

Covington Family News

April 12, 2026



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for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 4/12/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (all services): Craig Robinson
Song Leader (all services): Beau Phillips
Opening Prayer: Breck Beasley
Sermon: Wayne Dalrymple
Closing Prayer: Robert Charnock

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Michael Wyatt
Gordon Cartwright, Heath Hoffman, Nick Maness, Chris Max,
Donnie Benjamin, Brandon Hanks, Will Thomason, David Keith

Attendance Card Collectors (4/12)

Kyle McCain, Jaxton Carter, Nolan Carter

April Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Brad & Becky Evins
Auditorium Entrance: Brenda & Hadley Mason

Lobby Management (4/12 & 4/15)

Security: Jeff Hanks

Worship Coordinator: Jeff Coughlan

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Ben Evans

Nursery Worker: Karen Wall

Bus Driver (4/12 & 4/15)

Grant Edmonds

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Jimmy McMahan
Sermon: Hadley Mason
Closing Prayer: Reid McMahan

Mid-Week Service: April 15

Closing Prayer: Cody Strickland

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	109
Worship AM	210
PM	138
Wednesday Bible Study	137

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Jeff & Mary Gatlin	Hernando, MS
Chance Bricco	Covington, TN
Steve & Tammy Cook	Brighton, TN
Rosemary Hadley	Covington, TN

Elder on call for April: Mike Rogers

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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

Bible Classes 9:00AM

Worship 10:00AM & 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 7:00 PM

THEREFORE GOD EXALTED HIM
TO THE HIGHEST PLACE AND GAVE HIM
THE NAME THAT IS ABOVE EVERY NAME,
THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE
SHOULD BOW, IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH
AND UNDER THE EARTH, AND EVERY
TONGUE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT
JESUS CHRIST IS LORD,
TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER.



PHILIPPIANS 2:9-11

Motivational Message

The Thing About Judas

There is an interesting text in the book of Matthew that reveals a subtle insight into the mindset of Judas Iscariot, which may also be found in many professing disciples of Jesus today. Let's take a closer look at a familiar passage. In Matthew 26:17-25, Jesus was celebrating the Passover with his disciples for the last time. It was during the Passover meal that Jesus dampened the mood by saying, "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me" (Matthew 16:21).

This pronouncement made the disciples exceedingly sorrowful, and each of them began to say, "Lord, is it I?" But note the subtle difference in what the disciples asked and what Judas asked. Judas asked Jesus, "Rabbi, is it I?" (Matthew 16:25)?

Did you catch the difference? The eleven apostles asked, "Lord, is it I?" while Judas asked, "Rabbi, is it I?" This subtle difference, which can be easily overlooked, speaks volumes! The term "Lord" could be used in a respectful way - similar to how we might teach our children to say, "Sir." But, by this point, the disciples had been with Jesus long enough to recognize him as their "Lord" in the sense of "master." Jesus was their "Lord" in a way that had deeper meaning than just a common means of respectfully addressing him.

On the other hand, the term, "Rabbi" was a term that acknowledged Jesus was a teacher - and that he was. But he was more than a teacher - he was the "Lord." But not to Judas. Of course, Judas proved that by having already begun the process of his betrayal when he asked the question (Matthew 16:25).

That brings me to the application. Is it possible for one to respect Jesus as a great "teacher" and yet refuse to make Jesus "Lord" of his life? Is it possible for one to recognize Jesus as a teacher, but refuse to allow his teachings to impact the way he lives?

Friends, when we resist the lordship of Jesus in our lives, when we refuse to surrender our wills to his will, we align ourselves with Judas Iscariot. Give that some thought the next time you consider resisting the lordship of Jesus in your life.

Steve Higginbotham
Via Bulletin Digest

Prayer List

Richie Spann – recovering from surgery
Crystal Fowler – health problems

Members with ongoing needs: Ginger Sallee, Joyce Scott, Wesley Fowler, Bobby White, Phillip Scrip, Larry Coughlan, Pat Gatlin, Judy Merritt, Bonita Rogers, Donna Sonwineski, Paulette Watkins, Larry Whaley II, Jimmy Willis

Loved ones to remember: John Fowler, Kathy Townsend, Jason Elliott, Becky Todd, Kathleen Brown

NURSING HOME

Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

MILITARY

Noah Liles, Tanner Mason, Chris Nowak, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart

MEMORIALS

Donations were given to the Covington Church of Christ in the month of March in honor of *David Fulks*.



