

Covington Family News

November 17, 2024

The Church Must Be Committed

The purpose and mission of the church is to bring glory and honor to God through Jesus Christ His Son. There is much that the church must do in order to accomplish this purpose: We must convert sinners, teach the saved, defend the truth, and provide an atmosphere for Christian growth, among other things. However, for us to be successful in fulfilling our purpose, we first must be committed. We will never be the church that the Lord wants us to be without commitment.

First, we must be committed to God. Jesus said that we must love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, and mind (Matt. 22:37). God must be our first love above all else.

Second, we must be committed to Jesus. If we are truly concerned about pleasing God and serving Jesus, we will commit ourselves to Him (Matt. 16:24). We will never be disappointed if we trust and follow Jesus.

Third, we must be committed to the kingdom of God, the church. Jesus said, "Seek you first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matt. 6:33). There is no enterprise in this world that is more important than the Lord's church. We must live our lives based upon this fact.

And finally, we must be committed to the work of the church (1 Cor. 15:58). It is entirely possible for us to understand our purpose and to make great plans to bring glory to God, but our goal will never be accomplished without work.

Let every one of us commit ourselves to the church of Christ so that we might bring glory to God through His Son Jesus Christ. For God to be pleased, the church must be committed!

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SERVING THIS WEEK 11/17/24 AM Worship Service

Announcements Neil Bringle
Song Leader: Neil Bringle
Sermon: Frank Williams
(Latin American Missions)

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: David Keith
Paul Smith, Ron Teems, Robert Brownlee, Clint Stacks,
Wesley Fowler, Eason Robinson, Caleb Smith, Chris Maness
Opening Prayer: Benny Collins
Closing Prayer: Robert Brownlee

November Food Committee Leader: Cammy Evans

Nursery Worker: Leann Maness

Attendance Card Collectors: (11/17, 11/20)

Eli Charnock, Noah Charnock, August Charnock

November Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Brenda & Hadley Mason
Auditorium Entrance: Brad & Becky Evins

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: Neil Bringle
Opening Prayer: Hadley Mason
Closing Prayer: Landon Bringle
Sermon Mike Rogers

Mid-Week Bible Study November 20

Song Leader: Robert Charnock
Opening Prayer: Robert Charnock
Closing Prayer: Andrew Evans
Speaker: Mike Rogers

PROOF OF OUR LOVE

Sunday Bible Classes	140
Worship AM	225
PM	125
Wednesday Bible Study	148

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Perry & Sheila Pena	Maryville, TN
Noah Scarbrough	Brighton, TN
Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Jeremy Leonard	Covington, TN
Kenny McCullough	Covington, TN
Jimmy & Carol Willis	Covington, TN
Tim McLillie	Covington, TN
Brody Addison	Lakeland, TN
Tabitha Cantrell	Macon, GA
Jean Smith	Henderson, TN
Braden Lambert	
Stone Edwards	

Covington Church of Christ

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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

Victory Over Trials and Temptations

James 1:2-18

The context of verses 2-18 show two types of trials. The first are trials that challenge our patience and test our faith (vv. 2-12). James then introduces temptations that entice us to sin (vv. 13-15). In these 18 verses, James lists three things we must do to endure the trials and overcome the temptations of life.

First, when our faith is tested, we must maintain a positive attitude toward the trials. James advises, “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing” (1:2-4 ESV). The picture James paints with these words is a Christian walking through life and unexpectedly stumbles into overwhelming trials. It may be health issues an accident, job loss, death of a loved one, addiction, or marital affair. Whatever the trial James says, “Count it all joy when” this happens. “Count” is from a mathematical term that means to place a value on. “. . . all joy” means “nothing but joy.” “When” indicates that trials are unavoidable. Then James tells us why we should have joy in face of all unavoidable trials saying, “. . . knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”

Second, we must pray with faith for wisdom to learn patience (vv. 5-8). James continues, “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways” (1:5-8). Too often we pray for God to remove the trial, but the promise we are given is that He will provide a way for us to “endure it” (1 Cor. 10:13). Finally, James reminds us that God gives us everything good and perfect (v. 17). God provides the wisdom to endure trials and overcome temptations to the one who asks with faith. God provides eternal victory through his Son. God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all” (1 John 1:5). Everything about God and his judgment is good and right. We can always count on God to provide everything necessary for enduring trials, and overcoming temptations. Apply these principles to your trials and temptations and grow in your faith and be victorious! --Mike Rogers

Prayer List

Danny Smith
Debbie Otts—Recovering from eye surgery
Jeremy Newman—Baptist East
Carolyn Blackwood—ICU
Ferlando Howard—Severe health issues
Captain Mike Shipley
Randy Rhoads—Brother of Rita Benjamin
Israel, Storm Victims, Our Country, Our Missionaries, Chris Basham, Heath Billings, Frank Brown, Andre’ Cannon, Andrew Camito, Gwen Coffee, Larry Coughlan, Kenneth Coulston, Gabe & Lisa Dunham’s grandbaby, Jason Elliott, Randy Fowler, Malissa Garner, Jackie Gatlin, Pat Gatlin, Mayson Hall, Kyle Hanks, Charles Hays, K.C. Haynes, Ruth Heath, Joe Hendricks, Angie Jackson, Jeff Kirkpatrick, Odell Kirkpatrick, Liz Mason, Linda Maclin, Vicki Mayfield, Phyllis McLillie, Kathy McMahan, Judy Merritt, Gigi Miller, Robin Montgomery, Larry Newman, Sophie Nolan, Jimmy Parsons, Bonita Rogers, Gillian Sanders, Anthony Stacks, David South, Pat Stephenson, Patti Taylor, Melvin Wall, Sara Walton, Larry Whaley II

