

Covington Family News

March 2, 2025

Gospel Meeting at Covington March 2-5



Speaker: Todd Clippard

Theme: *We Would See Jesus*

**Sunday – 9:00AM, 10:00AM
Potluck Meal**

5:30PM

**Monday-Wednesday
7:00PM**



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for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK 3/2/25 AM Worship Service

Announcements Brandon Matlock
Song Leader: John Combs
Sermon Todd Clippard

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

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

Opening Prayer: Robert Charnock
Closing Prayer: Ron Teems

Nursery Worker: Teresa Stacks

March Food Committee Leader: Bonita Rogers

Attendance Card Collectors: (3/2)
Tyler Bringle, Dayton Maness, Beau Glidewell

March Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Richard & Elaine Shankle
Auditorium Entrance: Brad & Becky Evins

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: John Combs
Opening Prayer: Landon Bringle
Closing Prayer: Reid McMahan
Sermon Todd Clippard

PROOF OF OUR LOVE

Sunday Bible Classes	145
Worship AM	217
PM	115
Wednesday Bible Study	125

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Marcia Murray	Covington, TN
John Fowler	Covington, TN
Colt, Autumn, Cash Beyer	

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

A Common Love

The Theme for the Covington church of Christ in 2025 is *A Common Love*. In English there is only one word for love. The Hebrew language also had only one word for love. Just like in English, all different expressions of love had to be captured in that single term.

The Greek language however, is much more expressive with about seven different words that translate “love.” We will consider four. The Greek word *storge* was probably used most frequent in ancient Greek literature. It was most often used to refer to the love between a parent and a child, especially between a mother and a child. This word does not occur in the Greek New Testament in its original form but the compound, *astorgos* is used in Romans 1:31 and 2 Timothy 3:3 and translates “unloving” (NASB). The compound *philostorgos* is used in Romans 12:10 and translates “brotherly affection” (ESV), or “be devoted” (NASB). Both of these terms carry the idea of familial love.

The second Greek word that translates love is *eros*. Although the Greeks may have originally used this word to refer to other things, sexual attractions became the primary meaning of the word. This word does not appear in the Bible. The English word “erotic” captures the meaning although “erotic” does not appear in any reliable translation. Another word was *philia*. This word commonly expressed the love best of friends would have for one another. It is used in James 4:4 to refer to “friendship with the world.” The root of this word is commonly seen in a compound form to refer to different kinds of love. For example, *Philadelphia* which translates “brotherly love” (see Rom. 12:10; Rev. 3:7; et al.).

The fourth word is *agape*. Interestingly, this word is especially infrequent in ancient Greek literature. However, this is the word used most frequently in the New Testament. It is the word most often used to refer to God’s love. *Phileo* (verb form of *philia*) is only used twice to refer to God’s love. First in John 5:20 referring to God’s love for Jesus; and second, in John 16:27 when Jesus says to the disciples, “the Father loves you.” Most Greek scholars do not make a distinction between *agape* and *philia*. Depending on context both words most often suggest sacrifice.

Therefore, *A Common Love* indicates our willingness to make sacrifices for God and one another (cf. Phil. 2:3-7). Have you thought about how you can go out of your way to show love to a brother or sister? We have many who are going through difficulties, some you may not even know about. Get to know your brothers and sisters, and love them! Show *A Common Love*!

—Mike Rogers

Prayer List

Neil Bringle—Home

Bobby White

Joyce Whaley—Eye surgery

John Evans

Betty White—Wife of Bobby White

Israel, Our Country, Our Missionaries, LaVerne Baxter, Heath Billings, Ken Bringle Sr., Mark Brown, Debra Brownlee’s granddaughter, Gloria Brownlee, Robrt Brownlee, Captain Mike Shipley, Jeff Cooper, Larry Coughlan, Kenneth Coulston, Jason Elliott, Hattie Fields, Malissa Garner, Jackie Gatlin, Kay Gatlin, Pat Gatlin, Kyle Hanks, K.C. Haynes, Coy Hendrix, Vicki Mayfield, Stan McDevitt, Phyllis McLillie, Judy Merritt, Kathy McMahan, Gigi Miller, Robin Montgomery, Larry Newman, Sophie Nolan, Victoria Orman, Alan Otts, Randy Rhoads, Bonita Rogers, Phillip Scrip, Donna Sonwineski, Elizabeth 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

RESPONSE Margie Crews responded Sunday morning asking for prayers. Please remember her.

