

Covington Family News

September 13, 2020



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for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK 9/13/20 AM Worship Service

Announcements: Brad Evins
Song Leader: Beau Phillips
Opening Prayer: Wayne Dalrymple
Closing Prayer: Clint Stacks
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Clint Smith
September Food Committee Leader: Judy Dunaway
Nursery Worker: Brandy Brown

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: Beau Phillips
Opening Prayer: John Combs
Closing Prayer: Craig Robinson
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Mid-Week Bible Study September 16

Song Leader: Isaac Stewart
Opening Prayer: Eric Keith
Closing Prayer: Beau Phillips
Speaker: Mike Rogers

PROOF OF OUR LOVE

day Bible Classes	137
Worship AM	177
Worship PM	105
Wednesday Bible Study	135

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Phillips family	Tipton, TN
Howe family	Memphis, TN
Brad Edmonds	Nashville, TN
Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Chett Laxton	Atoka, TN
Walker Taylor	Atoka, TN
Piper Davis	Germantown, TN
Chasse Clark	Benton, KY
Kensleigh Stevens	
Myra Somerville	

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Schedule of Services

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

WEDNESDAY
 Bible Classes 7:00 PM

"The Magic Words"

A little boy asked his mother if he could have a cookie and Mom's prompting question was, "What's the magic word?" The little boy thought about that for a minute and then responded, "NOW!" It seems that whenever he was asked to do a chore and didn't respond quickly enough, "NOW" was the magic word! He just assumed that's what Mama wanted to hear.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever" Psalm 136:1.

We live in a terribly fast paced world. Technology has made it possible for us to relegate many of our responsibilities to machinery. From the alarm clock that wakes us up to the timer that automatically turns off the TV or night light, we are pampered.

We are so accustomed to having services provided that we often take many of them for granted and get out of the habit of saying, "Thank You." The "magic words" we were all taught as children, "Please and thank you" often get lost in the distractions of our daily grind.

Here's the application we need to make. When you pray to God, don't forget to say, "Thank you." If you believe in the power of prayer and if you really believe that God is listening when you pray, why not take the time to say, "Thank you for listening and giving answer to my pleas, Lord."

Consider Paul's words: *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with THANKSGIVING let your requests be made known to God"* (Phil. 4:6).

"Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of THANKSGIVING." (Col. 4:2).

Mike Suiter
 via Bulletin Digest
 Tipton church of Christ
 Tipton, OK

Mike's Message

“Wisdom and Patience in Oppression” Ecclesiastes Chapter 8

Chapter eight is divided into three thoughts which relate to using wisdom in solving some of life's problems. The first section discusses how one must submit to authority (Vv. 1-9). The second section discusses how one must apply wisdom even when the righteous are oppressed (Vv. 10-14). The final section is a summary where the wise preacher resolves that no matter what happens, one must simply fear God and enjoy life as it comes (Vv. 15-17).

The first section begins as the preacher asks a rhetorical question to set the context for the chapter: “Who is like the wise man and who knows the interpretation of a matter?” The obvious answer is, no one, except God. When a person in authority gives a command, his subjects are to obey him because of their promise to God (v. 2), and submit to him because of his authority (Vv. 3-4). Furthermore, a wise man that obeys the one in authority will not suffer (v. 5; cf. Rom. 13:3-4). Sometimes a command places a burden on the subjects, but a wise man will be patient and he will find the way and time to overcome (v. 6). No one knows for sure what the outcome will be or when it will happen. Be patient because one cannot change the natural order of things (Vv. 7-8). No one can control the wind. No one can determine the day of his natural death. No one can be discharged from the service of the king in time of war. No one can escape the punishment by doing evil. (This seems to be the culmination of the idea the preacher is trying to impress with verses 2-8). Verse 9 serves as a summary and transition into the next paragraph. The preacher admits that he has witnessed rulers who made judgments on others that resulted in hurt, but the oppressed should not retaliate. Be wise, be patient and let things happen in God's time.

In verses 10-14, the preacher recalls that he has seen criminals honored, and righteous men scorned. He declares that this is “futility.”

In verse 15-17, the preacher declared that he has spent many long hours trying to understand what goes on “under the sun” and finally realized that no one can really understand why the wicked prosper and the righteous suffer. But even though no man, not even a wise man, can understand God, He is still in control of all things. Therefore, man must trust God and serve Him. So, even though life has many difficulties and uncertainties, enjoy all that God has blessed you with, and let things happen as they will. Eventually, everything will turn out for the good of the righteous man (cf. Rom. 8:28).

--Mike Rogers

Prayer List

Bonnie Glass—Methodist Germantown, Rm. 424W.

