

Covington Family News

June 1, 2025

Please make your plans to join us
for our

2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 1-4 7:00-8:45

Theme: *Victory In Jesus*

Come join us on the race of a
lifetime as we celebrate the
victory in Jesus!

We will have classes for all ages!

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SERVING THIS WEEK 6/1/25 AM Worship Service

Announcements Brandon Matlock
Song Leader: Ken Bringle Jr.
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: Breck Beasley
Closing Prayer: Jon McCain

Nursery Worker: Elaine Shankle

Attendance Card Collectors: (6/1)
Eli Charnock, Noah Charnock, August Charnock

June Bus Driver (6/1)
Grant Edmonds

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

PM Worship Service VBS

Sunday Bible Classes	109
Worship AM	172
PM	90
Wednesday Bible Study	142

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Landon, Christina, & Abigail Miller	Bowling Green, KY
Barry & Jean Smith	Henderson, TN

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

Dying to Live

Last Sunday we said love conquers selfishness; and self-
ishness is the reason for most if not all problems in fami-
lies, the workplace, and society in general. I suggest that
selfishness is the root cause of all sin. Selfishness is want-
ing what I want, when I want it, the way I want it. It is
thinking of myself and having no regard for others (see
Phil. 2:2-5). Jesus died to correct the problem of selfishness
by showing us what it means to love.
Have you ever heard someone say, “I would have to die to
get better”? We understand this to be an exaggeration in the
literal sense, but it is absolutely true in the spiritual
sense. Paul expressed this idea regarding the body, “That
which you sow does not come to life unless it dies” (1 Cor.
15:36). Jesus taught this principle saying, “Truly, truly, I
say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and
dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” He
follows it with the spiritual application of dying to live say-
ing, “He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his
life in this world will keep it to life eternal” (John 12:24-
25). Jesus does not use the word “hate” in the same way we
most often think of it today. It means to love self and the
things of this world less than we love Jesus.
To die to live means that we die to sin. Paul declares that
when one dies to sin, he buries the selfish person in baptism
in the same way that Jesus was crucified and buried for the
sins of the world (Rom. 6:3). One who dies to sin and bur-
ies the old selfish person is raised a new person “to walk in
newness of life” (Rom. 6:4). The “old self was crucified
with *Christ*, in order that our body of sin might be done
away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for
he who has died is freed from sin” (Rom. 6:6-7). He is a
“new creature; the old things passed away; behold new
things have come” (2 Cor. 5:17). Having died to sin, one
lives to serve God, and looks forward to eternal life with
Him (Rom. 6:8-9).
Life begins when we die to self, because we come to un-
derstand that there is nothing good that comes from living
for self (cf. Rom. 7:18). But, one who lives with “his
mind set on spiritual things” is promised “life and peace”
(Rom. 8:6). Jesus promised to give us an abundant life
(John 10:10). This abundant life is not only eternal life,
but also a joy-filled life while here on earth because of the
hope that we have to live with Him eternally. Luke rec-
ords David saying, “my heart was glad, and my tongue re-
joiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not
abandon me to Hades” (Acts 2:26-27a). May we all think
seriously about dying to live.

--Mike Rogers

Prayer List

Gale Sutton—Baptist East
Brad Evins—Recovering from surgery
Kathy McMahan—Recovering from surgery
Ken Bringle—Recovering from surgery
Clint Stacks
Heather Bowner—Daugther of Marilyn Blevins
Millie Deem—Mother-in-law of Ron Teems
Dorothy Morris—Mother of Doresha Morris
Alan Davis—Recovering from surgery
Larry Osbourne—Health problems
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, Phyl-
lis McLillie, Judy Merritt, Gigi Miller, Larry Newman, So-
phie Nolan, Randy Rhoads, Bonita Rogers, Upton Shelton,
Donna Sonwineski, 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, Ma-
jor Creel, Bradley Evins, Dayana Fendley, Tanner Ma-
son, Richie Newbill, Chris Nowak, Michael J. Pena, Je-
didiah Phillips, Jacob Sampson, Parker Speight, Isaac
Stewart
NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Hunter & Kenzie Hobbs on the birth
of a son, *Ridge Owen Thomas Hobbs* born Saturday, May
24. *Ridge* weighed 7lbs. 2ozs. and was 20½ inches long.
Laken Hobbs & Baylee Hobbs are the proud new sisters,
Kozy Strickland, proud new aunt!

