

Covington Family News

June 22, 2025

What Are the Worst Six Hours You've Ever Spent?

I once heard a preacher ask the question: "What was the toughest six hours you have ever experienced?"

He then proceeded to give examples of some tough times he suffered. He recalled how he went into the hospital for a short, routine procedure and ended up enduring a six-hours-long major heart surgery. Then he mentioned once having a six-hour audit by the IRS. Then he shared several other examples of such tough day-long events.

What is the toughest six hours that you have ever experienced? No matter how tough it was, nothing you will ever endure will come close to the six hours Jesus spent on the cross. Jesus suffered for six hours on the cross! He was scourged, mocked, spit upon, stripped, crowned, beaten repeatedly and struggled to breathe while on the cross of execution. It was a horrible nightmare of 6 hours. But three days later, joy dawned. Christ came back to life. He defeated death so that we might have the assured hope of life beyond the grave.

"Look to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

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SERVING THIS WEEK 6/22/25 AM Worship Service

Announcements Brandon Matlock

Song Leader: John Combs

Sermon Jeff Phillips

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: David Keith

Closing Prayer: Donnie Benjamin

Nursery Worker: Sydney Trimm

Attendance Card Collectors: (6/22)

Tyler Bringle, Dayton Maness, Beau Glidewell

June Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Richard & Elaine Shankle

Auditorium Entrance: Brad & Becky Evins

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: John Combs

Opening Prayer: Robert Trimm

Closing Prayer: Caleb Smith

Sermon: Neil Bringle

Sunday Bible Classes	120
Worship AM	231
PM	135
Wednesday Bible Study	120

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Mark & Katheleen Brown Houston, TX
Daniel & Kiana Trimm Jackson, TN
Cody Smith Covington, TN
Christie Pickell Brighton, TN
Mark Glidewell

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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
Why the Bible was Written?
God created man, and gave him specific instructions (see Genesis 2:15-17). Even later, before anything was written, God gave Moses His Law to govern His people (Exodus 19-Deuteronomy 31). God did not want His word altered or changed so He inspired about forty different men from various backgrounds to write down all that He wanted man to remember and obey. It took about 1500 years for the Bible to be written, and there is not one unexplainable discrepancy or contradiction in the entire 66 books. God used historical events, fulfilled prophecies, poetry, and other genres that prove that this book is not fiction, but truth. The Bible claims to be truth (John 17:17); and truth matters to God (John 8:31-32). So, then, the Bible is the confirmed truth written by men whom God inspired (see 2 Peter 1:20-21). It has been preserved for all generations so mankind will know exactly what God desires. Remember, the inspired apostle Paul wrote to the young preacher Timothy saying, “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth” (2 Tim. 2:15). This verse provides instruction from God on how we are to use His divine word. We are to read it diligently and apply it carefully so that we can be approved by God. The point seems to be clear that God will not approve anyone who does not read and apply correctly what He has preserved. God has preserved His word so that EVERYTHING we “do in word or in deed” we will do by His authority (Col. 3:17). He also preserved His word so “that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil. 2:11). We cannot be saved eternally without knowing, understanding, and obeying what we read in God’s word. Romans 15:4 tells us, “For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.” There is no hope for mankind outside of the truth revealed in Scripture. Therefore, I ask this question, “Do you want to be saved?” I doubt there is anyone reading this article who would answer No! to this question. Yet, I wonder how many God-fearing, Bible-believing, people actually read, study, and actually try to live by the word of God! I can only imagine how encouraged God is when He looks down upon His people and sees them using the truth He has preserved so diligently. Are you using God’s word daily to please God and give you hope? Think about it!

