

Covington Family

News

February 23, 2020



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

When I Was Absent from Worship

1. It made some people question the reality of my religious faith (James 2:17).
2. It set an example of neglecting the assembly and failing to obey an inspired command (Hebrews 10:25).
3. I failed to observe the example set by the early church in partaking of the Lord's Supper on the Lord's Day (Acts 20:7).
4. It made it impossible for the elders of the church to see that the entire flock was fed or taught the Word of God (Acts 20:28).
5. It indicated that I was not concerned about assembling with my brethren and the Lord's promise to be in our midst (Matthew 18:20).
6. Some must have concluded that I found more pleasure in fellowship with the world than with the Lord and my brethren (2 Cor. 6:14).
7. I set the wrong example before my children and before others who were influenced by my absence.
8. If I chose to be absent on a pleasure trip and made no plans to worship God, it would prove that I love the Lord too little and love the world too much (2 Timothy 4: 10).
9. It set a pattern of irregular church attendance, violating the steadfastness in teaching, fellowship, and worship that was practiced by the apostolic church (Acts 2:42-47).
10. On the day that I willfully chose to be absent, I failed to walk in the light and did not enjoy the fellowship of my brethren (John 1:7).

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Metropolis, IL

SERVING THIS WEEK 2/23/20 AM Worship Service

Announcements: Neil Bringle
Song Leader: David Garner
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Wayne Dalrymple
 Jimmy McMahan, Reid McMahan, Nick Tankersley,
 Aaron Speight, Craig Robinson, Eason Robinson, Grayson
 Robinson, Robert Trimm

Opening Prayer: Benny Collins
Closing Prayer: Jim Edmonds

Nursery Workers: Teri Robinson

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: David Garner
Opening Prayer: John Combs
Closing Prayer: Alan Clark
Sermon: Jeff Phillips

Mid-Week Bible Study February 26

Song Leader: Joshua Evins
Opening Prayer: Beau Phillips
Closing Prayer: Isaac Stewart
Speaker: Jeff Phillips

PROOF OF OUR LOVE

Sunday Bible Classes	192
Worship AM	269
PM	180
Wednesday Bible Study	162

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS



Amos, Lydia, & Isaiah Elliott	Henderson, TN
Anthony & Louise Stephenson	Murfreesboro, TN
Thomas Starck	Atoka, TN
Debbie Taylor	
Bobby Helton	
Brandon Hardy	
Coby Somerville	
Marcus Hayes	

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 Benny Collins
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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

Unity in Christ Ephesians 4:1-32

Ephesians 4 can be divided into four parts on "Unity in Christ." Paul first informs them of characteristics of unity (vv. 1-3) as humility—thinking of others before yourself (cf. Phil. 2:1-8), gentleness—being kind (cf. Titus 3:2; 1 Peter 3:15), patience—remaining quiet even when provoked (cf. Col. 1:11), putting up with one another in love—making allowances for other's faults because of the love you have for one another.

Second Paul declares the basis for unity (vv. 4-10): one body—one church established by and belonging to Christ (cf. 1 Cor. 12:12), one Spirit—the one body is led by and empowered by one Spirit, the Spirit of God (cf. Rom. 8:1-17), one hope—"My hope is built on nothing less that Jesus blood and righteousness" (cf. Col. 1:21-23), one Lord—one Master and Head over the church (cf. Acts 2:36; Eph. 1:22), one faith—one standard of teaching, a common belief shared by all "in Christ" (cf. Acts 2:42). Also, there is one baptism—sprinkling or pouring was unheard of at this point. The Greek word was only used in reference to immersion; and in relation to the church it is only used for immersion in water for the remission of sins. This is the only way one can be added to the one body (see Acts 2:38-41). Paul continues that there is only one God and Father—there is no other god besides the Father of our Lord. Isaiah records, "Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me" (Isa. 45:21). Unity is only possible by the grace of God—Christ came down and died for the sins of the world and went up to rule (vv. 7-10).

The third point Paul makes regarding unity is how to attain unity (vv. 11-16). Even though there are many members in the one body, everyone has a God-given part in the church (see 1 Cor. 12:14-21). Everyone's part is to be used for the purpose of spiritual maturity and unity (Eph. 4:15-16).

Fourth, Paul expresses how they can maintain unity (vv. 17-32). They must be "diligent to preserve unity" (4:3). As a summary on how to maintain unity Paul declares, "Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of malicious behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you" (vv. 31-32 NLT). Only "in Christ" can we ever hope to find unity!

