

FOR OUR GUESTS

We are glad you chose to worship with us today! We want to make your experience with us as easy and enjoyable as possible. The following information will help you to know what to expect today.

Please take advantage of our children's programs:

Nursery (ages 0 through 2 yrs.)

A staffed, teaching nursery is located out the auditorium doors to the right.

Jesus' Farm (Ages 3 yrs. - K)

Jesus Farm is our pre-school program, offered during both hours, to help children know that God loves & cares for us. Every activity is geared to the child's learning level. It is located out the auditorium doors to the left. Your child may be checked in at the wagon.

rEVOLVe (Grades 1 - 5)

rEVOLVe is our elementary age program located in the lower level of the fellowship hall. Bring your child down at 9:00 for Sunday School. Then, following congregational singing/worship songs, children will head to the lower level and enter a time of worship & an environment to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ through different activities.

The 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.

Communion - We choose to offer the Lords' Supper each Sunday for all Christians to share. This is done to provide an opportunity to obey Christ to commune "in remembrance" of His death on the cross. Use this quiet time to draw close to the sacrificial Savior. Emblems can be picked up at the table in the foyer.

Decision and Dedication - Times for public responses to God are included in our worship. If you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, has the power to be your Savior, and has the right to be your Lord, this is an invitation for you to come to the front at the invitation song to announce your belief publicly and to

accept Christ by immersion in water (baptism). If you are an immersed believer in Jesus, and desire to be an active member of this body of believers, then come to affirm your faith publicly and express that desire. Responses for rededication and prayer are also encouraged by coming to the front at the invitation song.

If you would like further information about either of these decisions, feel free to schedule an appointment with one of our staff members. Individuals may make these decisions throughout the week and need not take place in the worship service.

If you need additional information or assistance, please ask an usher or greeter. They are here to assist you.

CHURCH
You've Always Longed For

Ripley Church of Christ

9:00 am Worship & Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Ph. 330-567-2320

www.ripleycoc.com

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.



November 21, 2021

Tom Benter
Senior Minister

Ariel Stivers
Children's Ministry Coordinator

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Associate Minister

Sermon Notes

STRETCHING OUR COMFORT ZONES

Acts 10:1-35

Most people don't like change in their lives. Churches are notorious for that kind of attitude as well. Everyone has either has experienced, is experiencing, or will experience change.

I. RESISTANCE TO CHANGE

The world is looking for _____

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. - Hebrews 13:8 (NLT)



II. A BIBLICAL MODEL

The m_____ vs 1-8; 24-25

The church age was beginning.

If we're not careful, all of us can have a little bit of the Peter-syndrome in our system.

The m_____ vs. 23-24

Both groups were being s_____ to their limits.

"_____ " is the question this generation is asking us inside the church.

I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right.—vs. 34-35

III. PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

- Open your eyes to potential areas of b_____ p_____
- S_____ those who c_____
- Practice h_____
- Don't f_____ the f_____

CONCLUSION:

Whose side are you on?



December 19, 2021

How it Works:

1. Keep track of all the Christmas expenses you encounter this Christmas season.
2. Give an extra gift this Christmas season that is greater than the average amount you spend on people this year. **Simple!**

Tonight: Ripley Night of Worship
My Reason to Praise 6p



This Week

Today:	10:30 a	Worship
	11:30 a	Congregational Meeting Annual Ripley Thanksgiving Meal
Tue:	6:30 p	American Heritage Girls
Wed:	6:30 p	Play Practice in Auditorium
	7:00 p	Men's Bible Study
Thu.		Thanksgiving

ABF Classes / Locations

9:00a

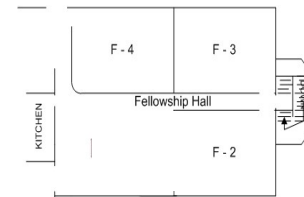
Adult Study, Luke F3

Women's Class: The Power of a Praying Woman by Stormie Omartian Conference Room

10:30a

College / Young Adults F-3

Young Woman's Bible Study, Conf. Room



Nov. 14 Giving \$5,645.21 Budget \$7,692.31

Auditorium Doors - When entering or exiting the auditorium, please do not allow the door to swing freely; slow the door behind you. This will eliminate noise and the potential to hit someone in the hallway.

Upcoming Events



Annual Congregational Meeting / Thanksgiving Meal

Today (1 service @ 10:30a, no ABS). You have opportunity to approve the Elder's selection of the following men / positions: Steve Adams (Deacon) Matt Muzic (Deacon)

The Elders have reappointed Kevin Higgins & Gary Cline (Elders) Jarrod Snell, Harold Firebaugh & Keith Marcum (Deacons) to another term.

Thanksgiving Meal immediately following the Congregational Meeting today. Meal provided by the Fellowship Ministry. *Please stay for the meal, even if you had not planned on it.*

Ripley is collecting Ramen Noodles for Holmes County Share-a-Christmas. Leave in office hallway *before* November 28.



Ladies: Do you long for intimacy with God? Do you desire to feel His presence, to hear His voice, to sense His pleasure? If drawing near to God is the desire of your heart, then we invite you to join us in an invigorating study of the discipline of fasting. Organizational meeting: 12/1/2021 @ 7 pm in the Ripley conference room. Actual Bible Study will not start until after Christmas. If you have any questions please contact Marla Tipton (330)347-1025

Benevolence Ministry— Thank you to everyone for their generous donations of food over the years. We have decided to discontinue the pantry due to a lack of requests and are coordinating with Sweethaven for immediate food needs. We will be collecting items for the Baskets of Blessing instead. Items needed are tissues, napkins and paper plates. See Lori Armstrong if you have any questions.



***NOTE: Masks and communion supplies are available in the foyer as you enter.**