

Covington Family News

August 24, 2025

Fall Bible Classes begin Wednesday, September 3.
Please sign up for your Sunday and Wednesday
classes and plan to be at every Bible class meeting!

Wednesday

The Last Times: Rapture, Second Coming, etc.

Teacher: Michael Wyatt (Auditorium)

Biblical Marriage

Teacher: Mike Rogers (Classroom 2)

James

Teacher: Brad Evins (Classroom 3)

Young Adult

Teachers: Breck Beasley, Will Thomason (Fellowship Room)

Sunday

The Kings

Teacher: Robert Charnock (Auditorium)

Romans

Teacher: David Keith (Classroom 1)

The Promised One-Seeing Christ and the Kingdom in Genesis

(Ladies' Class - Classroom 3)

Teacher: Heather Keith

Young Adult

Teachers: Breck Beasley, Will Thomason (Fellowship Room)



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for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK 8/24/25 AM Worship Service

Announcements Ken Bringle Jr.
Song Leader: Hadley Mason
Sermon Mike Rogers

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: David Keith
Garrett Howard, Jon McCain, Craig Robinson, Robert Brownlee, Donnie Benjamin, Ken Mason, Myles Benjamin, Gordon Cartwright
Opening Prayer: Breck Beasley
Closing Prayer: Jon McCain

Nursery Worker: Sydney Trimm

Attendance Card Collectors: (8/24)

Jaxton Carter, Nolan Carter, Ethan Matlock

Bus Driver (8/24 & 8/27)

Luke McMahan

August Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Alan & Debbie Otts

Auditorium Entrance: Brad & Becky Evins

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: Hadley Mason
Opening Prayer: Jimmy McMahan
Closing Prayer: Reid McMahan
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Mid-Week Bible Study August 27

Song Leader: Hadley Mason
Opening Prayer: LeRoy Finto
Closing Prayer: Brandon Matlock

Sunday Bible Classes	154
Worship AM	222
PM	136
Wednesday Bible Study	158

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Alex Gyllenhammar	Trosa, Sweden
Dianne Scott	Covington, TN
Barry & Jean Smith	Henderson, TN
Kyley Mason	Murfreesboro, TN
Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Thomas Starck	Atoka, TN
Billy & William Clinton	McKinney, TX

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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

Bible Classes 9:00AM

Worship 10:00AM & 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Motivation Message

If you are a Christian, probe the deep recesses of your heart and determine what’s motivating you to follow Jesus. What’s driving you? Is it fear? Fear has undoubtedly turned many people from their sinful ways. The thought of “the wrath to come” (1 Thess. 1:10) has a way of humbling the proudest of people (cf. Rom. 5:9; 2 Cor. 5:10-11). Nevertheless, while we should maintain a healthy reverence for God throughout our lives (1 Pet. 1:17), I don’t believe that fear should remain our primary motivation. I contend there is something that is more powerful than fear.

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples more than one time. On the third occasion, we find Jesus having breakfast with them (John 21:12-14). After they had stuffed themselves, Jesus took the opportunity to ask Peter a series of important questions. Interestingly enough, the questions were essentially all the same: “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” (John 21:15-17). Following each question, Peter responded in the affirmative: “You know that I love you.” Jesus followed his responses with a variation of commands, all of which expressed the same thing: “Tend my sheep.” Among other things, this passage highlights what should drive us as Christians. Besides facilitating reconciliation with Peter, Jesus was seeking to inspect Peter’s inmost purpose in following Him. In Jesus’ mind, only a complete love for Him would be sufficient to carry Peter and his fellow disciples through the careers that awaited them in the near future.

As it was with Peter, so it is with us. Love is the highest motivation, and it is the only one that holds the power and the lasting influence to carry us through to the end. Indeed, the sentiment expressed in John 21:15-17 is basically an echo of the two great commandments. We are to love God with everything inside of us, and we are to love everyone around us (Matt. 22:37-39). Paul put it this way: “For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised” (2 Cor. 5:14-15). Although a love for God is commanded, we find in these verses that Jesus has provided us a potent reason to love Him, a reason that will continue to stand the test of time.

