



## Times of Worship

<b>Sunday Bible Classes:</b>	9am
<b>Sunday AM Worship:</b>	10am
<b>Sunday PM Worship:</b>	5pm
<b>Wednesday Bible Study:</b>	7pm

## Join us Online

### Church Website:

<https://www.westfayettechurchofchrist.com/>

### YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGckN8D9NwwX3KUuQ4GRKyA>

## Interested in a Bible Study?

Please send an email to [patcawthon@gmail.com](mailto:patcawthon@gmail.com)

## Evangelist

Patrick Cawthon

## Diligence

Cambridge dictionary defines diligence this way - "Careful and using a lot of effort; done in a careful and detailed way." This is a very important word to understand and put to practice. There are several times God tells us to be diligent. Notice with me the different areas in our life where we need to apply diligence.

**Keep our soul diligently** (Deu 4:9): Our soul needs to be our most treasured possession. Jesus asks us a rhetorical question - What if you gain the whole world and lose your soul? Nothing is more important than our soul. Are you keeping your soul with all diligence? What are you feeding your soul? What are you reading, watching, listening too? The more diligent we are to feed our soul the good, the healthier our soul is going to be.

**Teach your children diligently** (Deu 6:7): We only get a few years with our children before they are off on their own. We can never get these years back. Solomon tells us to train a child in the way he should go and even when he is old he will not depart from it. (Pro 22:6) It is not the preacher's job to teach your children or the Bible class teacher's job. That job is given to the parents. The more diligent we are in this area, the better off our children will be.

**Diligently keep God's commandments** (Deu 6:17): Many times in the book of Deuteronomy God tells His

## Week of August 20

### Attendance

- ✦ **AM Service** - 73
- ✦ **PM Service** - 52
- ✦ **Wednesday** - 48

### Contribution

- ✦ Weekly Budget \$2,400
- ✦ Contribution - \$1,971

### Upcoming Birthdays

- ✦ Dianne McCoy (8/30)
- ✦ SM and Minnie Morman (9/4)
- ✦ Michael Todd (9/5)
- ✦ Mike Walker (9/8)
- ✦ Jacee Walker (9/13)

### Calendar Items

**Women's Bible Study** on  
Tuesday at the building at 11a

**Men's Meeting** on August 27th  
at 4pm at the building

**Song Learning Class** on Sunday  
September 10 at 4pm

### Today's Lessons

- ✦ **AM Sermon** - Oh Baby!
- ✦ **PM Service** - Forgiveness  
(Discipleship Series)

people they must be careful to obey Him. Practically this means they need to study God's commands to them and do their best to fulfill those commands in their life. If Nadab and Abihu were more diligent, they would not have offered strange fire before the Lord. If David was more diligent in keeping God's commands he never would have ordered the ark to be brought on a cart pulled by animals. If Moses was more diligent to obey God he would have spoken to the rock instead of hitting it. What commands do you need to be more diligent in following?

**If you diligently obey...** (Deu 28:1): At the end of this book God gives us all the motivation to be more diligent to be obedient to His word. *"if you diligently obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth."* If we want to be blessed by God, we will be diligent to obey His word.

God expected His people to be diligent to follow His word. Unfortunately, God's people were not diligent to obey Him but instead lived their life their own way. Frank Sinatra's song "I did it my way" would have been their theme song. God punished them time and time again for not being diligent to obey His commandments.

Let us learn from their bad example to not follow in their footsteps. Reading the consequences of not living a diligent lifestyle to be pleasing to God results in a terrible mess. Diligence takes hard work but is attainable to achieve. "Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through *following* the same example of disobedience." (**Heb 4:11**)

Don't give up. Keep studying. Keep praying. Keep helping others draw closer to God.

God gives us this wonderful promise in **Proverbs 8:17** - *"I love those who love me; And those who diligently seek me will find me."*