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**PROOF OF OUR LOVE**

Sunday Service: 1 AM - 175 2 AM - 50 Total: 225
Sunday PM: 138
Wednesday Bible Study: 152

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Happy 4th of July
**Mike's Message**

Is Life Worth Living?

The book I plan on reviewing and making application from in the month of July is Ecclesiastes. The book begins, “The words of the Preacher...” (1:1). The Hebrew word that translates “preacher” is found only in Ecclesiastes. It means “one who addresses an assembly.” This Hebrew word also carries the idea of debating. However, the context of the book does not suggest the idea of public debate as much as debating with self. The preacher reviews his own life and draws practical conclusions that he presents to his audience.

While the author is not named, all evidence suggests that Solomon is the most logical choice. He calls himself, “son of David, king in Jerusalem” (1:11, 12). He portrays himself as wealthy and wise (1:13, 2-11). We know that Solomon was the son of David and a man of great wealth and wisdom (2 Kings 10:16, 1-14). Therefore, he fits the criteria as the author. Solomon writes Ecclesiastes as a wise preacher teaching on the meaning of life.

As one reads chapters one and two he quickly realizes that Solomon really deplored about life “under the sun” because nothing ever changes (1:2-17). Nothing is new (1:8-11), and nothing ever truly satisfies (1:12-2:23).

Solomon determines to use wisdom, riches, pleasure, and even work to fulfill in life, but rather discovers that in life “under the sun” it makes no difference how much wisdom, wealth, education, power, or prestige one may have all this has been finished “is vanity.” Solomon emphasizes that if one expects to find peace and fulfillment in the things of this world he is only “chasing after wind” (1:14, 17; 2:11, 17, 26 NIV).

Solomon concludes that living for God is really the only fulfillment one can expect: “There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? For to the one who pleases God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and striving after wind” (2:24-26).

After trying to accomplish joy, satisfaction, and a feeling of accomplishment by his own wit and resources, Solomon makes it clear that only living for God can provide fulfillment. Is life worth living? You bet it is, if we live it for God (1 Cor. 15:58). Someone once said, “The joys of the present depend on the security of the future.”

---Mike Rogers

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**HEALTH CONCERNS**

Joyce Whaley

Cindy Clark—Home, recovering from surgery

Helen Goforth

Gary Bowie

Gale Sutton

Regina Taylor—Sister of Joyce Scott

Bobby Curtis—Methodist Rehab

Joyce Finto—Mother of LeAnn Stewart, recovering from surgery

Loyd Hawkins—Friend of Jerry Gatlin

Lori Harrod—Co-worker of Genie Renfroe, surgery, June 30

Mitchell Rogers

John Montgomery—Recovery from surgery

Carolyn Poe

Greg Melton

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Rosie Barnes, Betty Baskin, Albert Boling, Mary Ann Boling, Steve Brown, Steve Carter, James Cartwright, Matthew Cothran, Bobbie Deen, Cleo Burch, Billy Champion, Becki Coulson, Joyce Cox, John Dickey, Shelley Dickey, Jason Elliott, Shirley Fowler, Linda Gordon, Carolyn Hanks, Steve Higgins, Bonnie Holbrook, Lucy Krull, Shirley Laxton, Vicki Mayfield, Florence Robertson, Travis Sain, Carol Scott, Tim Scott, Joyce Smart, Timmy Smith, Larry Whaley II

**The following donations are needed for the Nicaragua Mission Trip. If you can help it would be greatly appreciated.**

1.5 oz. bottles of Elmer’s glue, 8 count Crayola crayons, & clothespins.

**NURSING HOMES**

Covington Care: Otis Poole, (202), Thelma Brown (303) Parkway Cove: Helen Goforth (A2)

**MILITARY**

Logan Bridgeman, Bradley Evins, Nic Hunter, Seth Kellow, Kacey Kuykendall, Tanner Mason, Scott E. Moore, Michael J. Pena, Jessica Whaley, Chris Nowak

**SUPPORT**

We extend our deepest sympathy to Frank Brown in the death of his sister-in-law, Mildred Brown; to Paulette Pemberton in the death of her brother, Louis Fowler; and to Nick & Leann Maness in the death of their sister-in-law’s mother, Heather Lewis.