Look ahead and plan for L2L 2027!

If you have not taken an active part in this program in the past, make this the year you become involved. See Ken Bringle Jr. to see how you can join in this great work!

Theme – No Other God
Bible Bowl – I Kings



Calendar of Events

APRIL

13 – Monday Night for the Master, group 2
18 – Birthday Party @Magnolia Creek; 2:00
19 – Devotional @Covington Care; 3:00
20 – Monday Night for the Master, group 3
27 – Monday Night for the Master, group 4

YOUTH – APRIL

17-19 – Spring Youth Retreat
24 – Senior Graduation Celebration
26 – Devo



AREA EVENTS

Look on the table in the foyer for additional information about all of these events:

April 18 – Ladies' Day "Finding Peace" @Ripley Church of Christ; 9:30; Speaker: Kristi Burleson
April 19 – Area Wide Worship @Germantown Church of Christ; 5:00
April 24-26 – Equipped Workshop "Genesis: Blessings from the Beginning" @Cumberland Trace Church of Christ; Bowling Green, KY
April 25 – Ladies' Day @Southaven Church of Christ; 9:00AM; Speaker: Celine Sparks

Sign up on the church Facebook page to attend the Wednesday night fellowship meal. See you Wed. night @ 6:00!

BIRTHDAYS: April 12-18

4/12 – Bonita Rogers
4/14 – Chelsea Evans, Claudia Glidewell
4/15 – Richard Shankle
4/16 – Myles Benjamin, Noah Charnock
4/17 – George Watkins

Ladies' Bible Class: Tuesdays @10:00AM AND Men's Prayer Breakfast -Wednesdays @5:30AM

Carpenter's Apprentice

When we feel strongly one way or another, our actions can be predicted based on knowledge of our beliefs. For instance, when you know my favorite color is green, it should come as no surprise to you when I buy a green vehicle or article of clothing. Similarly, our actions can be used by others to determine our beliefs and how strongly we feel about something. Jesus said in John 13:35, people will know we are His disciples by our love for one another. Therefore, our responses to life (for example- politicians, current events, lifestyles, circumstances) should not be surprising when others find out we are Christians. Self-reflection of our actions can also provide a means to evaluate our lives as Christians. "Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test." (2 Corinthians 13:5) Surely the world around us can see we are different. While it is really a compliment to hear someone say, "Oh I see, you're one of those Christian types," our response to this somewhat derogatory and accusatory comment also tells the world how strongly we believe. If my response sounds sheepish, as though I am ashamed, I reveal something about my loyalties. "Do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God?" (James 4:4) As they say, a picture is worth a thousand words. If someone makes a snide comment about my favorite team, NASCAR driver, or political party, let alone my wife, children, or best friend, you can be assured – IT – IS – ON! (For proper effect, the word "on" needs to be pronounced with a long "o" sound, OH-N.) Certainly, I am not talking about coming to blows over silly things, but we often take a stand and defend those things close to our hearts. If I readily defend my team, club, party, or family, but refuse to defend my Savior, what does that say?

Along the same thread, one of my archers scored a 33 on the ACT the other day. How do I know? She told me. She was not bragging; she was sharing the excitement of her accomplishment with me. This is the time of year when seniors send out announcements of their latest accomplishment - high school. In their bliss, they are shouting "freedom! I finished - no more high school!" Life begins as they pass from an old way of living into a whole new world. Paul said something similar in Romans 6:4-6, as we put on Christ, becoming a new self while crucifying the old self. I guess the self-reflection needed here is to determine if others see us "walking in newness of life" or do others see our same old self? Are we actively sharing the "hope that is within us?" Are we being intentional with our faith? Jesus understands, because he has been there (Heb. 4:14), so let us hold fast to our confession and let us all confess with our lives, boldly, without fear or shame.

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