

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. (*potty trained)

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. Children experience 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, you can give online @ ripleycoc.com, or when the plates are passed.

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 will be passed during the service or prepackaged units 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 Sunday School

10:15 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.



March 9, 2025

Tom Benter
Senior Minister
Mike South
Student Minister
Keri Tipton
Office Manager

Jeremiah Stivers
Associate Minister
Ariel Stivers
Children's Ministry Coordinator
Tracy Deeken
Custodian

Message Notes

Thirst

Psalm 42

Are you tired? Frustrated? Discouraged? Stressed and/or anxious? Burned out on religion? Matthew 11:28 (MSG)

I. What type of _____ are you drinking?

Psalm 42: 1-3

- _____:
John 4: 10; 13-14
- _____:

II. Coming to church is sitting down to a really _____.

Psalm 42:4

- You _____ of it what you _____ it. Psalm 34: 8

III. _____ in God! Psalm 42:5-11

- God is still on the _____.

Matthew 11:28-30 (MSG)

1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)

"When I understand that everything happening to me is to make me more Christlike, it resolves a great deal of anxiety." A. W. Tozer



Youth Talent Show/Spaghetti Dinner & AICM Beef Fundraiser- March 22

Dinner 5p, show 6p. Make dinner reservations by signing up at the connection center or by calling the Office (330-567-2320). Beef will be \$6 per 1lb and can be pre-ordered Saturday night (3/22) & Sunday morning (3/23) for pick up after service on Sunday (3/23). Total of 373 pounds of ground beef. First come, first serve.



Round Lake Summer Camp 2025—Registration is OPEN

RCC contributes a 50% scholarship for students going to Summer Camp. Scholarship

codes are available. To obtain a scholarship code, contact Keri Tipton through the church office 330-567-2320 or email secretary@ripleycoc.com. Please visit roundlake.org to find the Summer Camp schedule.

This Week

Today: 9:00a Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship
10:15a Worship
Jesus' Farm & rEVOLve Children's Program
6:00p Launch Youth Group
Ladies' Bible Study
Tues: 9:00a Ladies' Bible Study with Sandy Smith
6:00p American Heritage Girls Meeting
Wed: 7:00p Men's Bible Study
7:00p Faithful Fasting Friends
Thurs: 6:30p Mixed Small Group Adult Bible Study

ABF Classes / Locations

9:00a

Adult Study: 1&2 Peter F3

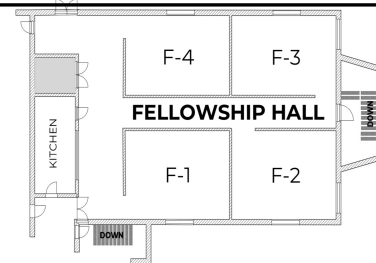
Youth Sunday School: Basement

Women's Class, Conf. Room

College / Young Adults: Choir Room

6:00 p

Ladies' Bible Study: Conf Rm



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| February 23 | Giving \$7,552.40 | Budget \$8,563.00 |
| March 2 | Giving \$ | Budget \$8,563.00 |

Events / Misc

Re/new in the Smokies—May 25-30, 2025



Every spring over 500

Christian adults age

50+ come to the

Smoky Mountains and Johnson

University's beautiful campus to experi-

ence a week of fun, fellowship, inspiration, and southern hospi-

tility. Tom is taking a group and the church van. We will de-

part on June 1 at 2:00 pm. Registration / information bro-

chures are be available at the Connection Center. Registra-

tions postmarked prior to March 15 receive a \$25 discount.

Balance due May 10. *Scholarships are available.* See Tom for

information.



Middle and High School Spring Retreat—April 4-6

Pilgrim Hills

Mentoring Camp in

Brinkhaven, OH. Cost

is \$50 per student.

Scan QR code to register by March 23rd or see

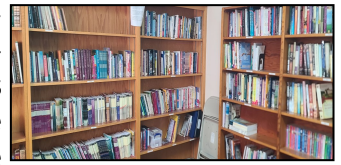
Mike South for registration link.



RCC Lending Library—

Located in the Conference Room. The bookshelves are labeled by category for your convenience. Find something new to read or donate books you are no longer using. There are baskets located in the Conference

Room for donations and book returns.



Family Resources—

Stop by the bookshelf across from Jesus Farm to check out books and other resources. These are available to borrow or purchase. If you'd like to purchase a book, contact the Church Office 330-567-2320.

Members—Regular Attenders—Guests:

Please complete a **Connect Card**, located on the back of the pews, and deposit in the offering plates each Sunday.