

Covington Family

News

January 26, 2020



Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God

Please and Thank You

Are basic manners (such as saying, "Please and "Thank you") old-fashioned and a thing of the past? Why is it that adults have a hard time expressing appreciation for things they have been given?

Zig Ziglar (known as "America's Motivator") has some interesting thoughts:

"Of all the things a parent can teach a child, manners rates very close to the top of the "must teach" list. Number one, when a child is taught, from the time he or she can talk to say "thank you" you are teaching that child thankfulness. Number two, the insertion of the word "please" in a request changes the child from a demanding person to one who accepts the fact that when they ask a favor or make a request, the parent has no automatic obligation to respond favorably to that request. Response to "please" is much better than the "get this for me" demand type of approach. The child must be taught the idea that they must first serve before they can earn the right to command."

Being kind, courteous, and grateful will never go out of style or become old-fashioned.

Let us strive to be gracious, respectful, and considerate of all with whom we come in contact. And may we always count our blessings-being grateful to our heavenly Father for His love and mercy.

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:32).

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thess. 5:18).

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Bart Warren Glasgow, KY

SERVING THIS WEEK 1/26/20 AM Worship Service

Announcements: Brandon Matlock
Song Leader: Jimmy McMahan
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Robert Trimm

Clint Stacks, Brandon Stacks, Barney Locke, Beau Phillips, Michael Plemmons, Rick Moore, Chris Huggins, Gary Anderson

Opening Prayer: Shawn Anderson
Closing Prayer: David Garner

January Food Committee Leader: Debbie Otts

Nursery Worker: Christie Coughlan

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: Jimmy McMahan
Opening Prayer: David Keith
Closing Prayer: Nick Maness
Sermon: Jeff Phillips

Mid-Week Bible Study January 29

Song Leader: Zach Kidd
Opening Prayer: Jimmy McMahan
Closing Prayer: Ian Keith
Speaker: Jeff Phillips

PROOF OF OUR LOVE

Sunday Bible Classes	188
Worship AM	256 +12 at EU
PM	176
Wednesday Bible Study	195

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Greg Benjamin family	Brighton, TN
Rickey Ballard	Burlison, TN
Marilyn Blevins	Union City, TN
Amanda Mitchell & David	Munford, TN
John, Krista, Stormy, & Maximus Broughton	Munford, TN
Fowler family	Decatur, TN
Coby Somerville	
Marcus Hayes	
Corey & Jessie Cartwright	
Emory & Diana Jones	
Jeanne Slone	

SHEPHERDS

Wayne Dalrymple- 901-573-3908
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Bill Murray 901- 476-8587
Andy Whaley 901- 626-2911

DEACONS

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Ken Bringle Jr.
J.J. Brown
Rusty Cartwright
Benny Collins
John Combs
Grant Edmonds
David Keith
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Jimmy McMahan
Alan Otts
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Clint Smith
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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

Bible Classes 9:00AM
Worship, 10:00AM
& 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Mike's Message

The Unknown God (Acts 17:22-34)

Although no longer a strong military port as it had been some years earlier, Athens was still a cultural hotspot for philosophy, poetry, education, and religion. As Paul was waiting for Timothy and Silas, he observed the many idols in the city and was heart-broken and angered at the same time. So, as was his custom, he went first into the synagogue and began “reasoning” “with the Jews and God-fearing Gentiles” (cf. 17:2). He also went into the “market place every day” “reasoning” with every one present (17:17). It was here that Paul engaged in conversation with the “Epicurean and Stoic philosophers” and others (17:18).

Some of the people were amazed at his teaching about the resurrection of Jesus, and brought him to the Areopagus where he addressed the leading men of Athens saying, “Men of Athens, I observe that you are very religious in all respects. For while I was passing through and examining the objects of your worship, I also found an altar with this inscription, 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' What therefore you worship in ignorance, this I proclaim to you” (Acts 17:22-23).

Paul's sermon provided two simple points about the “Unknown God”:

First, as Paul looked around the city, he saw a multiplicity of temples covered in gold, silver, and precious stones to honor pagan gods. He explains that his God is the Creator of everything, including the material used in making their idols. He is also the sustainer of all life. Paul asserts that God is so great that He cannot be contained in a temple made by common people (vv. 24-29).

Further, Paul explains that the God he serves is in Control of judgment (vv. 30-31). Paul explains that a day of judgement is coming when the world will be raised and judged through the resurrected Christ. Therefore, if they want a favorable judgement, they “should repent.” The implication is that they would have to stop worshipping false gods and start worshipping and serving the one true God.

Their response was much the same as today (vv.32-34). Some rejected the news of the resurrection completely mocking and sneering; some said they would hear about this later; “but some joined him and believed” (v. 34).

