

# Munfordville Church of Christ

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Revelation 2:26, “*And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations.*”

It’s hard to believe, but we are at the end of 2019. This Wednesday we begin 2020. It seems like only yesterday we began the 2000s, but we are now 1/5 of the way through the first century of the 2000s.

In the above verse, we see the importance of keeping the works of Jesus unto the end. Jesus is talking about the end of life. But since we are at the end of the year, I thought it might do us good to look back and see how we compare spiritually to the beginning of the year.

1. **Attendance.** Do we attend more or less than we did at the beginning of the year. Do we have 100% attendance for 2019? Not many are able to do that simply due to sickness. Even if we attend every service, that works out to about 4 hours per week in worship. When compared to all the other activities we have each week, it’s not much time. That is a very small amount compared to school and work.

I hope our attendance is better than at the beginning of the year. Attendance is vastly important. It’s so important that the writer stated in Hebrews 10:25, “*Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*”

Though things will come up, make an effort to attend every service. There is so much to gain from being at worship, and so much one misses when not in attendance.

2. **Study and knowledge.** Are we studying more at the end of the year than we were at the beginning? Though we do live busy lives with family, school, and work, we need to take time daily for the word of God. We must have daily bread in order for our physical bodies to survive and grow. Even more so is the spiritual daily bread vital to our spiritual growth and survival.

We have the Bible all about us with physical and electronic copies. We need to not only have the Bible about us, but in us. With technology today, it’s easier than ever to read the Bible. Either around the house or driving, we can listen to the Bible. The recordings we have on the church’s website would take 68 hours to listen to the entire Bible. If you listen to just 12 minutes per day, you shall have listened to the entire Bible in a little less than a year. Most of us have 12 minutes where we can listen to the Bible.

3. **Giving.** We at Munfordville have been blessed with generous givers. We have a contribution that shows the hearts of the people are in the right place. Our giving should not be static. When we make less, we give less. When we earn more the LORD wants us to give more. This is a commandment. I Corinthians 16:2, “*Upon the first [day] of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as [God] hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.*”

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Sunday 9 AM & 4 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

# News

—Continue to remember **Alice Thrasher**, **Steve Seaton**, **Brad Terry**, and **Enola Zigler**. **Shirley Parson** is having great difficulty breathing due to COPD. **Larry Compton** remains at his daughter's in Tennessee while he recovers from knee replacement. He is doing quite well and hopes to be home soon.

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Don't give because it's commanded. Give because you want to give back to the LORD and His work. II Corinthians 9:7, *"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, [so let him give]; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."*

No doubt when we give, we are laying up treasures in Heaven, but the LORD blesses us here and now for our generous giving. Luke 6:38, *"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."*

As the end of the year is upon us, where are we spiritually compared to the beginning of the year? If we examine ourselves and find it's not where we want to be, now is the time to begin anew. Any day of the year is the right day to begin anew for the LORD, be it the new year or not.

If the LORD gives us life until the end of 2020, where will we be spiritually? Will we be closer to or further from the LORD? That is totally determined by us individually. Let's extend that to beyond the end of 2020. Where will we be when we come to the end—the end of life? We must begin now and work to make sure we are living faithfully in the LORD when the end does come.

—Marty Edwards❖

Sunday, December 22, 2019		
Classes	19	I Peter 5:1-9
Preaching	28	Psalms 1:1-6
Contribution	\$672.00	
Evening	11	Matthew 28:1-10
Wednesday, December 25, 2019		
Classes	10	Isaiah 9:1-21

Visitors— Dec 22 (AM) Jonathan & Roberta Holley; Cayden & Jaxon Murlee (Cave City, KY)

## Bible Quiz

A child would be born and the government would be where?

Last Week's Answer— A great roll (Isaiah 8:1)

*"And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful."*

—Revelation 21:5

## —God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)