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**FAMILY NEWS**

**JULY EVENTS**

4—4th of July. The church office will be closed

5—Summer Series: Speaker: Justin Rogers

12—Summer Series: Speaker: Dave Phillips

15—Birthday Party at River Terrace, 2:00PM

16—Devotional at Covington Care, 4PM

19—Summer Series: Speaker: Jacob Evans

22—Birthday Party at Covington Care, 2:30PM

26—Devotional/Worship in song

30—Fifth Sunday; Only one AM Worship Service

**JULY YOUTH EVENTS**

6—IGNITE

13—IGNITE

20—IGNITE

21—Mission Trip to Nicaragua

27—IGNITE

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Grayson Robinson. He participated in the 2017 State Championship Skeet Tournament in Nashville last week where he won first place with a perfect score of 100 and then won a shoot off tie breaker with two others for Grand Champion. He will compete at the National level in Ohio in July.

**BIRTHDAYS JULY 2-8**

3—Nolan Combs

5—Elaine Shankle

7—Sara Anderson

8—Tyler Bringle, Charley Morgan Haford

**ANNIVERSARIES**

4—Grant & Crystal Edmonds

5—Ben & Patsy Moore

**BAPTISMS**

Lawson Maxwell was baptized into Christ, Thursday, June 15. We rejoice with him and the angels in heaven!

**WEDDING BELLS**

Congratulations to Ethan Stewart & Rachael Barkley who were united in marriage, Saturday, June 24!

**BIBLE READING SCHEDULE JULY 2-8**

2—Acts 7: 20-45 2 Ch 21-23

3—Acts 7: 46-60 2 Ch 24-25

4—Acts 8: 1-25 2 Ch 26-28

5—Acts 8: 26-40 2 Ch 29-30

6—Acts 9: 1-22 2 Ch 31-32

7—Acts 9: 23-43 2 Ch 33-34

8—Acts 10: 1-23 2 Ch 35-36

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I heard a war story involving a private who drove a Willys jeep into a remote camp close to the front lines. The commanding officer came out of his tent in utter disobe-dience and started to comment on the impossibility of driv-ing any vehicle through to them when the private brushed him and said, “Sir, you know, and I know that jeep never should have made it through what we came through, but the jeep still hasn’t figured it out so please keep your voice down.” I had a truck like that once. It was a 1978 Ford and it never figured out it wasn’t a four wheel drive. Oh, the places it could go! I sold that truck for $300 dollars and I have often told Jennifer if I ever see it again, I’ll probably try to buy it. I had wrecked it a couple of times (once my fault and once theirs) and it needed a little body work. From the windshield forward it was primer gray and the rest of the truck was blue with an orange and yellow stripe, each about an inch thick which I removed with a razor blade. In short, it was an ugly truck. Few were the individuals jealous of my truck, but those of whom I took the time to ride in it loved it dearly. It was dependable, comfortable and extremely useful, always getting us where we wanted to be. When I see someone from the old days, we eventually get around to talking about that truck.

I wonder how many times we dismiss someone or some idea because it lacks the luster and beauty or is less appealing to the eye. Maybe we overlook the value and potential contribution to the work because of external appearance or circumstance. Jesus’ words in Matthew 23:26-28 are rather strong about outward appearance. God knows the heart (Acts 15:8) and we should take time to get to know it too. I am not talking only about the hearts of others, but the only heart we can truly know, our own. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person (Matthew 15:19-20).

No doubt many of those who never rode in my truck went on to lead “successful and productive lives.” I imagine each one feels an emptiness born from missing out on the next chance of a lifetime. I have missed out on many great chances. When I was a young boy I wanted to ride in my truck. But alas, that chance is gone from us all. Let us commit to not miss on the opportunity to ride in my truck. Maybe we overlook the value and potential contribution to the work because of external appearance or circumstance. Jesus’ words in Matthew 23:26-28 are rather strong about outward appearance. God knows the heart (Acts 15:8) and we should take time to get to know it too. I am not talking only about the hearts of others, but the only heart we can truly know, our own. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person (Matthew 15:19-20).

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-Jeff