

Covington Family News

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for the Glory of God*

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**Have a safe and
Happy Labor Day!**

What Defiles A Man?

Are you a defiled person? How can you tell? Jesus said, *“There is nothing that enters a man from the outside which can defile him; but the things which come out of him, these are the things that defile a man” (Mark 7:15).*

Later, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, James wrote, *“Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so” (James 3:10).*

Paul told us, *“Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each man” (Colossians 4:6).* And he also told Titus, *“Speak evil of no one, but be peaceable, gentle, showing humility to all men” (Titus 3:2).*

Do you get the general idea? When we say things about someone else that we ought not say . . . and we know what those things are . . . then we have defiled ourselves. Quite in opposition to what the world thinks, the only person or thing which can defile a person is himself. Old, ragged clothes do not defile you. The lack of a bath might make you odorous, but it does not defile you. Disease does not defile you. Hard work in a dirty area does not defile you. In fact, if you read the above verses, the only thing that can defile a man (or woman) is what he or she says or does that is not in keeping with the Word of God. Cursing another or telling lies about them defiles one. Evil deeds, even those done from anger, jealousy, or envy, are defiling in the sight of God. We are told to keep ourselves clean by being kind, merciful, and gracious to others.

Do we have a formula for this? Well, really, yes, we do. *Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing (1 Peter 3: 8-9).*

via church of Christ at Keltonburg

Bulletin Digest

Smithville, TN

SERVING THIS WEEK 9/6/20 AM Worship Service

Announcements: Brad Evins
Song Leader: Jimmy McMahan
Opening Prayer: Benny Collins
Closing Prayer: Jim Edmonds
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Presiding Over the Lord’s Table:

Head: Benny Collins
September Food Committee Leader: Judy Dunaway
Nursery Worker: Teresa Stacks & Isabella Stacks

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: Jimmy McMahan
Opening Prayer: Grant Edmonds
Closing Prayer: David Keith
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Mid-Week Bible Study September 9

Song Leader: Isaac Stewart
Opening Prayer: Ian Keith
Closing Prayer: Jedidiah Phillips
Speaker: Mike Rogers

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day Bible Classes	153
Worship AM	196
Worship PM	142
Wednesday Bible Study	146

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

James, Lydia, & Isaiah Elliott	Henderson, TN
Leslie Howard	Memphis, TN
Cindy Maans	Hersey, MI
Lindsey McDaniel & Evie	

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Schedule of Services

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

WEDNESDAY
 Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Mike's Message

Enjoy Life”

Ecclesiastes 6

In chapters 4 and 5 of Ecclesiastes the wise preacher has given advise on godly living. In chapter 6, he views two aspects of life “under the sun” and calls them “evil.” The word evil in this context presents the idea that something is just not right. It is contrary to God’s plan.

First, he says it is evil for a man to have riches and not enjoy them (Vv. 1-6). The preacher declares that it is evil for a person to be given “riches and wealth and honor” and not be allowed to enjoy them because a stranger comes in and takes everything from the one to whom God gave it. It is also evil for a man to live long and have many children, and yet not enjoy them. It is better if that man was never born. The preacher’s point is, no matter how much you possess in wealth or family, but do enjoy them, all of it is for nothing. You had just as well not been born. It is possible to get so caught up in making a living, that we forget to live. The preacher may be emphasizing that living for God allows one to enjoy his wealth, and his family. Nothing “under the sun” can be more fulfilling than this.

Second, it is evil for a man to have no satisfaction in life (Vv. 7-9). Wealth, riches, and honor are given by God (cf. 2:26). Having no satisfaction in life is the result of living from a human perspective. From a human perspective, a man works to feed himself with whatever he desires, but is still never satisfied. In this way, living from a human perspective, the wise and foolish person are the same. But, from a godly perspective, it is better to be poor and happy, than rich and miserable. Wealth and family are enjoyable if we live for God. One should work and learn to accept and enjoy what God gives him. Whether much or little, enjoy it and live for God. There you will find fulfillment.

Finally, the wise preacher advises that one should never argue with God (6:10-12). God made man what he is with the ability to do what he does. Nothing we do and no amount of work or money will change that. Only God knows what is good for man and only God can tell him what is to come. Use what God has given you, and enjoy it.

Don’t get so caught up in the pursuit of things that you complain about what you don’t have or what you cannot do. Enjoy what God has given you, and don’t argue with Him or complain about what you don’t have. God knows you better than you know yourself. He knows what you need and He knows how to give you joy and satisfaction in life.

