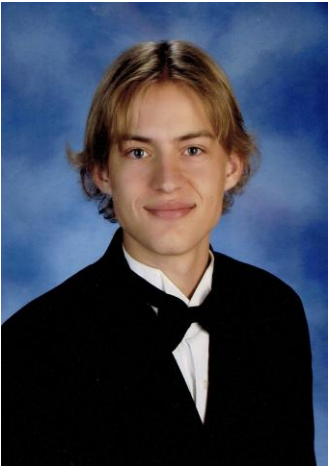


Covington Family News
May 18, 2025

Congratulations to our
2025 High School Graduates!!!



Eason Robinson
Crockett County High School



Garrett Howard
Faith Heritage Christian Academy



SHEPHERDS
Wayne Dalrymple 901- 573-3908
David Keith 901- 430-3940
Andy Whaley 901- 626-2911
Mike Rogers 901- 229-4305

DEACONS
Ken Bringle Jr.
Neil Bringle
J.J. Brown
Benny Collins
Brad Evins
Brandon Matlock
Alan Otts
Craig Robinson
David Stewart
Robert Trimm
Terry Wall
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SERVING THIS WEEK 5/18/25 AM Worship Service
Announcements Neil Bringle
Song Leader: Wayne Dalrymple
Sermon Mike Rogers
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: Robert Charnock
Closing Prayer: Robert Brownlee

Nursery Worker: Leann Maness

Attendance Card Collectors: (5/18)
Jaxton Carter, Nolan Carter, Ethan Matlock
May Bus Driver (5/18)
Brandon Hanks

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

PM Worship Service
Song Leader: Wayne Dalrymple
Opening Prayer: Hadley Mason
Closing Prayer: Landon Bringle
Sermon Mike Rogers

MEMORIALS FOR APRIL
Donations to Covington church of Christ have been given
in memory of Peggy Conley, Bob Young, and Justin
Willard.

Sunday Bible Classes 140
Worship AM 233
PM 128
Wednesday Bible Study 133

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS
Barry & Jean Smith Henderson, TN
Shane Mason Lexington, TN
Thomas Starck Atoka, TN
Nolan Combs Nashville, TN
Jason & Thyla Boswell Savannah, TN
Jared & Amanda Brown Lakeland, TN
Bob & Dianne Phillips
Charis Cartwright
Debbie Beasley
Sara Honeycutt
Eli Combs
Sam Combs

Covington Church of Christ
1690 Highway 51 South – PO Box 9
Covington, TN 38019

Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

Bible Classes 9:00AM

Worship 10:00AM & 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Mike’s Message

Mary, The Mother of Jesus

Luke 1:26-55

This article is a reprint from March.

We first read of the mother of Jesus by name in Matthew 1:16: “And Jacob begot Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who is called Christ.” We have heard Mary alluded to in sermons on the birth of Jesus, or when He was twelve years old in the temple, or at His crucifixion, but a sermon just on Mary is rare. It is possible we have avoided preaching and teaching on Mary for fear of worshipping her. However, I suggest she should be taught asking this question: “Why did Mary find favor with God?” (See Luke 1:30). I want to suggest five reasons Mary found favor with God that every woman (and man for that matter) should imitate.

First, she was humble (see Luke 1:38). Humility is exalted in scripture as a requirement for salvation (see Luke 18:14). Second, she was pure. Isaiah 7:14 prophecies that Immanuel would be born of a virgin. Mary’s virginity is mentioned twice in Luke 1:27 and once in verse 34. Virginity is exalted throughout scripture. A priest could only marry a virgin (Lev. 21:13-14). Paul declares it is good never to marry (1 Cor. 7:7). Paul does not prohibit marriage, but he does exalt celibacy.

Third, she was submissive to God (Luke 1:34-38). She questioned if it was possible for her to be with child since she was a virgin (Luke 1:34), but she never doubted the words of the angel (see Luke 1:36-38). Mary understood if God could cause a woman who was barren and past the age of bearing children to become pregnant and bear a child, He could cause her, a virgin, to bear a child.