SYMPATHY We extend our deepest sympathy to Debra Brownlee in the death of her brother-in-law, *Bill Bennett*; and to Karen Wall family & Kristie Maxwell family in the death of their mother, and our beloved sister, *Bonnie Glass*.

NEW ARRIVAL



Congratulations to Brad & Becky Evins on the birth of a granddaughter, *Abigail Lynn Miller* born to Landon & Christina Miller. *Abigail* was born Tuesday, February 25 weighing 6lbs.10ozs. and was 19 inches long. Joshua Evins is the proud new uncle, Erin Evins the proud new aunt!

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE -MARCH 2-8

March 2—Deut. 29-31

March 3—Deut. 32-34

March 4—Joshua 1-4

March 5—Josh. 5-7

March 6—Josh. 8-10

March 7—Josh. 11-13

March 8—Josh. 14-16

Calendar of Events

MARCH EVENTS

4, 11, 18, 25— Ladies Bible Class, 10AM

10—Monday Night for the Master, group 1

15—Birthday Party at Magnolia Creek Nursing Home

16—Devotional at Covington Care, 3PM

17—Monday Night for the Master, group 2

24—Monday Night for the Master, group 3

26—Devotional/Worship in song

31—Monday Night for the Master, group 4

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.

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

AREA EVENT March 1—Ladies Day at Bartlett Woods Church of Christ, 9AM; Speaker: Celine Sparks. If you want to attend, meet here at the building at 8AM.

BIRTHDAYS MARCH 2-8

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4—Anna Kate Dalrymple

5—Brayley Brown

6—Breck Beasley

8—Alan Otts

Carpenter’s Apprentice

Have you ever wondered what Moses’ mother called him? The logical assumption would be Moses but according to Exodus 2:10 it was Pharaoh’s daughter who actually named him calling him Moses because she “drew him out of water.” More important than what she called him was what she taught him in the short time she had him. It was no accident when and where Moses was placed in the Nile nor was it an accident his sister approached with the suggestion of finding one of the Hebrew women to nurse and raise this Hebrew child. It is possible upon recognizing the child as a Hebrew, the Egyptian princess knew she would be turning the child back over to its own mother for a time making the offer to pay wages for his care even more amazing. Like what Moses’ mother called him, the Bible also does not specify the exact age of Moses when he went to live in the palace with his adoptive mother. Speculations abound suggesting the transfer occurred anywhere from 1 year to 6 or 7 years, but most think he was around 2 years old when Jochebed, Moses’ mother (Exodus 6:20), transferred him to the princess. While most details remain obscure, we can be sure Moses knew who he was. Knowing time was short and that she’d managed to save his life, Jochebed must have used the time she had with him to teach him about God, about the promise God made to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. Despite growing up in the opulence of the palace away from the forced labor and harsh treatment of the Israelites, Moses knew who “his people” were, so much so that he killed an Egyptian who was beating a Hebrew – one of his people (Exodus 2:11-12).

We often talk about the type of world we live in and how corrupt and evil it is. We talk about what kids have to deal with these days and admittedly they have some pretty tough stuff thrown at them. Moses grew up in a house where everything he heard, saw and experienced was against what “his people” believed. Despite this influence, he still knew who he was. There is a lesson here on what we need to be teaching our children and when. Recall Robert Fulghum’s book, All I Really Need to Know, I Learned in Kindergarten, where he suggests the world would be a much better place if we just remembered things like, sharing, being kind to one another and cleaning up after ourselves. These basic principles are learned early. What could be more basic than who and whose we are? I wonder what Moses thought as he penned the inspired words “You shall teach them diligently to your children, 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” (Deuteronomy 6:7).

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