Be careful not to get so caught up in getting more that you fail to enjoy what God has given you. --Mike Rogers

Prayer List

Paul Sampson

Wayne Kidd—Dad of David Kidd

Sandra Mallard—Sister of Joyce Whaley

Coronavirus pandemic, our country, Bringle family in the loss of their loved one, *Bud Bringle*; Reasons family in the loss of their loved one, *Carol Reasons*; Laura Boling family in the loss of her dad; Susan Edmonds family in the loss of her mother, *Patsy Cannon*; Easley family in the loss of their loved one, *Mack Easley.*; Dowell family in the loss of their loved one, *Jane Dowell*. Also remember Pat Armstrong, Reba Arwood, Sonny Arwood, LaVerne Baxter, Linda Beard, Sharon Beaird, Lois Benjamin, Barry Bolding, Albert Boling, Gary Bowie, Cleo Burch, Jack Burris, Al Chaney, Cindy Clark, Kenneth Coulston, Bobbie Deen, Shelley Dickey, Jason Elliott, Steve Elrod, Joan Erwin, Melvin Escue, Robert Evans, Wesley Fowler, Houston Hall, Steve Higginbotham, Ruby Hopper, Jackson Hughey, Nellene Kidd, Lucy Krull, Shirley Laxton, Vicky Mayfield, Tyler Middleton, Christine Otts, Thomas Pittman, Beverly Russell, Brandon Scott, Sherry Scott, Delores Smith, Tonya Stanley, Julia Strange, 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 Kelley Melton in the death of her husband, and our beloved brother, *Jerry Melton*.

NEW ADDRESS

Alex, Allison, Emmy, Russ, Scarlett, Rosemary, & Jack Cates; 1850 Hazel Grove Rd., Burlison, TN. 38015

FIVE EVERYDAY EVANGELISM TIPS

1. Look at other people as those for whom Jesus died.
2. Pray for three specific people by name, asking God to use you to draw them to Christ.
3. Tell them how being a Christian gives your life meaning and purpose.
4. Relax. God is in charge.
5. Build friendships with non-Christians. Watch for opportunities to help them.

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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

*7—Labor Day; The church office will be closed

*Ladies Bible Class, Tuesday mornings at 10:00

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

*September 26—Door Knocking Day! We will be hand delivering 2000 Issues of House to House, Heart to Heart.

Bible Class Schedule for the Fall Quarter

Sunday Morning:

(College Class) *Daniel* Classroom 1

Teacher: Jerry Gatlin

Miracles of Jesus Classroom 2

Teacher: Beau Phillips

(Young Adults)*Christians in the Workplace* Classroom 3

Teacher: Andy Whaley

Matthew Auditorium

Teacher: Wayne Dalrymple

SEPTEMBER YOUTH EVENTS

7—Labor Day

20—Devo. Night

26—House to House, Heart to Heart Delivery

27—Youth Group Devotional

BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER 6-12

8—Lauren Benjamin, Christian Halford, Adisyn Whaley

9—Andy Whaley

12—Shirley Laxton, Ken Mason, Kristie Maxwell

ANNIVERSARIES

9—Robert & Jacque Trimm

12—David & Sherri Kidd

BIBLE READNG SCHEDULE SEPT. 6-12

6 – 1 Cor. 11: 1-16 Ps. 115-118

7 - 1 Cor. 11: 17-34 Ps. 119

8 – 1 Cor. 12 Ps. 120-132

9 – 1 Cor. 13 Ps. 133-139

10– 1 Cor. 14: 1-25 Ps. 140-144

11– 1 Cor. 14: 26-40 Ps. 145-150

12 – 1 Cor. 15: 1-34 Pro. 1-2

The Carpenter's Apprentice

In 1966 Peter Scholte copyrighted the song We Are One in the Spirit. I remember singing the song as a youth it was always one of my favorites. I always thought of it as the Indian song because the tune conjures images of braves dancing around a campfire. While there are some repeating phrase the words are as follows: We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord, and we pray that our unity may one day be restored, and they’ll know we are Christians by our love, yes they will know we are Christians by our love. We will work with each other we will work side by side, and we’ll guard each man’s dignity and save each man’s pride and they’ll know we are Christians by our love, yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love. We will walk with each other we will walk hand in hand, and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land and they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love. I love the song and it has become a theme song of sorts for the youth group. Jesus says we are to love the Lord with all our heart, soul and mind and love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-39). Additionally, “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35). Paul encouraged the Ephesians to be unified saying there is one body and one Spirit (Ephesians 4:4). Furthermore, Jesus prayed for our unity, “Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one” (John 17:11). The song says we are one but it goes further to show that not only are we one, unified in the Spirit and in the Lord but we are praying that the world around us will join us in this unity and we are going together to tell the world about Jesus and His love. While some have problems with “*protecting dignity and pride,*” I see this verse as looking out for one another, lifting and building up. As the church, we are all part of the same body and we will take care of ourselves because we are one (Ephesians 4:4). We know God loves and forgives; like the Good Samaritan, we will pick up, patch up, and protect a brother from the world until they can join us again in unity, walking down heaven’s road. Jesus said, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone . . .” (John 8:7). How will they know we love one another if we are constantly throwing rocks and tearing one another down? Let’s conspire to show the world we walk in the light by continually encouraging one another to love and good works.

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