

Covington Family News

May 11, 2025

A Mother's Love



There is no love, like
a mother's love,
No stronger bond on earth . . .
Like the precious bond that comes from God,
To a mother, when she gives birth.

A mother's love is forever strong,
Never changing for all time . . .
And when her children need her most,
A mother's love will shine.
God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one . . .
For all the tears and heartache,
And for the special work they've done.

When her days on earth are over,
A mother's love lives on . . .
Through many generations,
With God's blessings on each one.

Be thankful for our mothers,
For they love with a higher love . . .
From the power God has given,
And the strength from up above.

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SERVING THIS WEEK 5/11/25 AM Worship Service

Announcements Neil Bringle
Song Leader: Beau Phillips
Sermon Jeff Phillips

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Michael Wyatt
Garrett Howard, Hadley Mason, Caleb Smith, Nick Maness
Wesley Fowler, Eason Robinson, Myles Benjamin,
Chris Maness

Opening Prayer: John Evans
Closing Prayer: Donnie Benjamin

Nursery Worker: Brandy Brown

Attendance Card Collectors: (5/11)
Levi Teems, Houston Davis, Kyle McCain

May Door Greeters:
Main Lobby Entrance: Brenda & Hadley Mason
Auditorium Entrance: Brad & Becky Evins

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: Beau Phillips
Opening Prayer: Andy Whaley
Closing Prayer: Clint Stacks
Sermon Mike Rogers/Jeff Phillips

Sunday Bible Classes 163
Worship AM 238
PM 95
Wednesday Bible Study 115

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Josh Alexander Covington, TN
Mende Scherffius Munford, TN
Neil Richey Henderson, TN
Thomas family Brownsville, TN
Charis Cartwright

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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Happy Mother's Day!

Mike’s Message

Honor to Mother

Sunday is Mother’s Day. Mother’s Day was established on May 9, 1914 by an act of Congress when President Woodrow Wilson declared the second Sunday in May, “Mother’s Day.” A similar idea was first started in 1870, after the American Civil War. Julia Ward Howe called for an assembly of women to honor those who had died in battle and to promote peace in the families on both sides. It was called “Mother’s Peace Day.” After a few years, Anna Reeves Jarvis organized “Mother’s Day Work Clubs” in West Virginia to educate women on child care and promote unity. She also involved herself with the peace movement and appealed for a day of prayer for mothers and their children, as well as peaceful solutions. In 1907 Anna Jarvis, daughter of Anna Reeves Jarvis continued the campaign that eventually led directly to President's Woodrow Wilson's declaration of Mother's Day and started the tradition of carnations to honor all mothers—white for those mothers who had deceased, and red for those still living. Only a woman can be a mother. Although motherhood is not perceived as exciting and glamorous by most people, it is the most honorable position a woman can hold because it is a role God gave exclusively to women. No matter how many 2AM feedings a man responds to or how many diapers he changes, he will never be a mom. No matter how bad he desires to be a woman or how many surgeries he undergoes he will never bring a living being into this world (Gen 3:16, 20; John 16:20; Psalm 139:13-14). Motherhood is a natural role for a woman. A woman with no children of her own seems to gravitate toward children. My aunt never married, but she taught fourth grade for many years, and taught 3 to 5-year-olds in a bible class until she was 93 years old (52 years). She supported children’s homes, and even took three children into her home as their foster mom. In our nation’s capital stands a 12-foot statue of Abraham Lincoln carved out of a single block of white marble. One writer observed that as one looks into the face of that statue, he can see the compassionate heart of the great emancipator. The sculptor captured Lincoln’s very soul. People come from all over the world to gaze upon this intriguing masterpiece. But who is the greatest hero, the one who carved the statue, or the one who made the man? Abraham Lincoln himself said, “All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother.” Thank God for mothers. He designed them, created them, and employed them. May we honor our mothers forever (cf. Prov. 23:22). --Mike Rogers