NURSING HOME: Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

MILITARY: Killian Bridgeman, Logan Bridgeman, Major Creel, Bradley Evins, Dayana Fendley, Danny Fields, Tanner Mason, Richie Newbill, Chris Nowak, Jedidiah Phillips, Jacob Sampson, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart

SYMPATHY: We extend our deepest sympathy to Hailey Rimmer & family in the death of her grandmother, *Rosal Bock*; and to Hope Collins & family in the death of her sister, *Justina Stewart*.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
THE WEDDING RECEPTION OF

HANNAH HOWARD
+
BEAU
PHILLIPS

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AT 3:00 IN THE
AFTERNOON
142 JANET ROAD,
COVINGTON, TN 38019

DROP IN FOR TENNESSEE FOOTBALL AND TAILGATE FOOD.

WEDDING SHOWER



All ladies are invited to a wedding shower honoring *Hannah Howard & Beau Phillips*, Sunday, November 24, 2PM in the foyer. The couple is registered at Amazon, Wal-Mart, Persnickety’s, & Something Special.

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER EVENTS

16—Birthday Party at Magnolia Creek Nursing Home

17—Devotional at Covington Care, 3PM

18—Monday Night for the Master, Groups 3 & 4

19, 26—Ladies Bible Class, 10AM

Women who go to the Movies on 1st Friday, will be seeing Young Frankenstein, November 15 @ Ruffin Theatre. See Elaine Watkins for details.

Ladies Night, Thursday, November 21 @ 7:00 at the home of Becky Evins. Adult ladies only. Bring your favorite finger food.

Singing Night for November will be Tuesday, November, 26th.

Winter Quarter Adult Bible Classes begin Sunday, Dec.1

“Mark (Auditorium)

Teacher: John Evans

Young Adult Class (Classroom 1)

Teacher: Breck Beasley

“Luke”(Classroom 2)

Teacher: Ken Bringle Jr.

Ladies Class (Classroom 3)

Teacher: Jacque Trimm

Wednesday

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus (Auditorium)

Teacher: Michael Wyatt

“Prayer (Classroom 1)

Teacher: Jon McCain

Comparative Religions (Classroom 2)

Teacher: Bill Murray

Biblical Prophecy (Classroom 3)

Teacher: Mike Rogers

NOVEMBER YOUTH EVENTS

17—Devo. at the home of David & Heather Keith

BIRTHDAYS NOVEMBER 17-23



17—Margie Crews

20—Jan Hanks

22—Albert Cates

23—Zoe Bridges, Katie Merritt

ANNIVERSARIES

18—Craig & Teri Robinson

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 17-23

November 17—Acts 9-12

November 18—Acts 13-16

November 19—Acts 17-20

November 20—Acts 21-24

November 21—Acts 25-28

November 22—Romans 1-4

November 23—Rom. 5-8

The Carpenter’s Apprentice

Every morning, I hear interesting comments from parents and students as they exit their vehicles. Sometimes the comments are funny, sometimes they are sad. Sometimes I cannot write down or even repeat the words I hear! This morning’s phrase of the day, “Say your prayers and tie your shoes!” I hear, “Tie your shoes,” “Pull those pants up,” “Fix your skirt” and “Tuck in that shirt tail” fairly often, but “say your prayers” was a first and it made me smile, especially when followed up with, “I will Momma, I love you too.” Something in the comment resonated in my mind all day. I kept thinking of my prayer life and how unintentionally, this mother had given me a statement to help define and demonstrate what a Christian life should look like. Jesus told his disciples they should “pray and not lose heart” (Matthew 18:1). Paul told the church in Thessalonica to “Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) and the church at Colossae to “Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving” (Colossians 4:2). We are familiar with Jesus’ prayer life and maybe even its necessity in ours, but the “tie your shoes” part of the comment coupled with praying is what seemed to catch my attention. Interestingly, shoes and prayer are also mentioned as Paul talked about the “whole armor of God” in Ephesians 6:10-18, reminding me of a phrase I heard or read a long time ago, “Pray as if everything depends on God, but work as if everything depends on you.” When wearing shoes made to be tied, tying them keeps us from tripping over the strings. No parent wants to see their child hurt over something so easily preventable, so we remind them when we see they are untied. Wouldn’t it be awesome if our kids learned prayer was as essential for daily life as tying our shoes! Tying our shoes also keeps us ready for action without fear of them coming off or slipping when we need good footing. James reminds us to pray with expectation, “But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord” (James 1:6-7). We pray often for change, hope and help. On some level tying up our shoes says not only are we willing to walk the walk, doing our part, it says we are confidently expecting the Lord will answer our prayers and we are ready to do his will. It’s kind of like the two farmers who prayed for rain, but only one grabbed his umbrella on the way out the door. I hope you have a great day. Don’t forget to say your prayers – and tie your shoes.

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