Mike Rogers

Family News



LaVerne Baxter—Home, recovering from surgery
Roberta O'Brien—Methodist North, recovering from surgery
Paula McLean—Home, recovering from surgery
Shirley Laxton—Covington Care
Bonnie Glass—Covington Care
Barry Bolding
Billy Kidd
Amanda Cothran—Mother of Courtney Watkins, Baptist East, ICU
Shelley Krieger—Friend of Sherri Kidd & Terri Barber
Sammy McDivitt—Uncle of Susan Mason
Neeley Dunigan—Recovering from surgery
Darryl Kidd

Pat Armstrong, Reba Arwood, Sonny Arwood, Linda Beard, Sharon Beaird, Rodger Beasley, Don Blackwell, Albert Boling, Bernis Bolding, Gary Bowie, Cleo Burch, Stephen Carlton, Al Chaney, Cindy Clark, Kenneth Coulston, Buddy Coats, Bobbie Deen, Shelley Dickey, Jane Dowell, Josephine Draine, Joan Erwin, Robert Evans, Wesley Fowler, Jason Elliott, Houston Hall, Liz Huffman, Jackson Hughey, Dara Keeton, Nellene Kidd, Maggie Koury, Lucy Krull, Brooke Mathis & baby, Vicky Mayfield, Jean McIntyre, Valerie Price, Mike Reynolds, Beverly Russell, Keith Ryder, Brandon Scott, Sherry Scott, Albert Scrip, Sondra South, Tonya Stanley, Julia Strange, Drew Tankersley, Maddie Taylor, Brad Warmath, Paige Warmath, Larry Whaley Sr. & Jr., Otis White, Carla Whitis, Cynthia Wilson, 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

Suggestions for Visiting the Sick.

1. Listen more than you talk.
2. Never tell about how bad you or a friend were when they had the same illness or injury!
3. Be positive and upbeat.
4. Offer to pray for the one ill.

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Calendar of Events

22—Birthday Party at River Terrace, 2PM
26—Devotional/Worship in song
Sunday Servants will meet Sunday nights in the Fellowship Room following the Worship Service.
Ladies Bible Class, Tuesday mornings, 10AM
Men's Prayer Breakfast, Wednesday mornings, 6AM
Spring Quarter Bible Classes begin Sunday, March 1.
Sign-up sheets for the adult classes are on the table by the nursery.
The teaching material for the children's classes are in the workroom in the office.

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Sunday, March 1 @ 7PM there will be a Financial Peace Class. Sign-up sheet for the class is on the table by the Nursery.

FEBRUARY YOUTH EVENTS

29-ESCAPE ROOM

BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY 25-29



25—Judy Dunaway, Carolyn Murray, Sydney Trimm
27—John Evans
28—Kim Clay

Do Your Best!

Abraham Lincoln said, "Whatever you are, be a good one." What a great encouragement this is. It doesn't really matter what you do in life if you do the best you can at it. Everyone has a ministry, and that ministry is whatever that person does in the name of Jesus Christ. So, regardless of what you do in your life, realize that you are important in God's plan. Do whatever you do as well as you can, and give God the glory.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" (Col. 3:17).

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BIBLE READING SCHEDULE -FEBRUARY 23-29

23 - Mk. 3:20-35	Lev. 23
24 - Mk. 4: 1-25	Lev. 24-25
25 - Mk. 4: 26-41	Lev. 26
26 - Mk.5:1-20	Lev. 27
27 - Mk. 5: 21-43	Num. 1-2
28 - Mk. 6: 1-29	Num. 3-4
29 - Mk. 6:30-56	Num. 5-

The Carpenter's Apprentice

I remember sitting down to lunch with a friend and our discussion led us to benevolence. We talked about the people who come asking for help. We admitted struggling with the question, "Do they really need it?" "Are they telling the truth?" Rarely but sometimes, "Do they really deserve it?" There is a fine line between being judgmental and compassionate as we try to be good stewards of the Lord's blessings. There is no question there are those who "play the system" looking for hand out after hand out having long ago found this to be an easy, albeit uncertain way of getting by. I often wonder, isn't there something fundamentally wrong with continually helping those who are capable of helping themselves but just won't? I realize there is also something fundamentally questionable about the attitude with which we make judgments regarding who is and who is not worthy. We are called to be benevolent not judgmental. After all Jesus did not die for the worthy (Romans 5:6-8, Matthew 9:11-13). Additionally, the "Great Commission" says go preach, teach and baptize not judge, condemn and convict (Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:15). Hence the great struggle between helping and enabling. The sense of entitlement runs rampant in our society today and that doesn't help with these decisions either. I have had people come to the church building asking for help then leave angry, accusing the church of not being very Christian because we didn't do more, actually saying churches unwilling to help those in need are part of the problem in America today! Incredible right? This entitled thought process so prevalent in our society can easily pervert the sanctity of Biblical truth creating a sense of spiritual entitlement if we are not careful. If we are not alert, we could effectively become spiritual pan handlers; beggars of the gifts of God and the church. I realize we are not "worthy" and cannot earn our way into heaven and ultimately bow before the throne of God totally at his mercy. However, I don't believe that defeated, 'I'm worthless' attitude is the one he wants to see from us. Jesus came that we might be heirs to the throne. Jesus came to seek and save not humiliate and condemn. As Christians, we were lost but now we are found and knowledge of this great love towards us propels us into a grateful, happy and hopeful way of life. We come before the throne often, humbly praising and sharing in the glory of being part of the body of Christ. Except sometimes we don't. We come like the beggar who shows up every week looking for a handout, offering lame excuses as to why he still isn't growing. Eventually we will no longer assist the beggar because he refuses to help himself. I'm just asking for thought, is there any difference in the beggar that comes to the door with no intention of change and the one that comes through the door with the same intention?

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