

# Covington Family News

## February 23, 2025

### WISE WAYS TO LIVE WITHOUT REGRETS

- Compliment at least three people every day.
- Watch a sunrise at least once a week.
- Be the first to say, "Hello."
- Live beneath your means.
- Treat everyone like you want to be treated.
- Never give up on anyone-they can change!
- Forget the Joneses!
- Never deprive someone of hope. It may be all he has.
- Pray not for "things", but for wisdom and courage.
- Be tough minded but tenderhearted.
- Be kinder than necessary.
- Don't forget, a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated.
- "Keep" your promises!
- Learn to show cheerfulness, even when you don't feel like it. Remember that overnight success usually takes about fifteen years.
- Leave everything better than you found it.
- Remember that winners "do" what losers don't want to do!
- When you arrive at your job in the morning, let the first thing you say brighten everyone's day.
- Don't "rain" on other people's parades!
- Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.
- Give God "first place" in your life (Matthew 6:33).

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#### SERVING THIS WEEK 2/23/25 AM Worship Service

**Announcements** Neil Bringle  
**Song Leader:** Jeff Phillips  
**Sermon** Mike Rogers

#### Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Michael Wyatt

Brad Evins, Landon Bringle, Craig Robinson, Nick Maness,  
Ken Mason, Zach Higgins, Myles Benjamin, Donnie Benjamin

**Opening Prayer:** Robert Charnock  
**Closing Prayer:** Robert Brownlee

**Nursery Worker:** Sydney Trimm

**February Food Committee Leader:** Leslie Howard

**Attendance Card Collectors:** (2/23)

Jaxton Carter, Nolan Carter, Ethan Matlock

**February Bus Driver** (2/23 & 2/26)

Terry Wall

**February Door Greeters:**

Main Lobby Entrance: Brenda & Hadly Mason  
Auditorium Entrance: Brad & Becky Evins

#### PM Worship Service

**Song Leader:** Jeff Phillips  
**Opening Prayer:** Hadley Mason  
**Closing Prayer:** Landon Bringle  
**Sermon** Mike Rogers/Jeff Phillips

#### PROOF OF OUR LOVE

Sunday Bible Classes	144
Worship AM	208
PM	118
Wednesday Bible Study	125

#### VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Marcia Murray Covington, TN  
Kiana Mitchell  
Autumn Beyer  
Abigail Auhn  
Joseph Gaines

### Covington Church of Christ

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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

### Training Children for God

#### Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Training children for God may be the hardest thing parents will ever do. Training children for God requires parents to neglect their own desires for the good of the children. It often requires parents to go against a child’s wishes, even if it hurts them emotionally. It requires moms and dads to set spiritual goals for the children, and set boundaries to keep the children on the path toward those goals (cf. Prov. 22:6). It requires enforced rules, and undivided dedication. Deuteronomy 6:1-9 may be the best text to explain how to train children for God. First, training children for God begins with parents who love God (vv. 4-6). Moses writes by inspiration, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart” (vv. 5-6). To love God this way means that parents are everything God wants them to be. They are the perfect example for loving God. Parents must show that God is absolutely first in their lives (cf. Matt. 6:33). If someone asked your child, “Who are your parents?” How would your child respond? Parents cannot pretend to love God. Children see through pretending parents. If the parents say that God is the priority in their lives, but do not show it, the children receive mixed signals, and they will become what you show them every time.

Second, training children for God means that parents must verbally teach their children to love God (v. 7). Moses instructs, “You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.” This verse demands verbal instruction. Parents should have nightly devotionals, morning prayers, and daily Bible readings with their children. Godly parents will look for every opportunity to teach and instill in their children moral and spiritual values that reflect their own love for God.

Third, training children for God requires parents to display evidence of their love for God to everyone. Moses adds, “You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead” (v. 8). Parents must be honest in every situation, take advantage of every opportunity to worship God, and insist your children do the same. Everyone you associate with must know that God is first in your life.

Finally, the home must be a reflection of the parents’ love for God. “You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates” (v. 9). People must see the evidence that God lives in your home.

Train your children for God!

--Mike Rogers

## Prayer List



Bonnie Glass—Covington Care, Rm. 110

Neil Bringle—Home

John Evans

Heath Billings

Phillip Scrip

Vicki Mayfield

Mark Brown—Son of Frank Brown

Betty White—Wife of Bobby White

Elisabeth Sonwineski—Mother of Tony Sonwineski, recovering from surgery

Jeff Cooper

Victoria Orman

Israel, Plane Crash Victims, Wildfire Victims, Our Country, Our Missionaries, LaVerne Baxter, Ken Bringle Sr., Debra Brownlee’s granddaughter, Gloria Brownlee, Robrt Brownlee, Captain Mike Shipley, Larry Coughlan, Kenneth Coulston, Jason Elliott, Hattie Fields, Malissa Garner, Jackie Gatlin, Kay Gatlin, Pat Gatlin, Kyle Hanks, K.C. Haynes, Coy Hendrix, Stan McDevitt, Phyllis McLilllie, Judy Merriitt, Kathy McMahan, Gigi Miller, Robin Montgomery, Larry Newman, Sophie Nolan, Alan Otts, Randy Rhoads, Bonita Rogers, Donna Sonwineski, Anthony Stacks, David South, John Oliver Wall, Melvin Wall, Paulette Watkins, Fran Westmoreland, Delores Whaley, Larry Whaley II, Susie Wyatt

