

Covington Family News

March 23, 2025

God is Positive

You say, “It’s impossible.”

God says, “All things are possible” (Luke 18:27).

You say, “I’m too tired.”

God says “I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28-30).

You say, “I can’t do it.”

God says, “You can do all things through Me” (Philippians 4:13).

You say, “I can’t forgive myself.”

God says, “I forgave you” (1 John 1:9; Romans 8:1).

You say, “I can’t manage.”

God says, “I will supply all your needs” (Philippians 4:19).

You say, I’m always worried and frustrated.”

God says, “Cast all your cares on Me” (1 Peter 5:7).

You say, “I feel all alone.”

God says, “I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5)

Bulletin Digest

via The Lebanon Letter



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SERVING THIS WEEK 3/23/25 AM Worship Service

Announcements	Brandon Matlock
Song Leader:	Wayne Dalrymple
Sermon	Mike Rogers

Presiding Over the Lord’s Table:

Head: Hadley Mason
Wesley Fowler, Eason Robinson, Robert Brownlee, Chris Huggins, Clint Stacks, Breck Beasley, Chris Maness, Caleb Smith

Opening Prayer:	Bill Murray
Closing Prayer:	Jon McCain

Nursery Worker: Mandy Billings

March Food Committee Leader: Bonita Rogers

Attendance Card Collectors: (3/23)
Jaxton Carter, Nolan Carter, Ethan Matlock

March Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Richard & Elaine Shankle
Auditorium Entrance: Brad & Becky Evins

PM Worship Service

Song Leader:	Wayne Dalrymple
Opening Prayer:	Ken Bringle Jr.
Closing Prayer:	Jimmy McMahan
Sermon	Mike Rogers

PROOF OF OUR LOVE

Sunday Bible Classes	114
Worship AM	211
PM	137
Wednesday Bible Study	143

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Marcia Murray	Covington, TN
Andy & Cindy Blackwell	Henderson, TN
Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	
Cindy Randle	Antioch, TN
Lizzy & Alyssa Dunn	Brighton, TN

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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

Do You Understand?

Matthew 13:51-52

There is a remarkable difference between hearing and understanding. Jesus asked His disciples if they understood the meaning of the parables (Matt. 13:51) revealing truths about “the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 13:11). When His disciples answered they had understood all those things, Jesus tells this parable that does not describe the kingdom of heaven itself, but those “scribes” who have become disciples of the kingdom of heaven.

A scribe was one well trained in interpreting the law (cf. Ezra 7:6, 10). The scribe Jesus refers to is one who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven. He would be one who, not only knew the Law of Moses, but also knew about the kingdom of heaven. If Jesus’ disciples truly understood the parables, they were as a scribe who knew both the old law and the new law. A scribe who has become a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a head of a household. A head of a household is responsible for the “treasure” (the things in the storehouse). This treasure is of great value. The “new” treasure would be understanding the value of the kingdom of heaven. The “old” treasure would be understanding the value of the Law of Moses.

Every disciple should be like a scribe. Understanding God's word should be a fundamental aspect of being a disciple of the kingdom of heaven. The very word “disciple” means a “learner” or “follower,” which implies one understands and obeys the teachings of God. In the Great Commission, Jesus told His apostles to “make disciples of all nations . . .,” “teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matt. 28:19-20). Every disciple is like a head of a household. We are responsible for the preservation and stewardship of the word of God, both old and new covenants. The psalmist wrote that the precepts of the Lord are “more to be desired than gold, yes, than much fine gold” (Ps. 19:10). Solomon declares “How blessed is the man who finds wisdom and the man who gains understanding. For her profit is better than the profit of silver and her gain better than fine gold. She is more precious than jewels; and nothing you desire compares with her” (Prov. 3:13-15). The Old Testament “was written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope” (Rom. 15:4). The value of that treasure is enhanced with the full and final revelation of God's Will through His Son Jesus Christ (cf. Col. 2:2-3). We must not disregard old law, just because we have been blessed to receive the new? The old covenant helps us appreciate the value of the new covenant!