SYMPATHY
We extend our deepest sympathy to Jerry Gatlin & the
Melton family in the death of his nephew, *Greg Melton*.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE JUNE 1-7
June 1—Job 35-37
June 2—Job 38-40
June 3—Job 41-42
June 4—Psalms 1-6
June 5—Ps. 7-11
June 6—Ps. 12-15
June 7—Ps. 16-19

Calendar of Events

JUNE EVENTS

9—Monday Night for the Master, Groups 1 & 2
11—Summer Series; Speaker: Larry Sweeney
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

***If you would be interested in a Men’s Retreat in the
mountains of New Mexico the week of July 13-19,
please see Jeff.***

Summer Quarter Bible Classes begin Sunday, June 1

Sunday

“A *Common Love*” (Auditorium)
Teacher: Various Teachers
(A link with the subjects & teachers is on the website)

“Young Adult” (Classroom 1)

Teacher: Cody Strickland

“My Brother’s Keeper: A Journey in Love & Accountability”

(Classroom 2)

Teacher: Brandon Matlock

Wednesday

Wednesday Night Summer Series begins Wed., June 11

JUNE YOUTH EVENTS



8—Devo. Night
12—IGNITE
15—Father’s Day
15-21—Teen Week at WKYC
19—IGNITE (Kids)
22-27—11-13 Week at WKYC

BIRTHDAYS JUNE 1-7



4—Lena Carter
6—Ron Teems
ANNIVERSARIES
2—David & Heather Keith
7—John & Karla Combs

Carpenter’s Apprentice

I usually do not follow basketball except in March during the
NCAA tournament. I think there is a level of excitement that
comes to any sport when stakes are “win or go home.” I love
seeing the underdog win and usually pull for the underdog, but
I also like to see greatness. Greatness often happens when the
stakes are high. Sometimes it comes on an individual level,
sometimes on the team level and sometimes a team becomes
greater than they are supposed to be because of one person. In
the eighties, I think Michael Jordan brought the best out of his
team mates and helped make them greater than they were sup-
posed to be. Today it appears Caitlyn Clark is having the same
effect on the WNBA that Jordan had on the NBA some 40
years ago. She is an outstanding player and she is confident
in her abilities. Confidence in your abilities seems somewhat
taboo in our world today if you actually have abilities. It is
not that people don’t talk about themselves all too often on
social media where the “humble brag” is king, but if you are
really good at something, it is almost like you are not allowed
to admit it. Bragging of any kind is unbecoming and Proverbs
27:2 cautions against it, but not against being your best. It al-
most seems people are offended if you are successful. What
sets Clark apart is her remorselessness for being good. I heard
her say in an interview the other day, “I will not apologize for
being good at what I do.” The interviewer was taken aback
and seemed to struggle for words, possibly realizing an apol-
ogy was exactly what he expected from her. A few days later,
this quote came across my desk, “I’m not intimidating, you’re
intimidated. There’s a difference. I am not mean, not aggres-
sive, I am honest and assertive and that makes you uncom-
fortable. And it is not ME that makes you uncomfortable, my
PRESENCE challenges your comfort. I will not be less for
you to feel better about yourself.” The quote reminded me of
what Clark had said in the interview. I agree with her. We
all need to stop apologizing for being good. We need to stop
saying we are sorry for following God’s word and teaching it
to our families. We need to quit feeling bad for standing up
for the truth. Paul encouraged the Colossians, “Whatever you
do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men”
(Colossians 3:23). We are all different parts of the body,
which is the church (Ephesians 1:22-23) and we all have dif-
ferent functions (1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Romans 12:4-5).
We should never be ashamed of the part we are, only strive to
be that part to the very best of our abilities. Never should we
be intimidated by, or be jealous of, another part of the body of
Christ. Our job is to work, grow and be, the very best we can
– unapologetically – for we have been given a spirit of
power, love and self-control – not timidity (2 Timothy 1:7).

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