

Covington Family News

September 29, 2024

Let Go Of The Past

The passenger tapped the cab driver on the shoulder to ask him something. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the sidewalk, and stopped inches from a department store window. For a second everything went quiet in the cab, then the driver said, "Look mister, don't ever do that again. You scared me half to death!" The passenger apologized and said he didn't realize that a little tap could scare him so much. The driver replied "You're right. I'm sorry. Really, it's not your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years." The cabbie allowed his past experiences to cause him to take his eye off of the road and his goal of getting his passenger to his destination. Sometimes we allow our past to affect our present and future goals and destinations also. The apostle Paul told the Philippian brethren: "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead. I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:12-14). When we find our past affecting our lives in a negative way, we need to learn how to forget those things. We especially need to forget those things which keep us from focusing on our goal of heaven. When we have people in our lives who are causing us to take our eyes off of our goal of heaven, we need to forget them. When our guilt from former sins, which have been forgiven, causes us to take our eyes off of our goal of heaven, we need to forget them. When temptations to sin lead us astray from our goal of heaven, we need to forget them. We need not to allow anything in our past to take our focus off of heaven. "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory" (Colossians 3: 1-4).

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via Folsomdale Church of Christ

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SERVING THIS WEEK 9/29/24 AM Worship Service

Announcements Neil Bringle
Song Leader: Ken Bringle Jr.
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Robert Charnock
Ron Teems, Eason Robinson, Robert Brownlee, Landon Bringle, Clint Stacks, Breck Beasley, Chris Maness, Caleb Smith

Opening Prayer: Jerry Gatlin
Closing Prayer: Brad Evins

September Food Committee Leader: Judy Dunaway

Nursery Worker: Kristine Bringle

September Bus Driver: Robert Charnock

Attendance Card Collectors: (9/29, 10/2)

Levi Teems, Houston Davis, Kyle McCain

September Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Richard & Elaine Shankle
Auditorium Entrance: Hadley & Brenda Mason

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: Ken Bringle Jr.
Opening Prayer: Alan Otts
Closing Prayer: Nick Maness
Sermon Neil Bringle

Mid-Week Bible Study October 2

Song Leader: Robert Charnock
Opening Prayer: David Keith
Closing Prayer: Eason Robinson
Speaker: Mike Rogers

PROOF OF OUR LOVE

Sunday Bible Classes	127
Worship AM	209
PM	128
Wednesday Bible Study	144

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Jeremy Voss	Atoka, TN
Winona Mae Robinson	Brownsville, TN
Andre Cannon	Covington, TN
Ty Conner	
Kate Meek	

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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

Train Up a Child

The wise King Solomon wrote, “Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Prov. 22:6). To train a child includes instruction, correction and discipline. Solomon speaks to children saying, “Take hold of instruction; do not let go. Guard her, for she is your life” (Prov. 4:13). Solomon adds, a child “will die for lack of instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he will go astray” (Prov. 5:23). He explains correction and discipline: “Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of discipline will remove it far from him” (Prov. 22:15). He adds, “Do not hold back discipline from the child, although you strike him with the rod, he will not die” (Prov. 23:13). The very role of parents requires them to do the best for their children. To do what is best for our children sometimes demands a measure of detachment. Sometimes we may seem unsympathetic to their hurts – “I told you not to touch the stove.” Sometimes we may even have to hide our compassion – “Life is not always fair.” We do this to develop responsibility in our children. Statistics show that parents who do not discipline their children, often see their children grow up lacking in responsibility. Solomon confirms that a child without discipline will “bring shame to his mother” (Prov. 29:15). Johnnanthan Sacks confirms that a child “will stumble and fall, but only by so doing does a child learn to walk” (*To Heal a Fractured World; The Ethics of Responsibility*, p. 41).

“In the way he should go” has had multiple explanations. Basically, within the context of the book of Proverbs it reflects the ways of wisdom. Wisdom, in this book often personifies God. Therefore, we understand the verse to say, “Instruct your child in the ways of God.” The ways of God can only be known through reading His word. Deuteronomy 6:1-9 instructs parents and grandparents to teach their children to “fear the Lord your God.” This teaching is to be done continually, where ever you are. Parents often ask when do I start instruction. Studies have been done that show at around 18 weeks, your unborn baby can hear the mother’s heartbeat. At 27 to 29 weeks, they can hear the mother’s voice, and other sounds outside the womb. Start reading the Bible to your child while he is still in the womb, and continue reading until they leave the HOME.

Parents often question when correction should begin. Correction usually becomes effective around 8 months. As soon as an infant begins to explore, you should start teaching what NO means. This is the beginning of correction.