Prayer List

Kathy McMahan—Recovering from surgery
Ken Bringle—Recovering from surgery
Clint Stacks
Alan Davis—Dad of Morgan Kidd, surgery May 13
Melvin Wall—Dad of Terry Wall
Larry Osbourne—Grandfather of Kozy Strickland & Kenzie Hobbs, health problems
Upton Shelton—Uncle of Bonita Rogers
Storm victims, earthquake victims, Israel, Our Country, Our Missionaries, LaVerne Baxter, Heath Billings, Neil Bringle, Captain Mike Shipley, Georgia Cook, Steve Cook, Jeff Cooper, Larry Coughlan, Kenneth Coulston, Jason Elliott, Hattie Fields, Malissa Garner, Kay Gatlin, Pat Gatlin, Kyle Hanks, K.C. Haynes, Helen Kennedy, Stan McDevitt, Phyllis McLillie, Judy Merritt, Gigi Miller, Robin Montgomery, Larry Newman, Sophie Nolan, Randy Rhoads, Bonita Rogers, Donna Sonwineski, Anthony Stacks, David South, Melvin Wall, Paulette Watkins, Larry Whaley II
NURSING HOME:
Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson
Ripley Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center: Vicki Mayfield
MILITARY:
Killian Bridgeman, Logan Bridgeman, Major Creel, Bradley Evins, Dayana Fendley, Tanner Mason, Richie Newbill, Chris Nowak, Michael J. Pena, Jedidiah Phillips, Jacob Sampson, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart

NEW MEMBER

We welcome *Will Thomason* to our family at Covington. His address is 6375 Ic Rd., Millington, TN. 38053; Ph. 901-440-7722.

No man is poor who has a Godly mother.

Abraham Lincoln

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE MAY 11-17

May 11—11 Chr. 32-34
May 12—11 Chr. 35-36
May 13—Ezra 1-4
May 14—Ezra 5-7
May 15—Ezra 8-10
May 16—Nehemiah 1-4
May 17—Neh. 5-7

Calendar of Events

MAY EVENTS

17—Birthday Party at Magnolia Creek Nursing Home
18—Devotional at Covington Care, 3PM
19—Monday Night for the Master, Groups 3 & 4

2025 Vacation Bible School, June 1-4

7:00-8:45

Theme: Victory in Jesus

Register at www.covingtoncofc.com before May 15 to receive a t-shirt



Class of 2025 High School Graduates

Crockett County High School Eason Robinson
Faith Heritage Christian Academy Garrett Howard

Everyone is invited to the home of David & Heather Keith, Saturday, May 17 from 1-4PM for a come-and-go send off party for Ian. He will be moving to Fort Smith, AR on May 24th to start his new career. Please help us wish him well as he begins this new journey.

Everyone is invited to the home of Neil & Ashley Bringle for a singing, Saturday, May 17th @ 6PM.

BABY SHOWER



All ladies are invited to a baby boy shower honoring *Hunter & Kenzie Hobbs*, Sunday, May 18, 2PM in the foyer. They are registered at Amazon.

BIRTHDAYS MAY 11-17



12—David Whaley, Eason Robinson
13—LeAnn Stewart
16—Amy Hall
ANNIVERSARIES
15—Noah & Emma Liles
16—John & Cammy Evans

Carpenter’s Apprentice

“Take on!” rings in your ears as for the first time in your journey up the wall, you realize the belayer who has the rope is still holding on even though you can’t see him and the harness you are wearing actually works and despite the restrictions and uncomfortableness you felt wearing it before and during the climb, actually feels good now; holding you securely in place. You are safe in the hands of the belayer. This is exactly where Abby found herself three quarters of the way up the wall as the physical and mental demands of the climb began to wear her down. As we discussed the climb later, she revealed an unexpected truth. With the realization and absolute assurance she was securely held, her doubts and fears subsided and her physical strength and confidence returned more quickly than she’d anticipated, almost as though neither had existed in the first place. She not only finished the climb, but looked with confidence at the next challenge she would face. As a parent and youth worker, I see so many parallels between belaying a climber and both raising and working with children. The belayer is taught to keep his focus on the climber and the climb. While the climber is climbing and the belay is “on,” there are no distractions that will cause the belayer to lose focus. That doesn’t mean they won’t talk to someone passing or listen to others watching the climb, the good belayer is fully aware of his surroundings, but his focus, his main concern is his climber. There are times in actual rock climbing, the belayer may not be able to actually see the climber but through experience and communication, he learns to read the rope he is holding to gauge the climbers progress and needs. Sometimes, our perspective as parents tells us to hold on so tight to the rope, pulling out all the slack to keep our child safe, we end up limiting their ability to navigate the climb. Inadvertently, we can transfer our fears for them to them and take away their opportunity and chance to really be successful, confident and learn from their mistakes while growing as they overcome challenges. Just *knowing* we have their back, can give them the courage they need to climb on, push through and be successful. Obviously, no analogy will ever be perfect and none of this is meant to say parents need to hold on forever. In fact, what we are really trying to teach is that life is not meant for us to climb alone. While there is a time and place, we can and have to climb alone, what we learn from climbing with someone belaying is called experience and that experience teaches us we can accomplish more together than we can alone. There will be a time when we hand the rope and belay device to someone else and they will learn to climb together and we can enjoy watching them work together. -jeff