Fourth, she was a servant (Luke 1:39-45). In spite of her being told she was going to be the mother of the Son of God she went to help her relative in her old age (1:39). Ladies, if you were told you were going to give birth to the Messiah, would you pack up and walk 80 to 100 miles to help another. To find favor with God all women (and men for that matter) must serve others (cf. Gal. 5:13).

Finally, Mary found favor with God because she had a strong faith. She exalted God (Luke 1:46-47). She trusted God (Luke 1:49-55) as holy (sacred) (1:49-50), as powerful (1:51), as her protector (1:52), and her provider (1:53-54). While it is true we will never need a woman to bear another Savior of the world. We do need more women that are humble, not arrogant, submissive not pompous, servants not lords. We need more women that remain pure before marriage, and faithful to God above everything. Does God find favor with us?

—Mike Rogers

Prayer List

Brad Evins—Recovering from surgery

Kathy McMahan—Recovering from surgery

Ken Bringle—Recovering from surgery

Clint Stacks

Alan Davis—Dad of Morgan Kidd, recovering from surgery

Melvin Wall—Dad of Terry Wall

Larry Osbourne—Grandfather of Kozy Strickland & Kenzie Hobbs, health problems

Upton Shelton—Uncle of Bonita Rogers

South family in the loss of their loved one; Montgomery family in the loss of their loved one, *Robin Montgomery*. Also remember 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, Larry Newman, Sophie Nolan, Randy Rhoads, Bonita Rogers, Donna Sonwineski, David South, 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

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Clint Stacks in the death of his uncle, *Anthony Stacks*; and to the Gordon family in the death of *Chip Gordon*.

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.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE MAY 18-24

May 18—Neh. 8-11

May 19—Neh. 12-Esther 2

May 20—Esth. 3-6

May 21—Esth. 7-10

May 22—Job 1-4

May 23—Job 5-8

May 24—Job 9-10

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

Sign-up sheets for the Summer Quarter Bible Classes are on the table by the Nursery.

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



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CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate *Ian Keith* on graduating from Harding University with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering, Mathematics, and Theological Studies.

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. Bring a pack of hotdogs & lawn chairs.

BIRTHDAYS MAY 18-24



18—David Stewart

21—Matt Moody

22—Patsy Moore, Sophie Maness

ANNIVERSARIES

19—Ben & Chelsea Evans

21—Larry & Paulette Pennington

Carpenter’s Apprentice

Oxford Languages defines entitled as, “believing oneself to be inherently deserving of privileges or special treatment,” and while I don’t think James and John would have described themselves in this way when they went with their mother to make a request of Jesus in Matthew 20:20, it is highly possible “entitled” is exactly how the other ten felt as verse twenty-four tells us they became indignant with James and John. The truth is, though we often find ourselves on the entitled spectrum, none of us want to be described as entitled. I am not saying it is not nice to get special treatment. I remember we got pulled over for a fast-driving award one evening shortly after I’d had the honor of speaking at Mr. Charles’ or Ms. Doris’ funeral. While I was not driving, the officer, who was apparently at the funeral, asked for all of our IDs. He turned to go to his cruiser as he began perusing them. When he saw mine, he abruptly stopped, returned to the driver’s window and handed our IDs back saying, “Oh, I’m sorry Mr. Phillips, I did not know that was you. If you guys could slow it down and be safe that would be great. Have a great night.” Even though saying the special treatment was nice would not have been prudent at the time, I was thinking it. Understand, receiving special treatment is not wrong and, in some cases, even expecting it is not wrong. The problem with entitlement lies in the words “inherently deserving.” This means you actually do nothing but have the expectations of someone who does everything. It would be kind of like asking the officer, “Do you know who I am?” Or, Do you know who my (*fill in the blank*) is?” Certainly, Jesus addresses entitlement in the verses that follow, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:25-28). As the end of the school year approaches, we attend countless award and promotion ceremonies, baccalaureates, luncheons and graduations where people talk about accomplishments, expectations and opportunities lying on the horizon. Our young people are encouraged to reach for the stars and told no dream is too big. And as I watch people struggle to take out their own garbage and clean up after themselves, I wonder if anyone is teaching our young people about true greatness or just what the world sees as successful. The greatest man that ever lived took on one of the dirtiest jobs of His time and upon completion said this, “For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you” (John 13:15).

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