveled to different places like a squirrel traveling over different parts of the tree. This isn't what we find in Scripture or expect in life. Instead, wherever we go, God is fully there (Ps. 139:8).

Finally, the importance of this doctrine cannot be overstated. Divine simplicity is essential to understand a proper view of God without overemphasizing his love or wrath. The doctrine of divine simplicity is also important to help us understand God is the greatest possible friend to his creation. Since everything about God is fully infinite, God is infinite love and loves infinitely. People can only love you partially, but God is infinite love and loves you infinitely.

October 2026 Worklist

Welcome

Oct 4 Tucker Shappley

Sunday Song Leader AM PM

Cole Chapman

Caleb James

Read Scripture

Jonah James

Oct 11 David Cook

Michael Harrison

Anderson Thompson

Haydren Shappley

Oct 18 Michael Harrison

Ronald Chapman

Kallen Browsky

Anderson Thompson

Oct 25 Donnie DeBord

Tucker Shappley

Dan Shappley

Tucker Orman

Opening Prayer AM

PM

Closing Prayer AM

PM

Oct 4 Justin Thompson

Sonny Meeks

Barry Grisham

Darrell Tatum

Oct 11 Brad Pounders

Kenny Schmitz

Benny Wallis

Timmy DeBord

Oct 18 Dave Osborn

Mark Martindale

Dan Shappley

Rodney Clemmer

Oct 25 Andy Clemmer

Justin Thompson

Clay Crawford

Coley Stroupe

Lord's Table AM PM

Assisting at the Lord's Table AM

Lord's Table

Oct 4 Paul Macaluso
DeBord

David Hudson, Robert Elliott, Caleb James

Timmy

Oct 11 David Cook

Mike Hudson, Jerry Green, Justin Luster

Robert Elliott

Oct 18 Tucker Shappley

Hayden Kuhl

Oct 25 Josh James

Justin Luster

Lock Doors:

David Hudson

Remember In Your Prayers

- MRI results for Nellie didn't show anything new, but confirmed that the cyst is large and can be causing the symptoms that she has been experiencing. Thankfully it showed no fluid on the brain. She will see neurosurgeon Oct. 9, if not sooner. Continue to pray for her.
- Mary Jo and Kenneth Lence request our prayers. Mary Jo's medicine was updated and she is better. Kenneth had surgery on his hand this week. Pray that they are better soon.
- Shannon Gamblin had surgery and is recovering at home. Pray for a speedy recovery.
- We are saddened to announce that Sharon Munson, Carla Kuhl's mother passed away peacefully last week. Please keep this family in your prayers at this difficult time.

Please keep these in your thoughts and prayers:

Susan Ainsworth, Ann Akins, Ali Rae Barkley, Pattie Box, Annette Brooks, Brad 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, Caroline Jones, 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

- We are blessed to announce that we have a new sister in Christ. Let us all encourage Amber Wallace as she begins her walk with the Lord.
- We will be participating in Pine Vale Children Home's Annual Food Drive. We will be collecting assorted broths, water flavor packets, and disinfectant wipes. Please, put items in the foyer. The deadline is October 18.
- The new quarter will begin Sunday, October 4th. If you're planning on teaching, please, get in contact with Brad Pounders. Thank you to all our teachers!
- All showers will be in the foyer while repairs are being made in the Annex.
- There will be a meeting November 8th after morning worship for anyone interested in going to El Salvador on the annual trip in May.
- We will have an area wide youth night Sunday night, November 1. Sign up sheets are in the foyer..

Worship Service October 4, 2026

Welcome.....	Tucker Shappley
Song Leader AM	Cole Chapman
Opening Prayer AM.....	Justin Thompson
Read Scripture.....	Jonah James
Lord's Supper AM	Paul Macaluso
Assisting at the Lord's Table AM.....	David Hudson, Robert Elliott, Caleb James
.....	Mike Hudson, Jerry Green, Justin Luster
Closing Prayer AM	Barry Grisham
Song Leader PM.....	Caleb James
Opening Prayer PM.....	Sonny Meeks
Lord's Supper PM.....	Timmy DeBord
Closing Prayer PM.....	Darrell Tatum