

Covington Family News

June 8, 2025

Covington church of Christ Summer Series 2025

Theme for 2025 is “A Common Love.” Love can only grow in a bed of unity.

What Biblical Unity Looks Like

June 11, 2025 **Christ Prays for Unity**
(John 17:20-24) Larry Sweeney
Henderson TN

June 18, 2025..... **Unity Seen in the Early Church**
(Acts 2:37-47; 4:32-37) Justin Rogers
Broad Street Church of Christ
Lexington, TN

July 2, 2025 **Paul’s Appeal for Unity**
(1 Cor. 1:10-13) Mitchell Rogers
Green Forest Church of Christ
Poplar Bluff, MO.

July 9, 2025..... **Unity with Others**
(Phil. 2:2-4; Rom. 12:10; 15:1-3) Daniel Dalton
Gilt Edge Church of Christ
Gilt Edge, TN

July 16, 2025..... **Unity in Leadership**
(Eph. 4:11-13) Jim Faughn, Elder
Central Church of Christ
Paducah, KY

Developing and Maintaining Biblical Unity in the Local Church Today

July 23, 2025..... **Put First Things First**
(Matt. 6:25-33) Jacob Evans
Pulaski Street Church of Christ
Lawrenceburg, TN

August 6, 2025..... **Think Positively**
(Phil. 4:8) Tim Wooldridge
Crowley’s Ridge College
Crowley’s Ridge, AR

August 13, 2025..... **Encourage One Another**
(Heb. 3:13) Tim Alsup
Great Oaks Church of Christ
Bartlett, TN

August 20, 2025..... **Assemble Together**
(Heb. 10:24-25) Jermal Blanchard
Hatchie Church of Christ
Covington, TN



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SERVING THIS WEEK 6/8/25 AM Worship Service

Announcements Brandon Matlock

Song Leader: Jeff Phillips

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: Michael Wyatt

Closing Prayer: Robert Brownlee

Nursery Worker: Leslie Howard

Attendance Card Collectors: (6/8)

Levi Teems, Houston Davis, Kyle McCain

June Bus Driver (6/8)

Robert Charnock

June Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Richard & Elaine Shankle

Auditorium Entrance: Brad & Becky Evins

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: Jeff Phillips

Opening Prayer: Craig Robinson

Closing Prayer: Clint Stacks

Sermon: Mike Rogers/Jeff Phillips

Sunday Bible Classes 145

Worship AM 215

PM 155

Wednesday Bible Study 132

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Barry & Bridgett Trimm Madison, AL

Alan & Hardy Sue Trimm Florence, AL

Gary Ezell Covington, TN

Thomas Starck Atoka, TN

Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg Atoka, 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

What is Your Life?

James 4:13-17

James is not rebuking his readers for planning to make a profit in this text. His main point is a warning not to leave God out of their plans. James emphasizes this point by reminding his readers that life “is only a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away (4:14). He then insists that “you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that’” (4:15 NKJV). James is saying that life is far too short and uncertain not to include God in all of our plans. But James intends much deeper implications than simply the brevity and uncertainty of life. He wants his readers to learn to depend upon God in everything. So, first, James intends for his readers to consider what life would be like without God. Without God we would not exist. James may want his readers to remember that “the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground” (Gen. 2:7). Luke confirms that without God we would not exist saying, “For in Him we live, and move, and have our being” (Acts 17:27). Furthermore, without God our lives would be empty and fruitless. Jesus declares, “A man can receive nothing except it be given him from heaven” (John 3:27). James reminds his audience, “Every good gift and every perfect gift comes down from the Father . . .” (James 1:17). Moses even confirms, “But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who is giving you the power to make wealth, . . .” (Deut. 8:18). Second, James intends for his readers to consider what one’s life is worth without God. What do you think your life is worth? God thinks that your life is more valuable than His own Son (see John 3:16; Rom. 5:8). Jesus even asked, “For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his own soul? For what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (Mark 8:36-37). Jesus teaches, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth . . .” (Matt. 6:19-21). James’ point is that one should never put more trust and dependence on himself, or in material things than he does God. A third thing James intends for his readers to consider is what would be the purpose for a life without God. God creates every person for a special purpose (see 1 Cor. 12:18). But God intends for all of us to be “holy sacrifices” to Him (Rom. 12:1 NASV). God intends for us to obey Him (Eccl. 12:13). James says that the purpose for each of us should be to submit to the Lord’s will saying, “If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that” (James 4:15). What is Your Life? Join us Sunday for more on this text.

