

Covington Family News

January 12, 2025

THE GRASS WITHERS, THE
FLOWER FADES, BUT THE
WORD OF OUR GOD STANDS

Forever.

ISAIAH 40:8



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK 1/12/25 AM Worship Service

Announcements Ken Bringle Jr.
Song Leader: Neil Bringle
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Breck Beasley
Chris Huggins, Hadley Mason, Ron Teems, Caleb Smith,
Eason Robinson, Wesley Fowler, Chris Maness, Clint Stacks

Opening Prayer: Robert Charnock
Closing Prayer: Alan Otts

Nursery Worker: Leann Maness

January Food Committee Leader: Debbie Otts

Attendance Card Collectors: (1/12)

Eli Charnock, Noah Charnock, August Charnock

January Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Alan & Debbie Otts
Auditorium Entrance: Brad & Becky Evins

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: Neil Bringle
Opening Prayer: John Evans
Closing Prayer: Landon Bringle
Sermon Mike Rogers

MEMORIALS FOR DECEMBER

Donations to Covington church of Christ have been given in
memory of *Jeremy Newman, Randy Fowler, Gwen Coffee,*
Pat Stephenson, Jim & Faye Edmonds, Charles Hays, and
Amber Kramer.

PROOF OF OUR LOVE

Sunday Bible Classes	154
Worship AM	237
PM	128
Wednesday Bible Study	120

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Alyssa, Chris, & Cathy, & Lizzy Dunn	Brighton, TN
Noah Scarbrough	Brighton, TN
Terri Barber	Centerville, TN

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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

Bible Classes 9:00AM
Worship 10:00AM & 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Mike’s Message

Joy in Suffering
Phil. 2:1-8

Paul’s primary point in his letter to the Philippians is to encourage his readers to endure suffering and conflict with joy. Paul’s sufferings had taught him to face life with joy because of his relationship with Jesus (4:11-13), and the church in Philippi (1:3-4; 4:15). Beginning in chapter two of his letter to the Philippians, Paul teaches how to do endure our own suffering with joy. In verse one he emphasizes that we draw strength from our relationship with Christ (2:1). He says, “If there is any encouragement in Christ.” This seems like a presupposition to me. Just as the Philippians and Paul share in the sufferings, they share the strength to overcome them because of their relationship with Jesus. Next, he says, “If any consolation (i.e., incentive, encouragement, or comfort) of love” (parenthesis mine). Again, the idea is gaining strength to endure sufferings with joy through the love that Jesus has shown us. Paul adds, “If any fellowship of the Spirit.” Fellowship carries the idea of sharing, so, all who share a genuine relationship with Jesus, have that same relationship with the Spirit. Therefore, we gain strength from the Spirit to maintain joy in our sufferings. Finally, “If any affection and compassion.” Paul felt the affection of Christ (1:8), which gave him joy and strength to overcome his suffering. He is confident that his readers can gain strength if they will focus on the affection and compassion that Christ has shown them. In verse 2 Paul encourages us to draw strength from our relationship with one another saying, “Make my joy complete” i.e., fill me up with joy by “being of the same mind” i.e., thinking the same way. Have no divisions (1 Cor. 1:10). “Make my joy complete” by “maintaining the same love.” Love one another the way that Jesus loves. “Make my joy complete” by being “united in Spirit.” Paul explains what he means saying, “intent on one purpose.” It would fill Paul up with joy to see the church in Philippi completely focused on putting others before themselves, loving one another the way Jesus loves them, and having the same aim in life. In verses 3-8, Paul explains how to accomplish all this. First, he emphasizes to practice humility—do not think more about yourself than you do others (2:3-4). Second, he says to follow the example of Jesus in attitude (v. 5), in self-sacrifice (vv. 6-7a), in service (v. 7), and in obedience (v. 8). Paul closes his encouragement, “. . . I rejoice and share my joy with you all. You too, *I urge you*, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me” (Phil. 2:17-18).