--Mike Rogers

Prayer List



John Evans
Vicki Mayfield—Ripley Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, Ripley, TN
Heath Billings
Neil Bringle
Betty White—Wife of Bobby White
Storm Victims, Israel, Our Country, Our Missionaries,
LaVerne Baxter, Captain Mike Shipley, Jeff Cooper,
Larry Coughlan, Kenneth Coulston, Jason Elliott, Hattie Fields, Malissa Garner, Jackie Gatlin, Kay Gatlin, Pat Gatlin, Kyle Hanks, K.C. Haynes, Coy Hendrix, Stan McDevitt, Phyllis McLillie, Judy Merritt, Kathy McMahan, Gigi Miller, Robin Montgomery, Larry Newman, Sophie Nolan, Victoria Orman, Alan Otts, Randy Rhoads, Bonita Rogers, Phillip Scrip, Donna Sonwineski, Elizabeth Sonwineski, Anthony Stacks, David South, Melvin Wall, Paulette Watkins, Larry Whaley II
NURSING HOME:
Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

MILITARY:

Killian Bridgeman, Logan Bridgeman, Major Creel, Bradley Evins, Dayana Fendley, Tanner Mason, Richie Newbill, Chris Nowak, Michael J. Pena, Jedidiah Phillips, Jacob Sampson, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart

RESPONSE

Neil Bringle responded Sunday, March 9 asking for prayers. Please remember him.

BAPTISM

Rhett Benjamin was baptized into Christ, Wednesday, March 12. We rejoice with him and the angels in heaven!

Children of all ages have one thing in common—they close their ears to advice and open their eyes to example.

via Bulletin Digest

“Let each of you look not only to his own interest, but also to the interest of others.”

Philippians 2:4

Calendar of Events

MARCH EVENTS

24—Monday Night for the Master, group 3

25—Ladies Bible Class, 10AM

26—Devotional/Worship in song

31—Monday Night for the Master, group 4

Saturday, April 12 we will have a workday here at the building, 8:00-5:00. Breakfast will be served at 7:00. Please let Craig Robinson or David Stewart know if you plan to attend.

April 17-20—Lads to Leaders

June 1-4—VBS

June 11—Wednesday Night Summer Series begins

BIRTHDAYS MARCH 23-29



25—Mandy Billings

28—Chase Kidd

ANNIVERSARIES

25—Heath & Ellie Hoffman

WEDDING SHOWER



All ladies are invited to a wedding shower honoring *Kiana Mitchell & Daniel Trimm*, Sunday, April 13, 2PM in the foyer. The couple is registered at Amazon, Target, & Something Special.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE MARCH 23-29

March 23—1 Sam. 11-13

March 24—1 Sam. 14-16

March 25—1 Sam. 17-19

March 26—1 Sam. 20-22

March 27—1 Sam. 23-26

March 28—1 Sam. 27-29

March 29—1 Sam. 30-11 Sam. 1

Carpenter's Apprentice

I try to carry a pocket knife with me wherever I go. It is one of the handiest tools a young man can carry but it is also a tool that comes with great responsibility. Learning how to properly handle a knife so as not to cut yourself or worse, someone else, is not difficult but does require a bit of guidance. Fathers are usually very good at this, but grandpa's and great uncles are probably the best. Did you know a very sharp knife is safer than a dull one? It sounds crazy when you first hear it because the sharper a knife is, the easier it cuts and one might assume the easier to **be** cut! However, that is not the case. For the record, the best way not to be cut by a knife is to avoid getting body parts in the way of the blade! This avoidance is done by the use of proper cutting techniques, most of which get modified heavily when using a dull blade because we tend to do most of the work instead of letting the blade do it. More force when cutting means less control which equals more danger. When gifting a knife, it should come with admonitions of not only when and where to carry and cutting safety tips, but also advice on how to keep a knife sharp. Dull knives cut deeper, heal slower and are more painful. Getting cut by your own pocket knife is a rite of passage and needs to be experienced (or witnessed) by all boys. While society has changed and knives are not as necessary as they once were, earning the privilege of carrying your own knife is cool. It won't be long, every time a knife is needed, people will look to you!

Did you know the Bible is often compared to a sword? Ephesians 6:17 says explicitly, “the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,” and Hebrews 4:12 says, “For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword.” While considering the similarities between the two tools, the knife of the pocket and the sword of the Spirit, we quickly realize the great responsibility and privilege that comes with carrying them. Both must be handled correctly and with respect. Paul actually told Timothy, “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15). Correctly handling the Sword of God is important, and so is keeping it sharp. If we don't keep the Word of God we carry sharp, sharing God's word is like cutting with a dull knife. We have to force it, there is more chance of slipping up and cutting too deep in the wrong place. But when handled correctly and respectfully, it won't be long before every time the Word is needed, people will look to you! -Jeff