

“God’s First Institution: The Family”

Wednesday Nights In September, 2019
Central Church of Christ, Johnson City, TN

The days of Ozzie and Harriet are over! The concept of “family” is undergoing big changes. On each Wednesday night in September we will return to the Book given by the Founder of families.

September 4 – “Family: New Definitions?”



Doug Couch will address the question behind new ideas about family – Do people have the right to redefine family? Doug has preached for the White Bluff (TN) Church of Christ since 1995. He holds degrees from Freed-Hardeman College and Amridge University. He has done mission work in Russia, Jamaica, Nicaragua, and Panama. He and his wife Debbie have three daughters and six grandchildren. Doug spoke in our series in 2018.

September 11 – “God’s Plan For Marriage”



Brent Baker will discuss the Bible’s teachings about marriage – ideas that have been under attack in recent decades. Brent is a member of the Mount Zion Church of Christ in London, KY, and is a supply preacher for several congregations in that area. A graduate of Midway College, he has worked in the field of addiction recovery for the past 5 years. He and his wife have two sons, and he claims to “possess an infinite

amount more of good things than he actually deserves”. This is Brent’s first time to speak at Central.

September 18 – “God’s Plan For Parenting”



Steve Higginbotham will speak about God’s instructions to parents about how to raise their children. Steve, a native of West Virginia, has been preaching for the past 35 years; the last 10 with the Karns Church of Christ in Knoxville, TN. He graduated from Freed-Hardeman University, where he met and married his wife Kim. They have four children. Steve also teaches at the Southeastern Institute of Biblical Studies at Karns. Steve spoke in our Wednesday night series in 2015.

September 25 – “Dealing With Family Conflict”



Blaine Kelly will present Biblical principles and strategies to help families work through the inevitable conflict. A native of West Virginia, Blaine has preached for the Morristown (TN) Church of Christ since 2010. He previously served as campus minister for Marshall University, and as a youth minister in Kentucky. He is

a 2003 graduate of Marshall University, and graduated in 2005 from what is now Southeastern Institute of Biblical Studies in Knoxville. He and his wife Caroline have three children. Blaine has participated in our Wednesday night series on at least two other occasions.