

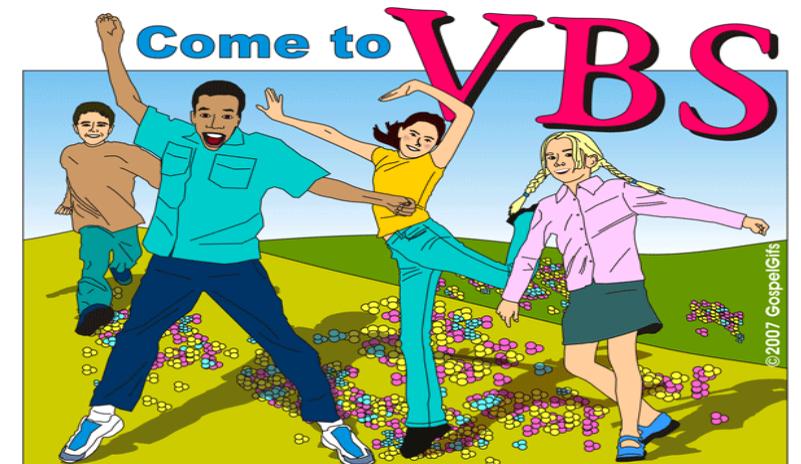
Covington Family News

July 26, 2020

COVINGTON CHURCH OF CHRIST Vacation Bible School

THE LIFE of PAUL

JULY 26-29, 2020 7:00-8:45PM
1690 HWY 51 SOUTH
COVINGTON, TENNESSEE



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for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK 7/26/20 AM Worship Service

Announcements: David Keith
Song Leader: Jerry Blevins
Opening Prayer: Benny Collins
Closing Prayer: Andrew Evans
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Craig Robinson

July Food Committee Leader: Judy McCool

Nursery Worker: Christie Coughlan

PM Worship Service

VBS

Mid-Week Bible Study July 29

VBS

PROOF OF OUR LOVE

Sunday Bible Classes	157
Worship AM	183
PM	153
Wednesday Bible Study	139

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS



Piper Davis	Germantown, TN
Ron, Stephanie Teems	Brownsville, TN
Amos, Lydia, & Isaih Elliott	Henderson, TN
Jonah & Molly Pena	Quantico, VA
Andrea Cook	Henderson, TN
Gibson & Sullivan Irwin	Henderson, TN
Jamie & Savannah Roethisberg	Atoka, TN
Emma Hendrix	

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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

Bible Classes 9:00AM

Worship 10:00AM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Mike's Message

Restoring the Straying Christian

James 5:19-20

In the last two lessons we have learned that James instructs his readers to be patient with those who mistreat them, to stand firm in the truth, and to pray when trouble comes upon them (5:1-18).

Our text for Sunday seems to give those who are practicing patience, steadfastness, and prayer instruction regarding those who give in to the temptations and fall away from God.

James reflects upon three significant points in this text that faithful Christians must consider.

First, a Christian can sin and be lost. James asserts, "My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth." "Among you" certainly reflects some of those who were "brethren." Furthermore, the rest of the Scriptures support this conclusion. Paul declares, "Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Cor. 10:12); "You have been severed from Christ, you are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace" (Gal. 5:4); and the Hebrews writer declares, "Take care, brethren, that there not be in anyone of you an evil unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God" (Heb. 3:12). These are just a few of the many verses in the Bible to show that a Christian can sin and be lost by straying from the truth (James 5:19). To stray is synonymous with to "wander" (Matt. 18:12-14 NIV); to "drift away" (Heb. 2:1) and to be lost. To stray from the truth is to stop following the word of God because the word of God is truth (John 17:17); and only the truth can set us free (John 8:32).

Second, James reminds his readers that those who stray from the truth and are not brought back will die (v. 20). James is not talking about physical death for we all have that appointment (see Heb. 9:27). James is referring to a spiritual death, a separation from God and eternal torment (Isaiah 59:2; Rom. 6:23; Matt. 25:46).

Third, the straying brother or sister can be forgiven and be saved (v. 20), but it may take our help (cf. Gal. 6:1). James implies this saying, "... he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and cover a multitude of sins" (v. 20). Our efforts can make a difference in whether one is saved or lost. Are we concerned about a brother or sister who have strayed from the truth? I read about a boy who was carrying his younger brother on his back. When someone asked if he could relieve the older brother. He replied, "Naw, he's not heavy. He's my brother." If we truly cherish the family relationship, it will not seem like a burden to bring an erring brother or sister back into the safety and security of God's family. Think of a straying brother or sister and pray for them. Make a special effort to reach out to them.

