

## PRAYER LIST

Ginny Johnson: heart surgery 1/21

Betty Beaver: Hospice care

Kevin Higgins family: passing of Kevin's mother, Jean Higgins

Wayne Barnes: Avenue at Wooster, room 114

*\*Please remember Ripley's people who are confined to extended care facilities or home bound. A list of addresses can be found at the Registration Station counter.*

Congratulations to Drew & Tina Smith on the birth of Jonah Jing Smith, January 13

### **CANCER**

Marilyn Daugherty

Cindy Lewis

Doris Styer

Cindy Grosjean

Denise Miller

Hazel Taft

Don Kiester

Norma Buegel

Kim Hershberger

Clayton Brantley

June Jacob

Jenny Carr

Jim Nicholson

Kim Lassiter

Tom Ewing

Dan Burgett

Lynn Everhart

Heather Reutter

Bill McKee

David Whitman

Randy Wilson

Diane Murray

Billy Baker

Larry Lozier

Laurie Ramsier

Linda Begley

Tracy Wells

Luke Reynolds

Laura Stankiewicz

Susan Hartline

Terri (NLN)

Teresa Rumelle

Carolyn Curtis

Jean Vontorcik

Holly (NLN)

Alice Geib

Chris McFarlane

Jack Butler

Jim Wilson

Wayne Barnes

### **MILITARY**

Seth Hershberger, Christopher Frost, Parker Herman, Rodney Franks, Floyd Franks, Alex Evans, Brett McClain, Sevan Ozcan, Aaron Rickels

## Upcoming Events

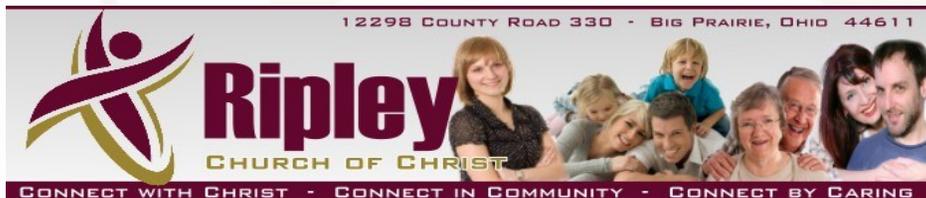
**Christmas Play Presentation**—January 24, 9:00am service

**Baby Recognition / Parent Dedication**—January 31

If parents with a baby born in 2020, would like to participate in the Parent Dedication / Baby Recognition service on January 31, please contact the office at 330.567.2320 or see Janelle ASAP.

**Giving Envelopes** available across from the secretary's office.

For more detailed information about our church, service opportunities or ministries, stop by our welcome center or visit us on the web. You'll find access to sermons, resources, calendar, and more.



January 10

Giving \$9,177.00

Budget...\$7,692.31

**Mask Mandated**  
**Please practice safe**  
**social distancing procedures.**

**Let's Share**  
**GRACE + SPACE**

**January 17, 2021**

**Ripley Church of Christ**

9:00a

Ph. 330-567-2320

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### **STAFF**

Tom Benter  
Senior Minister

Jeremiah Stivers  
Associate Minister

Ariel Stivers  
Children's Director

Janelle Marcum  
Office Manager

## Message Notes

### Finding Hope In a Troubled World

*Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.—John 14:1-7 (NLT)*

It's easy to be discouraged, worried, frustrated, and angry. How are you doing with that? I have to admit, I don't think I'm doing very well.

Listen to the words of our leader Jesus: *Don't let your hearts be troubled.* Really?

Is Jesus teaching us that Christianity is supposed to be some pollyanna religion where we paste on plastic smiles and act like everything is beautiful; a religion and a world where there are no concerns and no pain? In life there are troubles and there are pains. Pretending they don't exist or that they don't hurt won't make them go away.

In spite of the things going on in this life we have more cause not to be troubled than we have to be troubled.

#### I. WE B\_\_\_\_\_ IN G\_\_\_\_\_

*And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope. - 1 Thessalonians 4:13*

We're not like unbelievers who have no h\_\_\_\_\_.

*If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this? - Esther 4:14 (NLT)*

What was true of Esther, is also true of \_\_\_\_\_.

#### II. WE T\_\_\_\_\_ IN J\_\_\_\_\_ - John 14:1 (NLT)

But through it all, one thing remains true: \_\_\_\_\_

Christians are r\_\_\_\_\_.

#### III. THERE IS M\_\_\_\_\_ TO LIFE THAN T\_\_\_\_\_ - John 14:1-2

He's preparing each of those places for you i\_\_\_\_\_.

*I don't know everything that's in that place, and I don't know everything we'll do there, but I do know a lot of things that won't be there.*

#### IV. WE DON'T HAVE T\_\_\_\_\_ - John 14:3 (NLT)

*"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. - John 14:6 (NLT)*

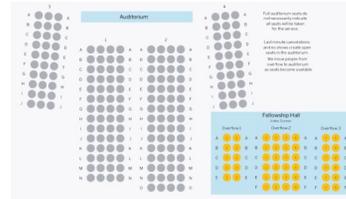
2 Destinations: H\_\_\_\_\_ or H\_\_\_\_\_

*Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. - Matthew 25:41*

We're not descended from f\_\_\_\_\_ men.

### CONCLUSION

**ILL:** *Two died, and because these two young infantrymen didn't have it in their DNA to run from danger... they never stepped back. They never even started to step aside. They never even shifted their weight. With their feet spread shoulder width apart, they leaned into the danger... - Marine Lt. General John Kelly*



### Worship Reservations:

When making online seating reservations, full auditorium seats do not necessarily indicate all seats will be taken for the service. Last minute cancellations and no shows open seats in the auditorium. We move people from overflow to the auditorium as seats become available.

### Worship Reminders:

1. Wait in your vehicle till 15 minutes prior to the beginning of the service.
2. Enter the facility through the foyer entrance (not using code-locked entrances)
3. Please do not linger in the foyer before or after the service. The sanitation team needs to access areas (including foyer) for cleaning.
4. Be mindful of conversation levels in the foyer during the service. Because doors need to remain open, noise / loud conversations in the foyer during services are distracting to those in the service.
5. Access the areas only necessary for worship.
6. All events using the facilities are expected to abide by our COVID guidelines .

**Communion** - We choose to offer the Lords' Supper each Sunday for all Christians to share. Emblems can be picked up at the reservation tables in the foyer.

**Offering** - It is a privilege to give back to God a portion of the material blessings He has given us. Offering boxes are located on the walls at the back of the auditorium or you can give online @ ripleycoc.com.