—Mike Rogers



Prayer List
LaVerne Baxter
Shirley Laxton—Health problems
Heather Bowner—Daughter of Marilyn Blevins
Megan Davis—Daughter of Jimmy & Debra Blackburn, recovering from surgery
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, Alan Davis, Jason Elliott, 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, Larry Osbourne, Randy Rhoads, Bonita Rogers, Upton Shelton, Donna Sonwineski, David South, Clint Stacks, 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
RESPONSE
Robert Bronwlee responded Sunday morning asking for prayers for him and his family. Please remember them.

COMPLIMENTS
A compliment is the soft soap that wipes out a dirty look.
No person is so poor that he cannot give a complement to somebody else.
A hammer sometimes misses its mark, a bouquet never.
Nobody has ever been bored by someone paying them a compliment.

via The Lebanon Letter

Calendar of Events
JUNE EVENTS
21—Birthday Party at Magnolia Creek Nursing Home
23—Monday Night for the Master, Groups 3 & 4

Sunday, June 29 following the AM Worship Service we will have a Potluck Meal followed by a 1:00PM Worship Service.

JUNE YOUTH EVENTS

22-27—11-13 Week at WKYC
BIRTHDAYS JUNE 22-28

23—Braden Love
24—Jack Carroll, Davis McMahan
25—Alice Moon
ANNIVERSARIES
23—Luke & Jennifer McMahan
24—Mike & Bonita Rogers
25—Jimmy & Kathy McMahan
27—David & Robin Higgins, Ron & Jeni Chaney

Bible Quiz: Matthew 15:21-28
1. Jesus went to the region of what two cities?
2. A woman from __ came and cried out to Him.
3. “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of __! My daughter is severely __-possessed.”
4. Jesus told her it is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little __.
5. “O woman, __ is your faith! Let it be to you as you __.”
Solution: Tyre, Sidon; Canaan; David, demon; dogs; great, desire
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BIBLE READING SCHEDULE JUNE 22-28
June 22—Ps. 73-75
June 23—Ps. 76-78
June 24—Ps. 79-81
June 25—Ps. 82-85
June 26—Ps. 86-88
June 27—Ps. 89-91
June 28—Ps. 92-95

Carpenter’s Apprentice
The video came through around 2 AM. As Jennifer played it, I heard Jedidiah encouraging, “Come on, Lu! You can do it! Come on!” I woke up to watch Lucy leave the safety of the couch and walk three steps to her daddy. The next video was similar but the words were for Big Al. As my eyes focused on the video, I could only see Alice’s back, but standing with her back to the couch, grinning through her pacifier, I could see Lucy, looking from sister to daddy and she was clapping. Encouragement and excitement filled the video – and some cuteness. It reminded of a text I got from my brother last week asking for encouragement for my nephew as he ran a race around Lake Tahoe. You read that right. My brother and his son are ultra runners. Eighty-one miles in, (you read that right too) Riley was in the midst of climbing a mental wall and Chad was asking for encouraging words to help get him “over the hump.” He reminded us how long-distance running could easily be compared to our walk as Christians. In possibly the best shape of his life, Riley is more than capable of finishing the race. But like Paul wrote to the Ephesians, “our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12). Doubts and fears are some of the tools Satan uses to distract us from our abilities and purpose. I am reminded of the song, Higher Ground. These are the words: 1. I'm pressing on the upward way, New heights I'm gaining every day; Still praying as I onward bound, Lord, plant my feet on higher ground. (Refrain) Lord, lift me up and let me stand, By faith, on Heaven's table land; A higher plane than I have found; Lord, plant my feet on higher ground. 2. My heart has no desire to stay, Where doubts arise and fears dismay; Tho' some may dwell where these abound, My prayer, my aim is higher ground. 3. I want to live above the world, Though Satan's darts at me are hurled; For faith has caught the joyful sound, The song of saints on higher ground. 4. I want to scale the utmost height, And catch a gleam of glory bright; But still I'll pray till Heav'n I've found, Lord, lead me on to higher ground. The truth is, we need to be reminded we have been given all we need and the abilities to finish the works for which we were created. “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near” (Hebrews 10:23-25).
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