-Mike Rogers

Prayer List

Gale Sutton—Home from the hospital
Brad Evins
Kathy McMahan
Ken Bringle
Clint Stacks
Heather Bowner—Daughter 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, Phyllis McLillie, Judy Merritt, Gigi Miller, Larry Newman, Sophie 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, Major Creel, Bradley Evins, Dayana Fendley, Tanner Mason, Richie Newbill, Chris Nowak, Michael J. Pena, Jedidiah Phillips, Jacob Sampson, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart

“Wait on the Lord;

Be of good courage,

And He shall strengthen your heart;

Wait, I say, on the Lord!

Psalm 27:14”

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE JUNE 8-14

June 8—Ps. 20-24
June 9—Ps. 25-28
June 10—Ps. 29-31
June 11—Ps. 32-34
June 12—Ps. 35-37
June 13—Ps. 38-41
June 14—Ps. 42-45

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.

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 8-14



9—Kozy Strickland
10—Joyce Whaley
11—Rick Moore, Ken Bringle Jr.
13—Brenda Mason
ANNIVERSARIES
8—David & Ashley Whaley, Breck & Stephanie Beasley
11—Tim & Ginger Salee, Tony & Donna Sonwineski
12—Andy & Delores Whaley, Jeff & Christie Coughlan

Begin each day with a simple prayer to let
God know you’re glad he’s there.
Praise Him for the things He’s done
As He unveils the morning sun.
Rise and shine; get out of bed.
And thank Him for the day ahead.
Wear a smile, don’t look depressed;
Show the world that you’ve been blessed.
Stand straight and tall, don’t be afraid
For this is the day the Lord has made!

Clay Harrison
via The Lebanon Letter

Carpenter’s Apprentice

As far as haunted houses go, this one was pretty lame. Half-way through, even the anticipation of being scared had turned to disappointed amusement at the feeble attempts at invoking fear in patrons. I really just wanted it to be over. The next set of curtains led to an empty black room. I stuck my head in to survey the scene, turned to the others in our group and said with obvious disappointment, “Come on, It is just another empty room.” As I turned to reenter the room, suddenly it was no longer empty. Inches from my face, two small red dots appeared; just one set of eyes, and they blinked twice. Instantly, maybe faster than instantly, simultaneously, my brain, already programmed not to strike out defensively because it was just a haunted house, gathered the other resources my body had available and funneled them into an ear piercing and sustained primordial roar of terror as I launched myself backward into the group of friends behind me in hopes they would help restrain the “hands of death” I could feel rising at the end of my arms, ready to tear my mortal and yet unidentified foe to pieces. Truthfully, fear often invokes either the fight or flight mechanism, and this was full scale flight. “Psychologists define fear as a protective, primal emotion that evokes a biochemical and emotional response. Fear alerts us to the presence of danger or the threat of harm, whether that danger is physical or psychological. Whereas the biochemical changes that fear produces are universal, emotional responses are highly individual” ([Fear: Definition, Traits, Causes, Treatment](#)). Fear is amazingly complex, involving measurable and predictable physiologic responses including increases in sweating, heart rate and adrenaline. On the other hand, the emotional response is widely varied. The same chemicals released by fear are also the chemicals often released when we are happy and excited meaning sometimes fear is fun; like in a haunted house. It is important to understand fear is a natural emotion and often a survival tool. On the other hand, fear can sometimes get the best of us and cause a complete loss of self control. There are trauma based fears. There are fears based in our lack of knowledge and understanding. There are rational and irrational fears. Sometimes the awareness of being controlled by our fears helps us overcome them. At other times, the same awareness leads us further and deeper into fear. At VBS this week we have seen how fear affected the armies of the living God and those who work for His purposes. In all honesty, we have also seen how fear affects our service to God too. Unfortunately, quoting scripture like 2 Timothy 1:7, “For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline,” doesn’t always do the trick. Sometimes we need a little help. Fortunately, there are many ways to overcome the fears that keep us from serving our God, so let’s commit to getting them back under control and back in His service!

-jeff