

GREETING THE GATHERED:   The Love of Jesus Christ be with you!  
**ALL: And also with you!**

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE   *The Prelude marks the beginning of worship.  
Please observe silence as the Prelude begins.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP  
When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him,  
“I am God Almighty, walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant  
between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.” --Genesis 17: 1-2

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION:  
**Dear Heavenly Father, we lower our heads before You  
and we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are Yours.  
Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there was no God, and we fall short of being a credible  
witness to You. For these things we ask Your forgiveness and we also ask for Your strength.  
Give us clear minds and open hearts so we may witness to You in our world.  
Remind us to be who You would have us to be, regardless of what we are doing  
or who we are with. Hold us to You and build our relationship with You  
and with those You have given us on earth. Amen.**

THE SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION FOR OUR INDIVIDUAL SIN

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS  
Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access  
to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.  
---Romans 5: 1 -2  
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

THE FIRST READING: Romans 4: 13-25

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE LESSON: Mark 8: 31-38  
  
THE SERMON: “Take Up Your Cross and Follow”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: **THE APOSTLES’ CREED**  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the  
Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into  
hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right  
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness  
of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*THE POSTLUDE

PRAYER LIST FOR IMMEDIATE NEEDS  
Joann Garner (Shirley McClain’s sister), Ronnie Stewart, Helen Clark, Benny Harrell, Judy Hines  
Hopper, Prue Bailey, Jack Steirt (Lauren Gay’s son), Charlie Britt, Lynn Daniel Mynatt, Tate Daniel,  
(Shirley McClain’s brother), Leon Bailey, Sherry Farrell, Gail Allensworth, Pat Morris (friend of  
Judy Austin), Larry Wilbanks, Maxine Tomlinson, Elliott Bailey, Danny Wilbanks, Calvin Austin,  
Ticer Brown, Bradley Childs, Cheryl Willis, Anne Elliott, Leah & Miles Harrell.

Our Homebound, Assisted Living & Nursing Home Residents  
Jean Ketchum, Carolyn Caviness, George McWilliams, Johnny Cappleman,  
Billie Pickens, Dennis Buss.

RPC Weekly Financial Update  
RPC Weekly 2021 Budget: \$2,710.97   Offering Received 2/21/21: \$1,890.00.

FEBRUARY Mission Focus | Tippah County Good Samaritan Center | Goal \$500  
Total Collected as of 2/21/21: \$660.00



MARCH Mission Focus | Ripley Boys & Girls Club | Goal \$500

## WELCOME & INVITATION

This church welcomes you, no matter who you are,  
where you come from, or why you are here.

We are Christ's people,  
and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide.

If you are passing through, Godspeed;  
if you are looking for a home, stay here;  
if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you.  
We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

We are so glad you are here.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:** The RPC Office is open Monday through Wednesday, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM, & Thursday, 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon. If there is an emergency outside of normal office hours, please contact Pastor Jody at 662.512.8226, [jody.hill34@gmail.com](mailto:jody.hill34@gmail.com) or Lynn Hill at 662.837.6678, [lynnrpc@ripleycable.net](mailto:lynnrpc@ripleycable.net), or any of your RPC Elders.

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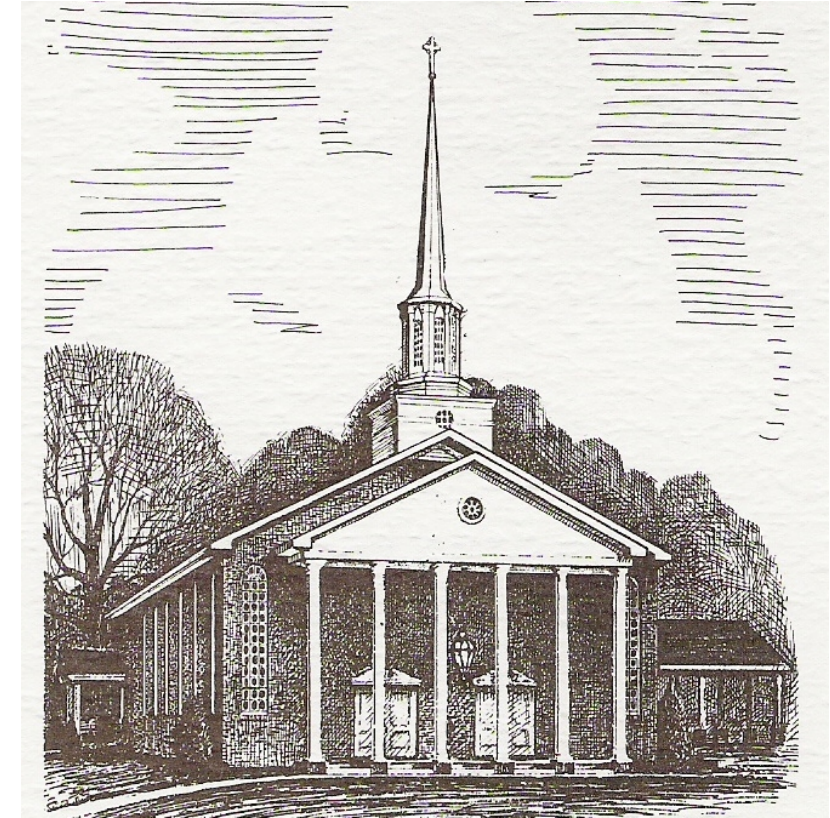
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