

## 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. 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](http://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 Sunday School

10:15 am Worship

Ph. 330-567-2320

[www.ripleycoc.com](http://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.



Parenting can be one of the most rewarding, fulfilling, joy filled experiences in all of life. But at the same time it can be one of the most irritating, exhausting, frustrating, and challenging adventures that you will ever encounter.

It doesn't matter if you are with diapers or grade school kids, whether you are trying to get them through the teenage years, every parent faces the same challenge: How do we, as imperfect parents, provide the framework, limits, discipline, and the loving environment for our kids to grow up and be happy, healthy, and productive adults?

November 19, 2023

**Tom Benter**  
Senior Minister  
**Mike South**  
Youth Minister

**Jeremiah Stivers**  
Associate Minister  
**Ariel Stivers**  
Children's Ministry Coordinator

## Message Notes

### PG - Parental Guidance

What kids want to tell their parents about parenting

#### We Need Roots

Our job as parents is to plant them deep so their roots will grow down to God and He'll hold them strong and cause them to grow and flourish.

*Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.*

—Psalm 1:1-3 (NLT)

It's time we c\_\_\_\_\_ the z\_\_\_\_\_!

*As a man thinks in his heart, so he is.*—Proverbs 23:7 (KJV)

*Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for "bad company corrupts good character."* —1 Cor 15:33

*... Don't become so well adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God.*

*You'll be changed from the inside out.* —Romans 12:1-2 (TM)

### Love T\_\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_

*I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.*—Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV)

Every kid needs to hear from the lips of God about them: \_\_\_\_\_! Signed God

A person b\_\_\_\_\_ what he / she thinks the i\_\_\_\_\_ people in their life t\_\_\_\_\_ about them.

### Love O\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_

*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'* —Matt 22:37-39

My job as a parent to get c\_\_\_\_\_ to my kids and m\_\_\_\_\_ loving other people.

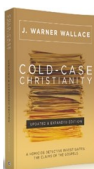
*Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love.... Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.* —1 John 4:7-11

### Love the L\_\_\_\_\_ C\_\_\_\_\_

There's nothing more important you could do for your kids than \_\_\_\_\_.

*... 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment.* —Matthew 22:37-38

We ought to knock ourselves out day and night to tell our kids that the most important thing in life is to \_\_\_\_\_!



### Elective Sunday School Class: Cold Case Christianity

by J. Warner Wallace. Available through 11/26. This is a GREAT opportunity for families to learn similar concepts on how to defend your faith. Adults: Matt Muzic, Fellowship

Hall, High School: Youth Sunday School Room, 4-8<sup>TH</sup> Grade, Ariel Stivers, 1-3rd Grade Melissa Daugherty.

## This Week

Today:	9:00a	Sunday School
	10:15a	Worship
	11:30a	Congregational meeting and Ripley Thanksgiving Meal
	6-8:00p	Ladies' Bible Study
	6-8:00p	Launch Youth Group
Wed:	7:00p	Men's Bible Study, Fellowship Hall

### ABF Classes / Locations

#### 9:00a

Adult Study: *Cold Case Christianity* F3

Youth Sunday School: Basement

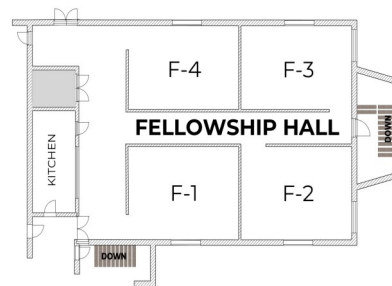
Women's Class: *In the Eye of the Storm*, Conf. Room

College / Young Adults: Choir Room

#### 6:00 p

Ladies' Bible Study: Conf Rm,

*Ruthless Elimination of Hurry*



**Members—Regular Attenders—Guests:** Please complete a **Connect Card**, located on the back of the pews, and deposit in the offering plates each Sunday.

Nov. 12, 2023 Giving \$6,041.16 Budget \$7,692.31

## Events / Misc Information



High School students (and anyone else) are invited to join us under the lights at West Holmes Soccer Field, Wednesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 6-8pm for some football. Invite your friends and simply show up.

### Monday, November 27, 9a-3p Ripley Ringing the Salvation Army Bell

at Rodhe's IGA in Millersburg. Ripley needs help with this. Please sign up at the Connection Center.

### RCC Annual Meeting / Thanksgiving Dinner, November 19 following am worship.

Members have opportunity to approve the Elders section of the following individuals to assume a position as an Elder or Deacon at RCC. If you have a concern with any individual, please contact one of our present Elders in private prior to November 18.

#### Deacon

Bryan Lydic

Kyle McCartney

Luke Reynolds

Seth Scrimo

\*Terry Prost

#### Elder

\*Chris Cagle

*\*Previously served in the same position and reappointed by the Elders.*

### Nursery is in need of Cheerios, Goldfish and Animal Crackers.

Please leave on the nursery counter.



The Church Office will be closed on Thursday & Friday this week as our Staff families celebrate Thanksgiving.