

Covington Family News

October 18, 2020

Family Time

As our lives continue to grow busier and busier, we need to always remember to have time for family. Our time will always be demanded of us by school, work, extra-curricular activities and other time demanding activities. As we consider each of these activities, we also need to consider the importance of our family and the time we spend with each one of them.

First, think about your spouse. How did you get to know him or her? You spend time with them (sometimes you probably wished you could add some hours to the day so you could spend more time together). If it was important at the beginning of your relationship, it should be just as important today.

Second, think about your kids. Do you realize that you are only guaranteed around eighteen years with them, before they go to college, a trade school or move out on their own to seek employment and to chase their dream? That is not much time. So as you consider all the time demanding activities for your kids, remember the most important one—family time. Why is family time important? It is here where you will teach your kids how to live for Christ and how to live as you and God desire them to live.

Paul sums it up best in 1 Timothy 5:8, “Believers are instructed to take care of their families.” Joe Dale Wilson writes, “Anyone too busy . . . to aid his own family in distress is without excuse. Tending to family is God’s work! God values family and wants them taken care of in the difficulties they face.” Are we taking care of our family and God’s family?



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK 10/18/20 AM Worship Service

Announcements: David Keith
Song Leader: John Combs
Opening Prayer: Gary Anderson
Closing Prayer: Jim Edmonds
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: George Watkins
October Food Committee Leader: Kay Gatlin
Nursery Worker: Teri Robinson

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: John Combs
Opening Prayer: Andy Whaley
Closing Prayer: Jimmy McMahan
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Mid-Week Bible Study October 21

Song Leader: Aaron Speight
Opening Prayer: Beau Phillips
Closing Prayer: John Combs
Speaker: Mike Rogers

PROOF OF OUR LOVE

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| Sunday Bible Classes | 123 |
| Worship AM | 173 |
| PM | 85 |
| Wednesday Bible Study | 142 |

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

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| Newbill family | Tipton, TN |
| David & Debra Foshee | Brighton, TN |
| Piper Davis | Germantown, TN |
| Betty Patrick | |
| Emma Hendrix | |
| Chris Dunn | |
| Kensleigh Stevens | |
| Mylain Sherill | |
| Nicholas Wade | |
| Kozy Hubbard & Cody | |

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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY
Bible Classes 9:00AM
Worship 10:00AM

WEDNESDAY
Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Mike's Message

Foundations for a Happy Home: Parenting

In a discussion on training children an old bishop writes, "The old heathens had very right notions about the way in which a child ought to be trained up. They had great belief in a pure domestic education. One of them said, 'Let nothing unclean ever enter into the house where a little child is.' . . . no drunken man, no quarrelling father or mother, no bad language, no careless, no slovenly habits; let nothing of the sort be seen in the house where dwells the little child" (Diggle, John W. *The Lancashire Life of Bishop Frasier*. Sampson Low, Marston, Searle & Rivington, London; 1891). The foundation for parenting is seen in Deuteronomy 6:4-9. First, is the statement, "The Lord our God, the Lord is One" (6:4). This indicates that the God of Israel is the only true God (cf. 4:35). There is no other God in all the world (see 1 Kings 8:60). The people of the land the children of Israel were about to enter had many gods. Parents can easily relate to this as we understand the way we are tempted to serve many gods today. There is the god of money. Many cheat and hoard because they trust more in the security of money than God. People are often tempted by the god of materialism desiring "things" more than God. People are tempted by the god of tradition refusing to obey God because it goes against their customs. Which do you serve, God or gods? Second is the command to "love the Lord your God" (6:4-9). To love the Lord, in this context, means that He is in the hearts of those responsible for training children. They serve Him sincerely with selfless devotion (Deut. 6:6); His will determines their desires, priorities, and actions (Deut. 6:6-8). Third, those responsible for training children have a responsibility to "diligently" teach their children the commands of God. To "teach them diligently" means that this is the priority of those responsible for training children. As we can easily see Moses instructs that parents should "talk" about the commands of God when at home (Deut. 6:7). Parents, how often do you talk to you children about what God desires of them? Furthermore, Moses says to teach your children by example. Wherever you are, or whatever you are doing you must show your children love for God by keeping His commandments (Deut. 6:7-8). Are you teaching your children to love the one true God? Does your home reflect God's dominating influence? Do you talk about what God desires? What kind of TV shows and movies do you watch, or allow your children to watch? What music is allowed in your home? What kind of video games do you allow your children to play? Think about it! Where is your priority? What are you teaching your children? -- Mike Rogers

