

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.

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.



September 26, 2021

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Sermon Notes

Campfire Stories

Week 1: Parable of the Sower and the Weeds



Parable means _____.

The _____ Parables

3 Stages

1. _____ of the Kingdom
 2. _____ to the Kingdom
 3. _____ of the Kingdom.
- Matthew 13:1-9

I. The Beginning of the Kingdom

- The farmer is _____. The seeds are the _____.
-Hebrews 4:12

- Four types of soil

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

-Matthew 13:18-23

Which soil are you?

How do you know which soil you are? Are you _____ fruit?
-Galatians 5:22-25

Fruit of the Spirit Checklist:

Love____ Patience____ Faithfulness____
 Joy____ Kindness____ Gentleness____
 Peace____ Goodness____ Self control____

II. Opposition to the Kingdom

- Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

-Need to do some _____ in your life.

- _____ in Him.

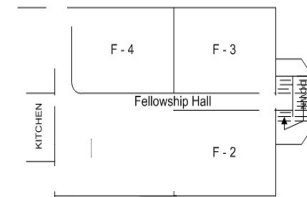
-1 John 2:24-25

This Week

Today: 9:00 a Worship & Sunday School
 10:30 a Worship & Sunday School
 6:00 p Youth Launch
 Tue: 6:30 p American Heritage Girls
 Wed: 7:00 p Men's Bible Study
 Thurs: 1:00 p Visitation Team Conference Call
 6:30 p Worship Practice

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



Sept 19 Giving \$6,501.32 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

Young Woman's Bible Study starting 10/3/2021 during 2nd worship service (10:30) in Conference Room. *Stop Being a _____ Wife: 40 Challenges to Unveil the Wife You Were Created to Be*, by Ashley Ashcraft. Contact Keri Tipton@330.347.8695 with questions.

Flourish Women's Group Starting October 31, 6-8:00 p
 Come join us as we connect with women in our community to discover our true potential, share our stories and encourage one another to be the best version of ourselves.
 Find out more at 330.600.2387 or sign up at the Workroom!

Ladies' Fellowship is, again, collecting gift cards for our college students. Gift cards can be given to any Ladies' Fellowship member or in the secretary's mailbox. **(Addresses by Oct. 31)**

Military Boxes We are partnering again with the Shreve American Legion for military boxes and to help the homeless in Wooster. We are in need of small personal hygiene items (shampoo, bars of soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes, combs and hair brushes, deodorant, etc.). Gloves, ski caps, and socks are also welcomed. **Need addresses by October 31.**

Ripley is now collecting 600 pkgs Ramen Noodles for Holmes Co. Share-a-Christmas. Leave in the office hallway.

***NOTE: For those who would like a mask, they are available in the foyer. Social Distancing seating is available on the left wing. Communion supplies need to be picked up in the foyer as you enter.**



Feeling Sick?

Stay home when you are ill!

If you feel unwell or have the following symptoms
DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING

FEVER

COUGH

SHORTNESS OF BREATH

Join us online at 9:00a Youtube / FaceBook