David Kidd—Recovering from surgery

Zach Kidd—Surgery, September 11

Spencer Broome—Health problems

Coronavirus pandemic, our country, Pat Armstrong,

Reba Arwood, Sonny Arwood, LaVerne Baxter, Lois

Benjamin, Barry Bolding, Albert Boling, Gary Bowie,

Cleo Burch, Jack Burris, Al Chaney, Cindy Clark, Bobbie

Deen, Shelley Dickey, Jason Elliott, Joan Erwin, Melvin

Escue, Wesley Fowler, Houston Hall, Steve

Higginbotham, Ruby Hopper, Jackson Hughey, Nellene

Kidd, Wayne Kidd, Lucy Krull, Shirley Laxton, Sandra

Mallard, Vicky Mayfield, Tyler Middleton, Christine Ottis,

Thomas Pittman, Beverly Russell, Sherry Scott, Delores

Smith, Tonya Stanley, Betty Ware, Brad and Paige

Warmath, Shirley Weir, Larry Whaley I, 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

SYMPATHY We extend our deepest sympathy to Genie

Renfroe & Donna Sonwineski in the death of their great

niece, *Heidi Register*; and to Helen Kennedy in the death

of her son-in-law, *Tom Hale*.

COLLEGE BOUND

Leah Max—Dyersburg State Community College

Austin Phillips—University of Tennessee-Martin

Madison Johnson—University of Tennessee-Martin

Lawson Maxwell—University of Tennessee-Martin

Lauron Chaney—University of Mississippi

Zach Kidd—Tennessee College of Applied Technology-

Memphis

Tyler Higgins—Southwest Tennessee Community College

Scholarships from Covington church of Christ have been

awarded to:

Chloe Dalrymple—Harding University

Camille Starck—Harding University

Reese Cartwright—Harding University

Noah Liles—Harding University

Lydia Edmonds—Freed-Hardeman University

Abby Edmonds—Freed-Hardeman University

Daniel Trimm—Freed-Hardeman University

Charley Morgan Halford—Freed-Hardeman University

Christina Evins—Freed-Hardeman University

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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

*Ladies Bible Class, Tuesday mornings at 10:00

*Sunday Servants will meet Sunday night in the Fellowship Room.



***There will be an Ice Cream/Dessert Fellowship Meal, Sunday, September 13th after the PM Worship Service. Bring your best ice cream/dessert and enjoy some fellowship.**

***Jackson Robinson has joined the military. In his honor everyone is invited to the building, Saturday, September 19th @5PM for a Going Away Party.**

*September 26—Door Knocking Day! We will be hand delivering issues of House to House, Heart to Heart.

SEPTEMBER YOUTH EVENTS

20—CIA will meet at Atoka Railroad Adventure

@1PM for Putt-Putt

20—Devo. Night

26—House to House, Heart to Heart Delivery

27—Youth Group Devotional

BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER 13-19



13—Bonnie Glass

14—Christie Coughlan

15—Jake Hodge

16—Ashley Bingle

17—Chloe Coughlan, Thomas Nance,

Vincent Hathaway, Preston Stanley

19—Chris Huggins, Jack Cates

BIBLE READNG SCHEDULE SEPT. 13-19

13 – 1 Cor. 15: 35-58 Pro. 3-4

14 - 1 Cor. 16 Pro. 5-6

15 – 2 Cor. 1 Pro. 7-8

16 – 2 Cor. 2 Pro. 9-11

17– 2 Cor. 3 Pro. 12-13

18– 2 Cor. 4 Pro. 14-15

19 – 2 Cor. 5 Pro. 16-17

The Carpenter's Apprentice

His job was not so much to make the tackle but to turn the running back inside towards the rest of the defense. Making the tackle was a bonus. When the ball was snapped and the offensive player in front of him cut to his right, he saw clearly the pitch from the quarterback to the tailback and zeroed in on his target. The shortest distance between two points is a straight line—unless that line is bisected by something large, moving at a high rate of speed, known in football circles as a pulling guard. Visions of glory were replaced by little stars orbiting around his helmet and what appeared to be two little birds flitting in and out of his facemask. Adding insult to injury, the play resulted in a 35-yard gain for the offense and his coach calling a timeout so he could march out to the middle of the field and scream at the defense, mainly him, for losing focus and failing to do their job. I could not hear exactly what the coach said, but I caught enough to know he didn't say, “Good job, you're all invited over to my house for pizza and hot chocolate after the game.” He was angry and screamed for them to make changes in their game if they wanted to be a part of the team. It was a well-used timeout and the “speech” made a difference. The next two plays saw the defense “stuffed”, backed up almost 15 yards, making it third and long. The offense ran their little pitch play. This time, our boy worked his way upfield and turning the running back inside, he avoided the bone crushing intentions of the oncoming lineman and actually reached out to trip up the ball carrier as he turned and was met by the rest of the defense. No gain on the play. Lessons had been learned, adjustments had been made and the opposing team was kept from scoring.

As I witnessed this sequence of events, several things popped into my mind, specifically how the coach talked to his players and their response. I really could not hear specific words and while I am pretty sure he did not use filthy, dirty words, his words cut deep and highlighted their failure. If a preacher, elder or other member had used the same tone (or any tone) with a brother or sister who continued to be slack in their Christian walk and allow Satan footholds to make 30 yard gains as we push toward eternity, said erring brother or sister would quit and never return to the fold. What is the difference? The player takes it because he wants to earn his spot, please his parents, and/or “win.” He doesn't compare himself to others, he just does his job better than before with his focus on the “prize.” Paul said run to win, exercise discipline and self-control so we can receive the imperishable crown (1 Cor. 9:24-27). Don't we want to win? Of course, we do! Let us then “press on towards the goal” (Phil. 3:12-16), encouraging and being encouraged! (Heb. 3:13; 10:24). -jeff