

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
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David Cook
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Ronald Chapman
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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.

Great Expectations

What are your expectations for the Christian life? Titus 2:13 says we are “waiting for our blessed hope,” but what does that mean for us?

As we begin to examine the blessed hope for which we wait, we need to begin with what it means to wait. To wait here means “to look forward to.” This is an exciting waiting. In fact, the Latin translation of the Greek word here is “expectantes” from which you can see the English word “expect.” We are waiting with expectation for God’s blessings. So, the results of the Christian life are exciting. They are blessings worth waiting for. We wait with eager joy for what will be revealed to us.

God described this hope as “blessed.” “Blessed” is from the Greek word *makarias* that has to do with “being fortunate or happy because of circumstances.” *The hope which Christians have for the life we enjoy now and the life to come make us to always be in fortunate circumstances. We would do well to remember our fortunate spiritual circumstances when we find ourselves in unfortunate physical circumstances.*

Finally, we see that we are waiting for hope. This is not just wishful thinking. This hope is a conviction that God will fulfill his promises. Paul wants us to see that this hope or expectation is “the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13). This conviction is seen in Titus 1:13 when Paul wrote, “in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began.” Our “hope” is rightly seen as a certain expectation because we “hope” for things promised by God who never lies. These promises are eternal for they were given “before the ages began.” When time has run its course, God’s promises will remain in perfect realization.

We wait. Doubt, seemingly endless ages, trials of all kinds, and temporary pleasure will not move us away from God’s promises. Whatever may come, we wait. “Even so, Come, Lord Jesus.”

Donnie DeBord

LET'S TAKE A MINUTE. . .

THE 'STILL SMALL VOICE' OF GOD

“Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” (Psalm 46:10)

I Kings 19:11-18, records God speaking to Elijah on Mt. Horeb. Elijah, alone, had been very zealous for God in the midst of gross idolatry (Ref. 25:7-13). In fact, he was somewhat bitter in having served God faithfully and yet having experienced rejection and exile.

God instructed Elijah to come out from the cave where he was and stand before Him, and He would soon pass by. Suddenly, a rock-shattering tempest smote the mountain around Elijah! Surely, this would announce the presence of God. But the LORD was not in the wind. An earthquake followed, but still God was not there. A sudden fire followed, yet God had not appeared. All of these phenomena were known to be frequent methods of God appearing.

Then there could be heard a faint whisper; a voice quiet, hushed, and soft. Elijah knew it rightaway – it was evidence of the presence of God! Elijah learned that God did not always operate in the realm of the spectacular!

God asked, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” It was then that the prophet explained that he had been faithful to God’s call and that, although he had failed in changing the hearts of people, at least he had been faithful in his mission of sharing God’s warnings against evil. One could understand why Elijah felt that he was alone.

We may sometimes feel that others are not as dedicated to God as they ought to be, and that we, alone, are left working to be accepted of God. Ps. 46:10 reminds us to “be still and know” that He is God! The sooner we focus on Him and His power, the sooner we will be bolstered in our determination to carry on with His work of influencing others for Christ!

My minute’s up!

James A. Horton

Remember In Your Prayers

- Nellie Wallace will see a neurosurgeon Oct. 9. Continue to pray for her and her family.
- Mary Jo and Kenneth Lence request our prayers. Mary Jo's medicine was updated and she is better. Kenneth had surgery on his hand. Pray that they are better soon.

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, Mary Jo Lence, Kenneth Lence, Kenny James, James Johnston, James Allen Johnston, Caroline Jones, Palmer Jones, Johnnie Jumper, David Lipe, Billy Hugh McBryde, Eddie Meeks, Donald McTizi, 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.
- 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.
- Lads to Leaders Keepers will begin October 17th. Details are posted on the Youth Table.
- We will have an area wide youth night Sunday night, November 1. Sign up sheets to help with food are in the foyer.
- There are sign up sheets for Lads to Leaders in the foyer for Puppets and Songs of Praise..
- Heather and Isla Shappley will be in charge of keeping the nursery.

Worship Service October 11, 2026

Welcome.....	David Cook
Song Leader AM	Michael Harrison
Opening Prayer AM.....	Brad Pounders
Read Scripture.....	Haydren Shappley
Lord's Supper AM	David Cook
Assisting at the Lord's Table AM.....	David Hudson, Robert Elliott, Caleb James
.....	Mike Hudson, Jerry Green, Justin Luster
Closing Prayer AM	Benny Wallis
Song Leader PM.....	Anderson Thompson
Opening Prayer PM.....	Kenny Schmitz
Lord's Supper PM	Robert Elliott
Closing Prayer PM	Timy DeBord