

Covington Family News

June 15, 2025

A Father's Prayer



Dear God, my little boy of three
Has said his nightly prayer to thee.
Before his eyes were closed in sleep
He asked that Thou his soul
Would keep.
And I, still kneeling at his bed
My hand upon his tousled head
Do ask with deep humility,
That Thou, dear Lord, remember me.
Make me, kind Lord, a worthy dad.
That I may lead this little lad
In pathways ever fair and bright
That I may keep his steps aright.
O God his trust must never be
Destroyed or even marred by me.
So for the simple things he prayed
With childish voice so unafraid
I trembling ask the same from Thee
Dear Lord, kind Lord, remember me.

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Happy Father's Day to all our Christian fathers
at Covington. We love and appreciate you!

SERVING THIS WEEK 6/15/25 AM Worship Service
Announcements Brandon Matlock
Song Leader: John Combs
Sermon Mike Rogers

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Robert Charnock
Donnie Benjamin, Craig Robinson, Ken Mason, Landon
Bringle, Clint Stacks, Will Thomason, Robert Brownlee,
Gordon Cartwright

Opening Prayer: Bill Murray
Closing Prayer: Jon McCain

Nursery Worker: Teri Robinson

Attendance Card Collectors: (6/15)
Jaxton Carter, Nolan Carter, Ethan Matlock

June Bus Driver (6/15)
Grant Edmonds

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

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: John Combs
Opening Prayer: Ken Bringle Jr.
Closing Prayer: Will Thomason
Sermon: Mike Rogers

MEMORIAL FOR MAY

A donation to Covington church of Christ has been given
in memory of *Jo Morgan*.

Sunday Bible Classes	118
Worship AM	190
PM	105
Wednesday Bible Study	153

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Wanda Cannon	Memphis, TN
Lane Rogers	Poplar Bluff, MO
Patti Schreiber	Aurora, CO
Kevin & Linda Lashley	Keota, OK
Philip Arwood	

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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 Better Husband and Father

All God-fearing parents feel guilty if their children rebel against authority, or religion. Preachers and counselors often patronize parents by telling them that Proverbs 22:6 is only a general truth, or society has done this to your child. In some cases, society is to blame. And, it is true that Proverbs 22:6 is a general truth. But the truth is this verse still places the responsibility of training children on the parents. It is our responsibility to do our dead level best to overcome the influence of society. This is not easy, and in some cases it may be impossible. But parents must assume the responsibility, especially husbands and fathers.

The husband’s and father’s role is to be the “head” of the family. One of the things God said to Eve because of her sin in the garden was “. . . your desire shall be to your husband, and he shall rule over you” (Gen. 3:16). Whatever else this phrase may mean, it surely suggests that the man would be the head of the wife. Some cultures, even those in OT times took this curse to the point that God never intended. Yet, some in modern days have tried to ignore God’s plan for family completely. Paul declares, “. . . Christ is the head of every man, and man is the head of a woman, . . .” (1 Cor. 11:3). Paul also declares, “For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church” (Eph. 5:23). Being the “head” does not mean that the husband is to be a domineering dictator. Being the head simply means that he must assume the responsibility for the family, and use caution and wisdom when disciplining his children (see Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21).

Finally, the husband and father is to be the Spiritual Leader of the family: “For I have chosen him, so that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the Lord by doing righteousness and justice . . .” (Gen. 18:19). Moses also instructs the heads of the tribes of Israel to teach their children and grandchildren to fear the Lord and keep His commandments (see Deut. 6:1-9). God places particular responsibility for the spiritual education of children upon the fathers.

Brecheen and Faulkner cite John 13:13-17 explaining, “The leader presides at the ‘foot’ of the table, not the head” (What Every Family Needs, pg. 28). The husband and father rules with love and humility as a servant to his family. Jesus is head of everyone, yet He humbled Himself washing the disciples’ feet, even though He knew one would betray Him, one would deny Him, and the others would abandon Him.

Father’s take responsibility for your children. It is your God-given role.