--Mike Rogers

Prayer List

Faye Shankle—Recovering from eye surgery
Delores Whaley
Kathy McMahan
Rita Benjamin
Isabella Stacks
Pat Stephenson
Debra Foshee
Danny Smith
Chris Basham—Brother of Cindy Scott
Angie Jackson—Co-worker of Genie Renfroe
Jimmy Parsons—Recovering from surgery
Joi Hendricks—Recovering from surgery
Linda Maclin—Friend of Robin Higgins
Gabe & Lisa Dunham’s grandbaby—St. Jude,
Gabe & Lisa are friends of David & Robin Higgins
Charles Hays—Grandad of Ken Bingle Jr. & Neil Bringle
Sara Walton
Andrew Canmito—Recovering from surgery
Angie Jackson in the loss of her aunt. Also remember Is-
rael, Our Country, Our Missionaries, Heath Billings, Frank Brown, Judy Burrow, Lynn Butler, Andre`Cannon, Gwen Coffee, Larry Coughlan, Kenneth Coulston, Lawrence Coulston, Jason Elliott, Malissa Garner, Jackie Gatlin, Pat Gatlin, Mayson Hall, Kyle Hanks, K.C. Haynes, Ruth Heath, Liz Mason, Charlotte McCalister, Phyllis McLillie, Judy Merritt, Katie Merritt, Gigi Miller, Robin Montgom-
ery, Dorothy Morris, Zachary Nance, Jacob Navarro,Jeremy Newman, Larry Newman, Sophie Nolan, Michelle Nowak, Barbara Pool, Ken Renfroe, Jeremy Reynolds, Bonita Rog-
ers, Jan Sharp, Anthony Stacks, David South, Sue Stidham, Patti Taylor, Vicki Mayfield, Melvin Wall, Larry Whaley II, Tina Williams, Jeff Wood
NURSING HOME: Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson
MILITARY: Killian Bridgeman, Logan Bridgeman, Ma-
jor Creel, Bradley Evins, Dayana Fendley, Danny Fields, Tanner Mason, Richie Newbill, Chris Nowak, Jedidiah Phillips, Jacob Sampson, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart

Television

If we came home and found strangers influencing our kids to punch each other and want things they don’t need, we would throw them out of our homes. Yet, this happens every day when we come in and TV is on. We usually don’t give it a second thought.

(Pure Living)

via North Marshall Messenger

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

30—Monday Night for the Master, Group 4

SENIORS TRIP

****Thursday, September 26, the Seniors will be go-
ing to Grecian Steakhouse in Dyersburg, TN for
lunch. The bus will leave at 11AM.***

****Sunday, September 29 following the AM
Worship Service we will have a Potluck
Meal followed by a 1:00PM Worship Ser-
vice.***

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Friends and Family Day at Covington


Sunday, November 3 - Speaker: Cliff Goodwin

AREA EVENT

September 27-28— Church Leadership Workshop
2024 at Midsouth Youth Camp, Henderson, TN.
Theme: “Purpose; Planning: Prayer”

Contact jketchum@fhu.edu for questions.

BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 5




29—Dale Presley
2—Matt Higgins, Carmen Starck

ANNIVERSARIERS

29—Jimmy & Shirley Weir

DIAPER SHOWER



In lieu of a baby shower, a table has been set up in the foyer for diapers/wipes for *Chris & Rachel Maness’* baby girl, *Remington Maness.*

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE SEPT. 29-OCT. 5

September 29—Daniel 1-3
September 30—Dan. 4-7
October 1—Dan. 8-10
October 2—Dan. 11-12
October 3—Hosea 1-3
October 4—Hos. 4-7
October 5—Hos. 8-10

The Carpenter’s Apprentice

Romans chapter one begins with a rather long salutation wherein Paul, while introducing himself and explaining his purpose in life, uses the phrase in verse 5, “the obedi-
ence of faith.” Interestingly the same turn of phrase, “obe-
dience of faith,” appears in the last sentence of his letter to the churches in Rome as well. The reader however may not make this connection unless he reads the entire letter at once or happens to take particular notice of either one of the phrases and does a little research on it! The latter is what happened to me. As I write though, I can’t help but recall, never once did I put down a letter from Jedidiah while he was in basic training until I’d read every last word, often going back through it to make sure I missed nothing and understood everything. I wonder if the churches read Paul’s letters a little at a time, or all the way through at once. Regardless, the phrase “obedience of faith” captured my thoughts and arrested my attention as I read the salutation last night. There are a number of re-
ligious people who seem to hang up on “saved by grace” almost implying works, or actions are not necessary, only belief. I suppose their position could be understandable as we read Jesus’ words to the Pharisees and Sadducees whose emphasis had turned more to the letter of the law than to the spirit of the law, often honoring God with their lips, but not their hearts (Matthew 15:8). The concept of grace only may even be plausible if we read only Ephe-
sians 2:8-9, “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.” However, such a belief in grace only indicates a total misunderstand-
ing of faith and requires the disregarding of several other scriptures like Ephesians 2:10, Romans 6:1-5, James 2:14-26 and even 1 John 1:5-9. All of these scriptures clearly demonstrate those who believe – do something; from the works we were created for, to walking in light and Paul lays it out simply with the phrase “obedience of faith.” If you believe, you will act. If you believe the parachute will open, you jump out of the plane. If you believe the boat will float, you push off from shore. If you believe you can walk on water, you have no problem getting out of the boat in the middle of the lake. The drag racer believes his car is the fastest so he puts his title on the line. No one with a doubt would do any of those things and yet there are many who profess a faith in God who simply don’t do what he says. They do not obey, prompt-
ing him to ask, “Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say” (Luke 6:46)? Maybe we all need to ask ourselves, “Do my actions demonstrate what I claim to believe?”

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