--Mike Rogers

Prayer List

Shirley Weir—Methodist University Hospital, recovering from surgery

Pat Armstrong

Jerry Melton—Methodist North

Cynthia Wilson—Recovering from surgery

Betty Blevins—Recovering from surgery

Ruby Hopper—Recovering from surgery

Delores Smith—Mother of Vicky Mayfield

Cindy Clark—Recovering from surgery

Coronavirus pandemic, our country, Wood family in the loss of their loved one, *Bob Wood*, Mary Beasley, Reba Arwood, Sonny Arwood, LaVerne Baxter, Linda Beard, Sharon Beaird, Don Blackwell, Barry Bolding, Albert Boling, Gary Bowie, Carrie Bridges, T. J. Brown, Cleo Burch, Connie Burch, Jack Burriss, Al Chaney, Kenneth Coulston, Bobbie Deen, Shelley Dickey, Jane Dowell, Chrishya Draine, Jason Elliott, Joan Erwin, Melvin Escue, Robert Evans, Wesley Fowler, Houston Hall, Jackson Hughey, Nellene Kidd, Lucy Krull, Vicky Mayfield, Jerry Melton, Thomas Pittman, Beverly Russell, Brandon Scott, Sherry Scott, Alfred Shankle, Tonya Stanley, Julia Strange, Betty Ware, Brad Wood and Paige Warmath, Larry Whaley I, Carla Whitis, Carolyn Wood, 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

NEW ADDRESS

Chris Sanders; 454 Pickens Store Rd., Mason, TN. 38049

NEW MEMBER

We welcome *Bobby White* to our family at Covington. His address is 394 Fairway Drive, Covington, TN. 38019

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Camille & Carmen Starck in the death of their grandad, *Francis Chamberlin*.

"As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24:15

"For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Matthew 16:26

Calendar of Events

JULY EVENTS

Ladies Bible Class Tuesday mornings at 10:00

Men's Prayer Breakfast Wednesday mornings at 6:00
26-29—VBS

YOUTH EVENTS

24—Graduation Celebration, 6PM

26-29—VBS

31—Canoe/Camping Trip

IGNITE happens on Thursday nights, 6:30-11:00PM
Free Food, Fun, & Fellowship!

BIRTHDAYS JULY 26-AUGUST 1



26—Dean O'Brien, Reagan Combs

29—Camille Starck, Lisa Johnson

30—Ann Huggins, Dottie Anderson,
Carson McWherter

31—Lesa Hall, Courtney Watkins, Kristin Sallee

ANNIVERSARIES

1—Clint & Teresa Stacks

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you."

Ephesians 4:32

BIBLE READNG SCHEDULE JULY 26-AUGUST 1



26 – Acts 21: 17-40

Job 14-16

27 - Acts 22

Job 17-19

28 – Acts 23: 1-22

Job 20-21

29 – Acts 23: 23-35

Job 22-23

30– Acts 24

Job 24-27

31 - Acts 25

Job 28-29

1– Acts 26

Job 30-31

The Carpenter's Apprentice

I've fallen and can't get up!" Most are all familiar with the slogan first used by Life Call in the late eighties and early nineties. Despite its age (approaching 40 years old), it is still a fairly universally known saying in 2020 with jokes told and retold; memes developed, posted and reposted. Memes are those pictures on social media with different phrases meant to draw a laugh or make a point. (In the eighties we called them posters and you can still see them on the ceiling at many dentist offices.) Despite the humorous misuse of the phrase through the years, the marketing slogan points to a serious state of affairs - someone is down and cannot get up without assistance. Today I made the statement, "Our country has fallen and can't get up." Realizing Romans 13 tells us governments are of God and to some this means we are to quietly and submissively go as sheep to the slaughter, taking no part in the affairs of the world and government but only the affairs of the church, I tend to view my citizenship in these United States as a blessing; a talent if you will, as described in the parable of the talents in Matthew 25. Clearly, one of the main messages in this parable is that of stewardship. Just as clearly, many in the church have buried our freedom of religion and speech and failed to invest in it, guard it and use it for the benefit of the church. This is evidenced by our silence. Now, on the brink of losing this privilege, our country is in peril. The help our country needs to get back on its feet will not be found in any political party, certainly not in one that denounces and renounces God. The help our country needs is from the church. It is time we exercise our right to proclaim the Good News. It's time for Christians to use it or lose it. Deliverance for the Lord's people will arise from somewhere, just as Mordecai told Esther in Esther 4. I am certain the church will stand (Matthew 16:18) even as America struggles to get back up. Sadly, many of us are more American than Christian, conforming rather than transforming and failing to see one is temporal and the other eternal. The real question is what role will you fill in the recovery. Jesus describes us as the salt of the earth, and a light to the world (Matthew 5:13, 14) commanding us to shine so the Father can be glorified. Do you shine? Really? In what way? Are you speaking of God 'when you walk by the way, when you lie down, when you rise up?' Are you prepared to defend the hope that is in you as commanded in 1 Peter 3:15? It's time for the church to stand and lead the way, seeking the lost, speaking the truth in love, shining the light of Christ. It's time we get out from under the basket and exercise the rights we have to shine and help raise the fallen.

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