Via Bulletin Digest Jacob Evans
Lawrenceburg, TN

Prayer List


Bear Phillips—LeBonheur Children’s Hospital
Debbie Beasley – mother of Breck Beasley
Patsy Moore
Laura Craft

Also remember Israel, Our Country, Our Missionaries, LaVerne Baxter, Heath Billings, Joseph Little, Heather Bowner, Captain Mike Shipley, Georgia Cook, Steve Cook, Jeff Cooper, Larry Coughlan, Kenneth Coulston, Alan Davis, Jason Elliott, Malissa Garner, Kay Gatlin, Pat Gatlin, K.C. Haynes, Helen Kennedy, Kathy McMahan, Stan McDevitt, Phyllis McLillie, Judy Merritt, Gigi Miller, Dorothy Morris, Sophie Nolan, Larry Osbourne, Randy Rhoads, Bonita Rogers, Upton Shelton, Donna Sonwineski, David South, Clint Stacks, 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, Brad Evins, Dayana Fendley, Tanner Mason, Chris Nowak, Michael J. Pena, Jedidiah Phillips, Jacob Sampson, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart

RESPONSE
Andrew Evans responded requesting prayers for forgiveness, strength, and encouragement. Please lift up our brother in prayer.

BABY SHOWER



All ladies are invited to a baby boy shower honoring *Beau, Hannah, & Bear Phillips*, Sunday, August 31 at 2PM in the foyer. They are registered at my.babylist.com

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE: AUGUST 24-30
August 24 – Isaiah 64-66
August 25 – Jeremiah 1-3
August 26 – Jeremiah 4-6
August 27 – Jeremiah 7-9
August 28 – Jeremiah 10-12
August 29 – Jeremiah 13-15
August 30 – Jeremiah 16-18

Calendar of Events

AUGUST EVENTS
24 – Ice Cream/Dessert Party following the PM service: bring your best homemade ice cream or dessert and join in for a time of *SWEET* fellowship!
25 – Monday Night for the Master, Group 4
27 – Wednesday Night Dinner: Sign up on the church Facebook page if you will be attending; See Becky Evins or Judy Dunaway if you want to help prepare the meal
27 –Devotional/Worship in song
SEPTEMBER EVENTS
8 – Monday Night for the Master, Group 1
13 – Door Knocking Day; 9:30 AM

On Sunday, August 31, following the morning worship service, we will share a potluck meal followed by our PM service starting at 12:30. Plan now to stay for food and fellowship and the afternoon worship!

Leadership Retreat!

Who? All Elders, Deacons & Ministers
When? September 5&6
Where? Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Park
Pinson, TN
Why? This important time together will focus on sharing and reviewing church work from 2025, prayerfully planning & goal setting for the year to come, and devotional time together to build up and encourage the leadership team

AUGUST YOUTH EVENTS
24 – Middle/High School Devo
30 – CIA Beach Day
BIRTHDAYS - AUGUST 24-30



27--- Brad Evins, Pat Gatlin, Fay Hazlerig, Kip Hoffman

Carpenter’s Apprentice

When I was at Schwartz Electric, several jobs were thrust upon me when my immediate supervisor left, but my first start to finish job as HEC (Head Electrician in Charge) was a bank. We save a lot of time and money if we can run as many conduits as possible inside or under the concrete slab. Once the outer walls have been formed, the plumber and electrician get a few days to “rough in” their conduits. Careful measurements must be taken to ensure pipes come up in walls, not the middle of the floor. I had done this a number of times as a helper and now found myself doing the layout on my own. As I began to take measurements, things just didn’t seem right. One of the things I’d been taught was to orient my plans on the ground or on a table the same direction as the building would be built. In other words, set the plans down with the north arrow facing north. So, I did just that, but my plans didn’t seem to match everyone else’s. Piers had been poured to hold the high center of the building, and plumbing, for the most part, was finished. They were even digging out and tying steel for what would eventually be the floor of the vault. Despite all this, I couldn’t get my bearings. As I studied my plans, I became convinced the bank was being laid out backwards. It wasn’t a mirror image - it was more like a 180-degree rotation. Since no one else seemed to notice, I figured I had the wrong plans. I went to the Job Superintendent and explained my problem, asked how soon I could get a copy of the new plans, and asked if I could use his set until the new plans got to me. He looked puzzled. He said there was only one set and asked to see my set. Quickly, we realized I had the same set as everyone else. I was confused. Clearly the bank was being built backwards, but we all had the same set of plans. He asked me what the problem was and why I couldn’t read plans. I explained how I laid out my plans and lined them up with north and began taking measurements. He smiled and said, “Well there is your problem!” He pointed south and said, “That is north!” It took some time to help him understand. No matter how he tried to make it so, south is not north. Several trades - good companies with good men - had been involved. Each had trusted the words of the Superintendent to be true. Apparently, none had looked closely at the plan. The Psalmist wrote, “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light until my path” (Psalm 119:105). The best laid plans must be read, studied and followed. Just having a set won’t build a building, and trusting someone else to read them for you can have catastrophic consequences.

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