#### 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, Michael J. Pena, Jedidiah Phillips, Jackson Robinson, Jacob Sampson, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart

#### SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Delores Whaley in the death of her aunt *Cora*; and to Mary Isome-Newman in the death of her husband, *Sanford Newman*.

#### BIBLE READING SCHEDULE FEB. 23-MARCH 1

February 23—Deut. 8-10

February 24—Deut. 11-13

February 25—Deut. 14-16

February 26—Deut. 17-19

February 27—Deut. 20-22

February 28—Deut. 23-25

February 29—Deut. 26-28

## Calendar of Events

### FEBRUARY EVENTS

24—Monday Night for the Master, group 4

25—Ladies Bible Class, 10AM

26—Devotional/Worship in song

***There will be a VBS Kick-Off meeting, Sunday, March 9 immediately following the AM Worship Service. If you are interested in helping this year, please plan to meet in Classroom 2.***

**Our Gospel Meeting with Todd Clippard March 2-5**

***We Would See Jesus***

**Sunday 9:00AM, 10:00AM, Potluck Meal, 5:30PM**

**Monday-Wednesday 7:00PM**

**April 17-20—Lads to Leaders**

**June 1-4—VBS**

**June 11—Wednesday Night Summer Series begins**

### Spring Quarter Bible Classes begin Sunday, Mar. 9

#### Sunday

*“The Tree of Life”* (Auditorium)

Teacher: LeRoy Finto

*“Men’s Teaching Class”* (Classroom 1)

Teacher: John Combs

*“The Epistles of John”* (Classroom 2)

Teacher: David Keith

*“Matthew”* (Classroom 3)

Teacher: Neil Bringle

#### Wednesday

*“Heart of Worship”* (Auditorium)

Teacher: Robert Charnock

*“Ephesians”* (Classroom 1)

Teacher: Hadley Mason

*“Often Misunderstood Verses”* (Classroom 2)

Teacher: Wayne Dalrymple

### FEBRUARY YOUTH EVENT

21—LOCK-IN & LOOK UP

### BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY 23-MARCH 1



25—Judy Dunaway, Carolyn Murray, Sydney Trimm

27—John Evans

28—Kim Clay

1—Delores Whaley

### ANNIVERSARIES

26—David & Debra Foshee

## Carpenter’s Apprentice

I remember back in Junior High School taking a very basic class in computer programming. It was basic on a number of levels but largely because computer programming was in its infancy and politicians hadn’t invented the internet yet! My best friend Fred had already completed basic programming and had moved on to Pascal. For him, programming seemed to come easy. About the only thing I understood were ‘if-then’ statements. These statements called for the computer to make a decision. If certain conditions are met, the computer does one thing; if they are not met – another. While computer programming may only go back 50 years or so, ‘if-then’ statements have been around a long time. While certainly not the first, a particularly poignant ‘if-then’ can be found in Exodus 15:26. The Israelites have just crossed the Red Sea and witnessed not only the destruction of the Egyptian army in the sea but over the last six months or so had observed the utter destruction of Egypt, the debunking of the Egyptian gods and undeniable evidence the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is the one true and living God. He was their God and now he made them an offer, “If you will diligently listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and do that which is right in his eyes, and give ear to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, your healer.” Very simple, very straight forward, the health care plan I have been looking for! What a bargain! Amazing! How incredibly foolish the Israelites must have been to not take Him up on this. If you diligently listen, do and keep, then I will protect. Time and time again we read of the Israelites grumbling against the Lord and ultimately wandering in the wilderness for forty years as punishment for siding with ten of the twelve spies who had little if any faith in God. Only two of the ‘originals’ delivered from Egypt would see the Promised Land (Numbers 14:22-23). How could the Israelites be so short sighted – blind even, as to not recognize the power and the promise of the Lord. Silly Israelites! What would you do different if you had their ‘if-then’? “Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did” (1 Corinthians 10:6) so surely we can learn from their mistakes. While you are thinking about what you would do differently, think about this verse: “Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall” (2 Peter 1:10). Hey! What do you know? It’s an ‘if-then’ for us! We can’t really laugh at the Israelites and their bad decisions if we are going to do the same thing. How about this one, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (John 14:15).

--jeff