--Mike Rogers

Prayer List



- Judy Merritt—St. Francis-Park
- Robert Brownlee
- Paulette Watkins—Methodist University Hospital
- Sandy Newman
- LaVerne Baxter
- Delores Whaley
- Donna Sonwineski
- John Oliver Wall—Recovering from surgery
- Gloria Brownlee—Sister of Margie Crews
- Debra Brownlee’s granddaughter - tests for cancer
- Fran Westmoreland—Mother of Jacque Trimm
- Coy Hendrix—Recovering from surgery
- Stan McDvitt—Cousin of Susan Mason
- Israel, Storm Victims, Our Country, Our Missionaries,
- Heath Billings, Captain Mike Shipley, Larry Coughlan,
- Kenneth Coulston, Jason Elliott, Hattie Fields, Malissa Garner, Jackie Gatlin, Kay Gatlin, Pat Gatlin, Kyle Hanks, K.C. Haynes, Ruth Heath, Vicki Mayfield, Phyllis McLillie, Kathy McMahan, Judy Merritt, Gigi Miller, Robin Montgomery, Larry Newman, Sophie Nolan, Randy Rhoads, Bonita Rogers, Anthony Stacks, David South, Melvin Wall, Larry Whaley II

NURSING HOME:

Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

MILITARY:

Killian Bridgeman, Logan Bridgeman, Major Creel, Bradley Evins, Dayana Fendley, Danny Fields, Tanner Mason, Richie Newbill, Chris Nowak, Jedidiah Phillips, Jacob Sampson, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Bill Murray & family in the death of his sister-in-law, Wynona Murray.

NEW ARRIVAL



Congratulations to Danny & Emma Fields on the birth of a son, *Thomas John Fields*.

BABY SHOWER



All ladies are invited to a baby shower honoring Landon & Christina Evins Miller, Saturday, January 18, 10AM at the home of Judy Dunaway. She is having a baby girl, *Abigail Lynn Miller*, & Brad & Becky Evins are having their first grandbaby. She is registered at Amazon.

Calendar of Events

JANUARY EVENTS

- 12—Secret Sister’s Reveal following the PM Worship Service. Please bring a gift & finger foods.
- 13—Monday Night for the Master, Group 2
- 14, 21, 28—Ladies Bible Class, 10AM
- 18—Birthday Party at Magnolia Creek Nursing Home
- 19—Devotional at Covington Care, 3PM
- 20—Monday Night for the Master, Group 3
- 27—Monday Night for the Master, Group 4
- 29—Devotional/Worship in song

If you would like to be in a Fellowship Group, please sign the sheet on the table by the Auditorium.

For anyone going to Lads to Leaders, there will be short meeting, Sunday, January, 12 following the AM Worship Service in the Fellowship Room.

JANUARY YOUTH EVENT



17-19 – Evangelism University in Savannah, TN

BIRTHDAYS JANUARY 12-18



15—Houston Hall

17—Jimmy Weir

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate *Jeni Chaney* on becoming a Medical Doctor.

“Wait on the Lord;

Be of good courage,

And He shall strengthen your heart;

Wait, I say, on the Lord!

Psalms 27:14”

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE JANUARY 12-18

- January 12—Gen. 34-36
- January 13—Gen. 37-39
- January 14—Gen. 40-42
- January 15—Gen. 43-45
- January 16—Gen. 46-48
- January 17—Gen. 49-Exodus 1
- January 18—Exodus 2-4

The Carpenter’s Apprentice

I believe people are inherently good but I also believe that we can be trained to be selfish. I don’t mean like the childish selfishness where we constantly say, “Mine! Mine! Mine!” If we are not trained to think about others, it may appear that we only think about self. So often we only see what we want to see and there are a lot of things that go unseen. For instance, do you see trash in the parking lot or candy paper on the floor? If you’re not looking for it, you likely won’t see it. That’s just an example and not picking up trash that you don’t see doesn’t necessarily make you selfish. But it does mean we have not trained ourselves to look for ways we can help. Another example, where do you park in the parking lot? Is it in your mindset to park closest to the door or is it in your mindset to leave the spot closest to the door open for someone that might need it more than you want it. I don’t know anybody who wouldn’t give somebody something that they needed when made aware of the need. But I see lots of people who do seemingly selfish things simply because we’re not thinking about it. I say “we” because I have to include myself in this group at times. Sometimes I just get in a hurry and don’t think. Sometimes I’m just thinking about what’s best for me. The new year has me thinking about being a better person, and part of being a better person is being aware of how my actions inadvertently affect others. I know you can take this too far and I don’t want to suggest overthinking, but I recall when Jesus heard about the death of his cousin John the Baptist. Heartbroken and grieving, he sought a place of solitude and prayer. No one would fault him and everyone would understand his needing to take a break to process. Instead he noticed those who’d come to see him. He put their needs first. He thought about others before himself. This morning I challenge myself to see the little things I can do to make the lives of those around me better even though they may never notice.

-jeff

Theme For 2025:
A Common Love