Prayer List

Kristen Dietel—Recovering from surgery
 Cammy Evans—Health problems
 Shirley Laxton
 Amy Easley—Step-daughter of Kelley Melton
 Catherine Glenn—Daughter of David & Debra Foshee, recovering from surgery
 Desrah Johnson
 Richard Bryant—Brother of Carolyn Whaley
 Kenneth Coulston—Brother of LaDonna Nance
 Alice Moon—Daughter of Faye Shankle
 April Galaway's parents & grandmother
 Coronavirus pandemic, our country, Pat Armstrong, Reba Arwood, Sonny Arwood, LaVerne Baxter, Lois Benjamin, Barry Bolding, Albert Boling, Gary Bowie, Cleo Burch, Jack Burriss, Al Chaney, Cindy Clark, Bobbie Deen, Shelley Dickey, Jason Elliott, Joan Erwin, Melvin Escue, Wesley Fowler, Bonnie Glass, Houston Hall, Ruby Hopper, Steve Higginbotham, Jackson Hughey, Nellene Kidd, Wayne Kidd, Lucy Krull, Sandra Mallard, Vicky Mayfield, Tyler Middleton, Christine Otts, Thomas Pittman, Beverly Russell, Tonya Stanley, Brad and Paige Warmath, Shirley Weir, Larry Whaley II, 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, Jackson Robinson, Jacob Sampson, Parker Speight, Tessa Stacks, Jessica Whaley

SYMPATHY
 We extend our deepest sympathy to the Farabee family in the death of *Spencer Farabee*. He is the grandson of Pat Farabee and great nephew of Andy Whaley & Joyce Whaley.

BIBLE READNG SCHEDULE OCT. 18-24



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| 18 – Col. 2 | Isa. 42-44 |
| 19 – Col. 3 | Isa. 45-47 |
| 20 – Col. 4 | Isa. 48-50 |
| 21 – 1 Thess. 1 | Isa. 51-54 |
| 22 – 1 Thess. 2 | Isa. 55-58 |
| 23– 1 Thess. 3 | Isa. 59-63 |
| 24-- 1 Thess. 4 | Isa. 64-66 |

Calendar of Events

* **Sunday Servants will meet Sunday nights**
 * **Ladies Bible Class, Tuesday mornings at 10:00**
Deacons, your 2021 Budget Worksheets are in your mailbox. Please turn them back in by Sunday, October 25.

The CIAA, Covington Integrated Arts Academy is having a drive thru Trick or Treat, Friday, October 30 at 5PM. The trick is, students will have to answer or solve some academic question or problem in order to get the treat. CIAA is asking for candy donations. If you can help with candy, there is a box outside Jeff's office to put the candy in.

Come join us for Friends & Family Day

Sunday, November 1st

"Faith That Works: Lessons from the Epistle James"

Guest Speaker: David Anguish

9:00 AM – So You Say You Have Faith?

10:00 AM – The God We Trust

11:30 AM – Potluck Meal

(Barbecue will be provided)

1:00 PM – Faith on Display

AREA EVENTS

October 16-17—Memphis School of Preaching 5th Annual World Evangelism Seminar (Virtually Only) and broadcast on the School's Facebook Page and YouTube Channel
 October 17-18—Seminar at Gilt Edge Church of Christ; God and Country- Speaker: Darin Chappell, Saturday- 6PM, 7PM, Sunday, 10AM, 11AM, & 3PM
 18—Parental Guidance Seminar at Bartlett Woods Church of Christ; Speaker: Dr. Mask, 8:30 9:00, 10:00, 11:30- Lunch, 12:15, 1:15-Break, 1:30
 October 18-22—Spiritual Sword Lectureship at Getwell Church of Christ

OCTOBER YOUTH EVENTS

25—Devo. Night!

31—Chili Cook-Off/Fall Festival

BIRTHDAYS OCTOBER 18-24



19—Abby Edmonds

20—Wayne Dalrymple

The Carpenter's Apprentice

We are all familiar with the parable of the sower in Matthew 13. Seeds fall in various soil conditions and those conditions affect the progress and growth of the seeds. The explanation of the parable is in verses 18-23. Many sermons have been preached on these passages most often having to do with spreading the Gospel. Today however I saw something at Mt. Rushmore that made me think. It opened my eyes and I have seen it over and over. Frankly, it is not a strange phenomenon or rare event. I was walking by a boulder and there in the side of it grew a tree! As I looked closer, I saw not a crack, but just a small deformity in the rock allowing it to catch some leaf litter which broke down over time and made a very tiny pocket of soil where a seed landed and took root. The pine tree was about three inches in diameter and appeared to be healthy and growing. So, I reread the story because this tree had clearly been there for some time. Let's take a closer look at verses 20 and 21, "As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away." Instead of looking from the sowers perspective, let's look at it from the receiver's perspective. Specifically, let's look at the beginning of verse 21, "yet he has no root in himself." I've always thought this whole lesson was on the soil and the fact that some soil is just not good for growing, but this little phrase changes things. It's not just the soil, its also about the kind of people who accept the word. This guy had no root; no intestinal fortitude; no gumption; no courage. He lost focus and hope. The word in him didn't die because the seed was bad or because it couldn't grow where it fell. The word died because the receiver quit. There is no doubt his situation was not the best to start with, the fertile soil of the river valley is much more conducive for growth than a crack in a rock. God never said being a Christian would be easy, in fact he warns of temptation and persecution for those who live Godly lives (2 Timothy 3:12). Maintaining our commitment can be hard but always possible (1 Corinthians 10:13). I'm not much into trying to figure out the hearts of others but we can always examine our own. Are you still growing? Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil (Ephesians 6:10-11).

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