

Covington Family News

March 30, 2025

Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

There are two days in every week that we should not worry about; two days that should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One is YESTERDAY, with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed, forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed. Nor can we erase a single word we've said—yesterday is gone!

The other day we shouldn't worry about is TOMORROW, with its impossible adversaries, its burdens, its hopeful promise and poor performance. Tomorrow is beyond our control. Tomorrow's sun will rise either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds—but it will rise. And until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

This leaves only one day—TODAY. Any person can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when we add the burdens of yesterday and tomorrow that we break down. It is not the experience of today that drives people mad, it is the remorse of bitterness for something which happened yesterday, and the dread of what tomorrow may bring.

Let us, therefore, live one day at a time!

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SERVING THIS WEEK 3/30/25 AM Worship Service

Announcements	Brandon Matlock
Song Leader:	Noah Liles
Sermon	Michael Wyatt

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:	Brad Evins
Closing Prayer:	Jerry Gatlin

Nursery Worker: Kristine Bringle

March Food Committee Leader: Bonita Rogers

Attendance Card Collectors: (3/30)
Tyler Bringle, Dayton Maness, Beau Glidewell

March Bus Driver: (3/30 & 4/2)
Luke McMahan

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

PM Worship Service

Song Leader:	Noah Liles
Opening Prayer:	Alan Otts
Closing Prayer:	Nick Maness
Sermon	Neil Bringle

Sunday Bible Classes	137
Worship AM	227
PM	126
Wednesday Bible Study	100

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Marcia Murray	Covington, TN
Lydia & Isaiah Elliott	Henderson, TN
Cindy White	Fisherville, KY
Tyler, Madison, & Cullen Higgins	
Ty Conner	
Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	

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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

Mary, The Mother of Jesus

Luke 1:26-55

We first read of the mother of Jesus by name in Matthew 1:16: “And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.” We have heard Mary alluded to in sermons on the birth of Jesus, or when He was twelve years old in the temple, or at His crucifixion, but a sermon just on Mary is rare. It is possible we have avoided preaching and teaching on Mary for fear of worshipping her. However, I suggest she should be taught asking this question: “Why did Mary find favor with God?” (See Luke 1:30). I want to suggest five reasons Mary found favor with God that every woman should imitate.

First, she was humble. She was likely no more than 15 years old, but she had already learned humility beyond her years (see Luke 1:48, 52). Humility is exalted in scripture as a requirement for salvation (see Luke 18:14).

Second, she was pure. Isaiah 7:14 prophecies that Immanuel would be born of a virgin. Mary's virginity is mentioned 2 times in Luke 1:27 and once in verse 34. Virginity is exalted throughout scripture. A priest could only marry a virgin (Lev. 21:13-14). Paul declares it is good never to marry (1 Cor. 7:7). Paul in no way prohibits marriage, but he does exalt celibacy.

Third, she was submissive to God (Luke 1:34-38). She questioned if it was possible for her to be with child since she was a virgin (Luke 1:34), but she never doubted the words of the angel (see Luke 1:36-38). Mary understood if God could cause a woman who was barren and past the age of bearing children to become pregnant and bear a child, He could cause her, a virgin, to bear a child.

Fourth, she was a servant (Luke 1:39-45). In spite of her being told she was going to be the mother of the Son of God she went to help her relative in her old age (1:39). Ladies, if you were told you were going to give birth to the Messiah, would you pack up and walk 80 to 100 miles to help another. All women (and men for that matter) must serve others (cf. Gal. 5:13)

Finally, she had a strong faith. She exalted God (Luke 1:46-47). She trusted God (Luke 1:49-55) as holy (sacred) (1:49-50), as powerful (1:51), as her protector (1:52), and her provider (1:53-54).

While it is true we will never need a woman to bear another Savior of the world. We do need more women that are humble not arrogant, submissive not pompous, servants not lords. We need more women that remain pure before marriage, and faithful to God above everything.