--Mike Rogers

Prayer List

Shirley Laxton—Health problems

LaVerne Baxter

Ken Bringle

Clint Stacks

Heather Bowner—Daughter of Marilyn Blevins

Alan Davis—Recovering from surgery

Larry Osbourne—Health problems

Storm victims, earthquake victims, Israel, Our Country, Our Missionaries, Heath Billings, Neil Bringle, Captain Mike Shipley, Georgia Cook, Steve Cook, Jeff Cooper, Larry Coughlan, Kenneth Coulston, Millie Deem, Jason Elliott, Brad Evins, Hattie Fields, Malissa Garner, Kay Gatlin, Pat Gatlin, Kyle Hanks, K.C. Haynes, Helen Kennedy, Kathy McMahan, Stan McDevitt, Phyllis McLillie, Judy Merritt, Gigi Miller, Dorothy Morris, Larry Newman, Sophie Nolan, Randy Rhoads, Bonita Rogers, Upton Shelton, Donna Sonwineski, David South, Gale Sutton, 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

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Cloma Fowler in the death of her sister, *Sandra Cooper*.

Daddy, “I Love You”

Daddy, I love you

For all that you do.

I’ll kiss you and hug you

‘Cause you love me too.

You feed me and need me

To teach you to play.

So smile ‘cause I love you

On this Father’s Day.

Author Unknown

Calendar of Events

JUNE EVENTS

15—Devotional at Covington Care, 3PM

18—Summer Series; Speaker: Justin Rogers

21—Birthday Party at Magnolia Creek Nursing Home

23—Monday Night for the Master, Groups 3 & 4

25—Devotional/Worship in song

Our 2025 Vacation Bible School is history. A big thank you to everyone who was involved in any way in making it a success! We appreciate you!

JUNE YOUTH EVENTS



12—IGNITE

15—Father’s Day

15-21—Teen Week at WKYC

19—IGNITE (Kids)

22-27—11-13 Week at WKYC

BIRTHDAYS JUNE 15-21



15—Noah Liles

17—Tristan Fowler

19—Trudy Max, Isabella Stacks

ANNIVERSARIES

20—Richard & Elaine Shankle,

Zach & Claudia Glidewell

21—Bill & Carolyn Murray, Terry & Karen Wall

Brandon & Jill Matlock, Chris & Rachel Maness

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE JUNE 15-21

June 15—Ps. 46-50

June 16—Ps. 51-54

June 17—Ps. 55-58

June 18—Ps. 59-62

June 19—Ps. 63-66

June 20—Ps. 67-69

June 21—Ps. 70-72

Carpenter’s Apprentice

Two brothers started a business as painting contractors. For a while, business boomed, but a downturn in the economy forced them to make hard decisions. Even after letting people go, they still struggled with fewer jobs coming in than they needed to stay afloat. Something had to change or the business would tank. Nearing the completion of a job, one of the brothers realized they would not have enough paint to finish. Ordering another gallon when only a fraction of it would be used seemed a senseless waste with such a tight budget. He decided thinning the paint would stretch out his product and he could finish. It worked, soon, both brothers began regularly thinning paint to save money. When business picked back up, they continued thinning their paint, keeping profit margins high and customers in the dark. The following spring, a Gospel meeting was held at the local church of Christ and one of the painter’s wives was invited by a co-worker. During the meeting both the painter and his wife obeyed the Gospel. The next day, the new Christian called his brother into the office to tell him the great news of salvation and to explain to him how his belief in Christ was going to change many things in his life. For starters, he could no longer support the paint thinning scheme; it was dishonest and they both knew it. Furthermore, something had to be done to make things right with the customers they had duped. As one might expect a spirited debate broke out. Nearing his breaking point, the unconverted brother shouted, “So what exactly are you telling me?” The zealous new convert shouted back, “You need to repaint you thinner!” This humorous story reminds us of Paul’s words to the Romans, “How shall we who died to sin still live in it” (Romans 6:2)?

In Luke 13:1-5, there were some who suggested to Jesus certain people were “worse” sinners. In His response, Jesus makes it very clear that sin is sin and, “unless you repent, you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3,5). The word repent is a verb. It means, according to Mirriam-Webster, “to feel sorrow for one’s sin and make up one’s mind to do what is right.” Sometimes, doing what is right is a complete ‘about face,’ but other times it is a simple course correction. **Every time**, it involves action and change. Jesus talks about repenting repeatedly saying what John the Baptist said (Matthew 3:2), “Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Matthew 4:17). Paul spoke to the church at Corinth about the Godly sorrow brought about by repentance and how it produces more than just regret, but regret that leads to change and ultimately, salvation (1 Corinthians 7:9-10). Without repentance, we cannot be saved. Simply saying, “I have repented” is not necessary for true repentance will be seen in the “fruits of your labor.” Just as they will know we are Christians by our love (John 13:35), they will know our repentance by our changed behavior.

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