—Mike Rogers

Family News



- Shirley Laxton—Health problems
- Roberta O'Brien—Health South
- Bonnie Glass—Covington Care
- Ashley Whaley
- James (Buddy) Coats—Dad of Jimmy Coats, Baptist East, recovering from surgery
- Josephine Draine—Broken foot
- Massie Koury—Sister of Shawn Anderson
- Liz Huffman—Grandaughter of Alan & Debbie Otts, home, recovering from a car accident
- Dara Keeton
- Rodger Beasley
- Maddie Taylor
- Mike Reynolds
- Sharon Beaird—Cousin of Shirley Weir
- Bernis Bolding—Dad of Barry Bolding
- Leonard Biggs—Home, recovering from surgery
- Jackson Huey
- Brooke Mathis & newborn baby
- Keith Ryder

David Nance on Mission Trip to India. Fire Victims in Australia, Earthquake victims in Puerto Rico. Also remember Pat Armstrong, Reba Arwood, Sonny Arwood, Corey Bates, LaVerne Baxter, Linda Beard, Don Blackwell, Albert Boling, Gary Bowie, Cleo Burch, Cindy Clark, Kenneth Coulston, Joy Cranford, Bobbie Deen, Shelley Dickey, Jane Dowell, Elise Mathis Eads, Joan Erwin, Robert Evans, Wesley Fowler, Jason Elliott, Houston Hall, Elizabeth Jackson, April Jones, Nellene Kidd, Lucy Krull, Charlotte Loyd, Vicky Mayfield, Sammy McDivitt, Jean McIntyre, Valerie Price, John Richardson, Beverly Russell, Lisa Rye, Brandon Scott, Sherry Scott, Albert Scrip, Marilyn Sellars, Donna Sonwineski, Sondra South, Tonya Stanley, Julia Strange, Drew Tankersley, Brad Warmath, Paige Warmath, Shirley Weir, Larry Whaley Sr. & Jr., Otis & Peggy White, Kelly Whitehead, Carla Whitis, Kevin Young, Nedra Young

NURSING HOME

Covington Care: Otis Poole

MILITARY

Logan Bridgeman, Bradley Evins, Major Creel, Steven Creel, Alex Fendley, Nic Hunter, Dayana Leon, Tanner Mason, Scott E. Moore, Will Morris, Chris Nowak, Michael J. Pena, Thomas Posey, Jacob Sampson, Parker Speight, Tessa Stacks, Jessica Whaley

Calendar of Events

JANUARY EVENTS

29—Devotional/Worship in song

Sunday Servants will meet Sunday nights in the Fellowship Room following the Worship Service.

Ladies Bible Class, Tuesday mornings at @10:00.

Men's Prayer Breakfast, Wednesday mornings @6:00.



JANUARY YOUTH EVENTS

Children's Bible Time Sunday, 5:00PM-5:25PM, Rm.108

Movie Night, Friday, January 24@7:00

2nd Bible Bowl Challenge will be Sunday, January 26@12:30. It will cover Luke 7-11.

BIRTHDAYS JANUARY 26-FEBRUARY 1



26—Betty Blevins

28—Al Chaney, Mary Beasley, Rosemary Cates

30—Brylee Love

31—Lawson Maxwell

1—Lauren Wall

ANNIVERSARIES

26—Gary & Dottie Anderson

NEW ADDRESS

David, Amy, Derek, & Emma Garner; 72 N. Norma Jean St., Atoka, TN. 38004

Rich or Poor?

If someone were to pay you 10 cents for every kind word you ever spoke and collect 5 cents for every unkind word, would you be rich or poor?

Author Unknown via Ellendale church of Christ bulletin

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE -JAN. 26-FEB. 1

26—Matt. 17 Ex. 4-5

27—Matt. 18: 1-14 Ex. 6-7

28—Matt. 19 Ex. 8-9

29—Matt. 20: 1-16 Ex. 10-12

30—Matt. 20: 17-34 Ex. 13-14

31—Matt. 21: 1-27 Ex. 15-16

1—Matt. 21: 28-46 Ex. 17-19

The Carpenter's Apprentice

Several years ago, the youth group was introduced to a game called undercover church. There are several variations on this hide and seek like game we play. You need a place with many rooms and all the lights are dimmed or out except for the “jail”. Depending on the number of people playing there are at least two policemen and one missionary or local preacher. Sometimes you can add undercover police and even an undercover policeman who is really a Christian. The rest of the group are considered townspeople or Christians. Police officers must leave on their flashlights (except for the ones undercover) and flashlights are optional for the rest of the group. The local preacher chooses a room and meeting time then carefully avoids police while moving through the building passing the word on where and when the church will meet. If the police catch you, you can be sent to jail. Christians can go “bail you out” if they can avoid detection. The object of the preacher is to get everyone in church. The object of the police is to put all Christians or those even thinking about Christianity into jail.

Last Saturday night those of us who attended Evangelism University had the pleasure of eating dinner with a man and his wife who have played underground church in Saigon, where the stakes were greater than just sitting in jail until a friend came and tagged you. He told us stories that as a citizen of the United States of America, I have great difficulty wrapping my mind around. The church members know nothing about the lives of their church family; not even their real names. Everyone goes by a nickname. In this way they avoid lying as well the ability to give information on other members if they were to be captured and tortured. They meet in a different place nearly every service to avoid detection. When asked to conduct a two week gospel meeting, my new friend (who remains anonymous - just in case) asked how this could possibly work. The leaders of the underground church told him if he would just come, they would take care of it. They have been playing underground church since 1975! It seems unfathomable that the church could survive in this environment and yet it not only survives but grows!

He told of a man named Bible. When asked why he was called Bible, he revealed that police had taken his first Bible and burned it. His second Bible suffered the same fate. When he got his third Bible, he decided to memorize it so they could never take it away again – and he did. The whole thing from Genesis 1 to Revelation 22. It makes me wonder, are we sometimes just playing church. What if it was inconvenient to come? Would you still show up? What if we were told not to assemble? What would you do?

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