--Mike Rogers

Prayer List



Phillip Scrip—Recovering from surgery

Paulette Watkins

John Evans

Vicki Mayfield—Ripley Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center, Ripley, TN

Isaac Stewart

Heath Billings

Neil Bringle

Laura Craft—Recovering from surgery

Georgia Cook

Thomas Ortiz & family in the loss of his dad, *Freddie Posey*; also remember 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, Donna Sonwineski, Anthony Stacks, David South, Melvin Wall, 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

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Bobby White in the death of his wife, *Betty White*.

WEDDING BELLS



Congratulations to *Richie & Sherri Scott Spann* who were united in marriage, Saturday, March 22!



Congratulations to *Coltin & Jayden Clay* who were united in marriage, Saturday, March 22!

Calendar of Events

MARCH EVENTS

31—Monday Night for the Master, group 4

Deacon's Meeting, Sunday, March 30 @ 4PM.

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

AREA EVENTS

March 29—Senior Adult Rally at Henderson Church of Christ, Henderson, TN; Registration-9:15AM, 10AM-1:30PM, Lunch Provided; Speaker: Ben Flatt

March 30—Spring Speaker Series at Hatchie Church of Christ; 11:00AM-Speaker: Mike Rogers, Dinner @ 12:30PM, 1:30PM- Speaker: John DeBerry

March 30-April 3—FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL LECTURESHIP at Memphis School of Preaching; General Theme: “*Teach All Nations*”

April 4, 5, 6—“Finding Hidden Treasure” Seminar at Gilt Edge church of Christ – 7PM & 8PM Friday; Speaker: Mike Rogers, 7PM & 8PM Saturday; Speaker: Luke Gurchiek, 11AM, Lunch & 2PM Sunday; Speaker: John Somerville

BIRTHDAYS MARCH 30-APRIL 5



5—Rachel Maness, Briley Bringle

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 30-APRIL 5

March 30—11 Sam. 2-4

March 31—11 Sam. 5-7

April 1—11 Sam. 8-10

April 2—11 Sam. 11-13

April 3—11 Sam. 14-16

April 4—11 Sam. 17-19

April 5—11 Sam. 20-22

Carpenter's Apprentice

There were three things Achan took from the spoils of Jericho. Two of them make perfect sense to us, but the third raises an eyebrow. Two hundred shekels of silver and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels we can all understand, but a coat. It seems odd a man would transgress the command of God for a garment and yet, Achan lists it first among the three items. Furthermore, the gold and silver could have been easily concealed under his garments, weighing only about 6 pounds together, but the cloak, while not necessarily heavy, would have been bulky and required some real thought and careful planning. Maybe he wore it under his own clothes to get it back to his tent. It appears to be a crime of opportunity, not one of premeditation. When he saw the garment, he knew it was from Shinar, a plain in Babylonia. He instantly recognized it for what it was. Achan spoke of it in terms suggesting Joshua would know exactly of the quality and value the garment carried and maybe understand why he took it. It wasn't just any garment, it was from Shinar. There are many instances in the Bible giving us insight to how people valued their clothing. From the coat of many colors presented to Joseph in Genesis 37, to the thirty sets of clothes Samson promised to the Philistines if they solved his riddle, throughout the Bible we see the significance and value of clothing in Bible times. So when Jesus said, “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal” (Matthew 6:19), those he talked to on the mountain side knew very well the value of their clothing and the damage that could be done when the tiny larvae of the moth began feasting. Jesus highlighted in one sentence the futility of putting your faith in anything here on earth. While some only wear “brand names” and spend a lot on clothes, we do not seem to value clothes the way they did in Bible times. Many don't even realize the holes in their suit came from moth larvae! We understand rust and thieves. Hopefully we understand the temporary nature of the things we possess. Hopefully our confidence, our hope, our faith, our identity, our life is not based on this temporary stuff but like the preacher said in Ecclesiastes 12:13, we are “fearing God and keeping His commandments,” as this is the whole duty of man. Hopefully, our confidence is in our redeemer, our hope floats in the cleansing power of His blood, our faith is in His return, our identity is in Christ and our lives are lived walking in the light as He is in the light. Hopefully we are all storing our treasure in heaven where there is no rust and there are no thieves or moths. Hopefully. Prayerfully. Confidently. -jeff