

The Ripley Reminder



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LET'S TAKE A MINUTE. . .

“AIN'T IT AWFUL?”

“Let us search out and examine our ways, and turn back again to the Lord.” (Lam. 3:40)

From his street corner newspaper stand on a big city street, the owner would occasionally shout out, “Ain’t It Awful?” and those passing by would hear and stop to see, as the newspaper salesman held out the day’s copy so all could see it! The interest of those passing by his stand was peaked by his exclamations and he sold more newspapers using this technique.

Tragedy and accidents always make the front page, but to be occupied by only the bad news of the day will cause the readers to succumb to pessimism which will cloud their outlook on life itself!

The Old Testament prophet certainly had reason to feel gloomy and despondent! For 40 years, he preached against the wickedness of man! After witnessing the destruction of Jerusalem and the captivity of her inhabitants, Jeremiah wrote: “The Lord will not cast off forever. Though He causes grief, yet will He show compassion according to the multitude of His mercies. . .let us search out and examine our ways, and turn back again to the Lord.” (Lam. 3:31-32; 40)

Remember that the Lord is good to those who wait for Him.” (vs. 25) Now, that’s GOOD news!

My Minute is up!

James A. Horton

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

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Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?

“Why did my Savior come to earth?” The mystery of the incarnation leaves us with an incredible new reality that includes manifold blessings.

My Savior came to earth to reveal the Father. In John 14:9-11 Jesus said, “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?” Since Jesus is the Son of God, he was able to reveal the nature of God to humanity.

My Savior came to reveal God’s love. Through his incarnation, Jesus was able to reveal the extent of his love for those by dying to be their Savior (Rom. 5:8-9). The most popular verse in Scripture for generations has been John 3:16. Here we see just how our Triune God has sent the Son as an act of divine love: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

My Savior came to earth to fulfill the Law. In Matthew 5:17 Jesus taught that he came to “fulfill the Law.” Luke 24:44 records that Jesus had fulfilled all that was written in the Law and the Prophets. Jesus fulfilled the Law on our behalf. We are released from the requirements of the Law because Jesus has completed that “contract” on our behalf.

My Savior came to earth to endure the penalty of sin. We know that through his sacrifice of himself, the wrath of God was satisfied. Paul taught that “Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God” (Rom. 5:9).

My Savior came to earth to defeat death itself. It was impossible for death to keep my Jesus (Acts 2:24). Jesus’ defeat of death was symbolized as he held the “keys of death and of Hades” (Rev. 1:18).

My Savior came to earth to bring about justification. Romans 4:25 teaches that Jesus “was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.” His resurrection guarantees that Christians are declared righteous.

My Savior came to point us to the resurrection and Heaven. Jesus’ resurrection also points us to the reality that he will return (Acts 1:11) and bring his people home to glory (Jn. 14:1-2).

September 2026 Worklist

Welcome

Sept 6 Michael Harrison

Sunday Song Leader AM PM

Caleb James

Tucker Shappley

Read Scripture

Kallen Bryowsky

Sept 13 Donnie DeBord

Ronald Chapman

Cole Chapman

Haydren Shappley

Sept 20 David Cook

Dan Shappley

Josh James

Jackson Shappley

Sept 27 Cole Chapman

Michael Harrison

Kallen Bryowsky

Tucker Orman

Opening Prayer AM PM

Sept 6 Barry Grisham

Benny Wallis

Closing Prayer AM PM

Clay Crawford

Anderson Thompson

Sept 13 David Cook

Brent Kuhl

David Hudson

Timmy DeBord

Sept 20 Paul Macaluso

Caleb James

Robert Elliott

Darrell Tatum

Sept 27 Dave Osborn

Tucker Shappley

Ronald Chapman

Billy Morton

Lord's Table AM Assisting at the Lord's Table AM Lord's Table PM

Sept 6 Brad Pounders

Andy Clemmer, Justin Bennett, Stephen Wallace

Jerry Green

Sept 13 Kenny Schmitz

Rob Elliott, Pat Ginn, Mike Bennett

Mike Hudson

Sept 20 Sonny Meeks

Ronald Chapman

Sept 27 Justin Thompson

Roger McAlister

Lock Doors:

Shane Green

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. She is scheduled to go to Semmes Murphy on October 19th. Pray for Nellie, her family and her medical team.
- Justin Thompson was taken to the hospital last week. He is back to normal and went back to work Tuesday. Pray that he continues to do well.
- Palmer Jones is recovering at home and will begin rehab soon. Pray that his recovery is complete and speedy.
- 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.

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

- 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 are in the foyer..
- There are signup sheets for Lads to Leaders in the foyer for Puppets, Keepers, and Songs of Praise..
- RYG Girls will care for the nursery during our worship services.

Worship Service September 6, 2026

Welcome.....	Michael Harrison
Song Leader AM	Caleb James
Opening Prayer AM.....	Barry Grisham
Read Scripture.....	Kallen Bryowsky
Lord's Supper AM	Brad Pounders
Assisting at the Lord's Table AM.....	Andy Clemmer, Justin Bennett, Stephen Wallace
.....	Rob Elliott, Pat Ginn, Mike Bennett
Closing Prayer AM	Clay Crawford
Song Leader PM.....	Tucker Shappley
Opening Prayer PM.....	Benny Wallis
Lord's Supper PM	Jerry Green
Closing Prayer PM.....	Anderson Thompson