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FAMILY NEWS - SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAY 9:00 AM; WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM; **WORSHIP**: SUNDAY - 10:00 AM & 11:15 AM

Ladies Class - Tuesday 10:00 AM

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WELCOME! If you are a visitor YOU are our honored guest!

IT'S NOT FAIR!

The game has been going for a while. At the beginning, laughter fills the dining room as pieces move across the board and scores keep rising. Eventually, though, one boy is clearly ahead. His score grows to a large lead, leaving the others struggling to catch up.

Suddenly another boy throws his hands up. "This isn't fair!" he says as his face turns red. "He's winning everything. This game is broken!" In his mind, something must be wrong with the rules– or with the one who's winning.

In Psalm 73, Asaph admits he almost lost his spiritual footing for the same reason. He looks a the people who pay no attention to God and sees them living without a care in the world. They seem healthy, successful, and untroubled. Meanwhile, those who try walking uprightly often face hardship. The difference is so clear that Asaph says: **"But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped. For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked."** (Psa. 73:2-3).

He watches the wicked appear carefree and secure. They speak arrogantly, live without much trouble, act in a way that is completely against God, and still seem to get ahead. Asaph begins to wonder whether keeping his heart clean has been a waste of time. From where he stands, it simply does not look fair.

Then everything changes.

Asaph tells us the turning point comes when he goes into the sanctuary of God. There, in God's presence, he finally understands the ending (v. 17). What looks like lasting success is actually a slippery path. The spiritual point of view completely changes what he has been seeing. Instead of peace and security, he sees that the end is actually destruction.

Today, as Christians, we face days when life feels unfair. We watch people who ignore God appear to succeed while those who seek Him struggle. The question comes up naturally: "Why do they get ahead while I keep running into trouble?"

The answer is not found by staring longer at the scoreboard. It is found the same way Asaph found it – by stepping into God's presence and asking for His view of things. Only when we take the time to see things through God's lens do we see that success without Him does not last into eternity. It is only a fleeting gain leading to an ultimate loss.

When the cry, "It's not fair!" rises in your heart, don't let it sit there. Bring your heart back to the sanctuary of God's Word. Let God show you the rest of the picture. The game is not broken. The final score has not been tallied yet. Those who stay near Him will not be put to shame.

Keep walking by faith, not by how things look in the moment. Seeing life from God's perspective can change everything.

~Adam Cozort, Adam's Bible Studies, <adamcozort@substack.com>, September 14, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS - **Ronnie Deaton**
SCRIPTURE READER -**Jude Hicks**
PREACHER - **Keith Cozort**

PRAYER LEADERS:
SUNDAY - 9:00 A.M. - **Terry LeBaron**
10:00 A.M. - **Richard Sciba**
Matt Lawrence
11:15 A.M. - **Kevin Cozort**
Jeremiah Hicks
WEDNESDAY - **David Grow**
Kevin Cozort

SONG LEADERS:
SUNDAY - 10:00 A.M. **- Brent LeBaron**
11:15 A.M. - **Matt Lawrence**
WEDNESDAY - **Logan Howard**

SERVING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:
PRESIDE - **Phil Driskill**
ASSIST - **Brian Sherrell**
ASSIST - **Jeremiah Hicks**
ASSIST - **Logan Howard**

USHERS:
SUNDAY AM1 - **Larry Turner**
SUNDAY AM2 - **Richard Sciba**
WEDNESDAY - **Phil Driskill**

TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED:
SUNDAY - **Phil Driskill -** 259-4359
WEDNESDAY -**Terry LeBaron -** 259-3261

BLESSED TO SERVE:
COMMUNION PREP **- Carolyn Turner**
FLOWERS - **Sue Murphy**

EVANGELISM PREP: September 20th
GREETERS - **Rachell Howard**
PEW GREETERS - **Brent/Jessica LeBaron**
Brian/Jodee Sherrell
VISITOR BAGS - **Everly Hicks**

EVANGELISM PREP: September 27th
GREETERS - **Richard/Ruby Sciba**
PEW GREETERS - **Brent/Jessica LeBaron**
Phil/Donna Driskill
VISITOR BAGS - **Owen LeBaron**

ATTENDANCE & CONTRIBUTION
WEEK OF - September 13, 2026
SUNDAY CLASS - 51
AM1 - 75
AM2 - 56
WEDNESDAY - 26
CONTRIBUTION - $

MILITARY SERVICE -
Derek Davis family - Texas

Pray for our evangelistic efforts!

Have you been on our website lately? Check it out. See the front page!

GOD'S PLAN: HEAR - Rom. 10:17; **BELIEVE** - John 8:24; **REPENT** - Acts 17:30; **CONFESS** - Rom. 10:9-10; **BE IMMERSED** - Acts 2:38; **REMAIN FAITH even in death** - Rev. 2:10.

Worship Leaders, please use the microphone so all can worship with you! Please silence all electronics. Children, please walk!

UPCOMING EVENTS:
*Sept. 20th - Youth Speaking, sack lunch, men's meeting
*Sept. 27th - Brian Sherrell speaking
*Sept. 30th - Bible Bowl 2
*Oct. 4th - Potluck
*Oct. 10th - The Sherrell and Wyatt Hicks families are hosting a chili/fall foods potluck dinner. Please bring your favorite chili, sides and other "fall" foods. See Jodee or Addison for more information.
*Oct. 24th - Ladies' Day, Theme: Count Your Blessings/How Can We Find Blessings in Any Time of Our Lives. Speaker: Jodee Sherrell.

TEACHER'S - Get Bible Bowl 2 questions to Keith by **TODAY, please.**

PANTRY ITEMS: . Boxed noodle mixes, i.e. Macaroni & Cheese. Thanks!

PRAYER REQUESTS
Buddy McCarty
Dwain Murphy - shunt turned back on
Darrell Cooper (Sue's brother) liver cancer - on hospice
Linda Lawson
Ann Lake, Doug Logan (recovering from a stroke - Ann's nephew)
Retha Cullins (Shawna's mother-in-law - fell into brick wall)
Jerry (fell and broke his hip) and Sharon Endicott - (Ruby's family)
Mike Lemons (customer of Phil's)
William Hicks (cancer, spouse of S & H coworker)
Jeannine & John Vawter (Karene's family)
Kevin Robertson - home recovering from a stroke (Dorthy's son)
Shirley Hart - (Ann Newton's sister - recovering from surgery at home)
Sandy Pendergrass - (Lyme's disease - Ann Newton's family)
Roy Boykin - (Tucker's friend) cancer
Jayne Kane - (Terry's sister)
Joe Wyrick - (Fell & broke thumb) (Linda's family)
Larry Hicks - (Jeremiah's dad)
William & Lavonne Wood - (Jodee's family)
Phyllis Coffman
Wayne Crosby
Betty Lane
Christians in Ukraine and Russia (war)

On-going health issues:
Richard & Ruby Sciba, Alberta Steinert, Tinzie Mackey, Lois Schmollinger, Bonnie Wolfe, Ann Newton, Dorthy Robertson, Sheila Deaton, Buddy & Annette McCarty, Dwain & Sue Murphy, Effie Hicks.

WORKS WE ARE PRIVILEGED TO SUPPORT
On-line Academy of Biblical Studies (OABS); Bible Institute of Missouri (BIM); Global School of Biblical Studies; Shaddy Chapel church of Christ; Brent Green; Jesse Howard; David Bass (Instructor at the Jamaica School of Preaching).