

Covington Family News

April 19, 2026



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 4/19/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (all services): Craig Robinson
Song Leader (all services): Wayne Dalrymple
Opening Prayer: Robert Trimm
Sermon: LeRoy Finto
Closing Prayer: Brad Evins

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 (4/19)

Ethan Matlock, J.O. Wall, Madden Wall

April Door Greeters:

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

Lobby Management (4/19 & 4/22)

Security: Brandon Matlock

Worship Coordinator: Ben Evans

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Richard Shankle

Nursery Worker: Teri Robinson

Bus Driver (4/19 & 4/22)

Terry Wall

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Hadley Mason
Sermon: Jeff Phillips
Closing Prayer: Brock McMahan

Mid-Week Service: April 22

Devotional Thought: Cody Strickland
Closing Prayer: Nick Maness

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	135
Worship AM	184
PM	127
Wednesday Bible Study	144

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Steve & Tammy Cook	Brighton, TN
Mason family	Covington, TN
Natalynn Golding	Covington, TN
Michael Lickver	San Marcos, CA
Bret Anderson	Covington, TN
Lindey Diggs	Orlando, FL

Elder on call for April: Mike Rogers

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Schedule of Services

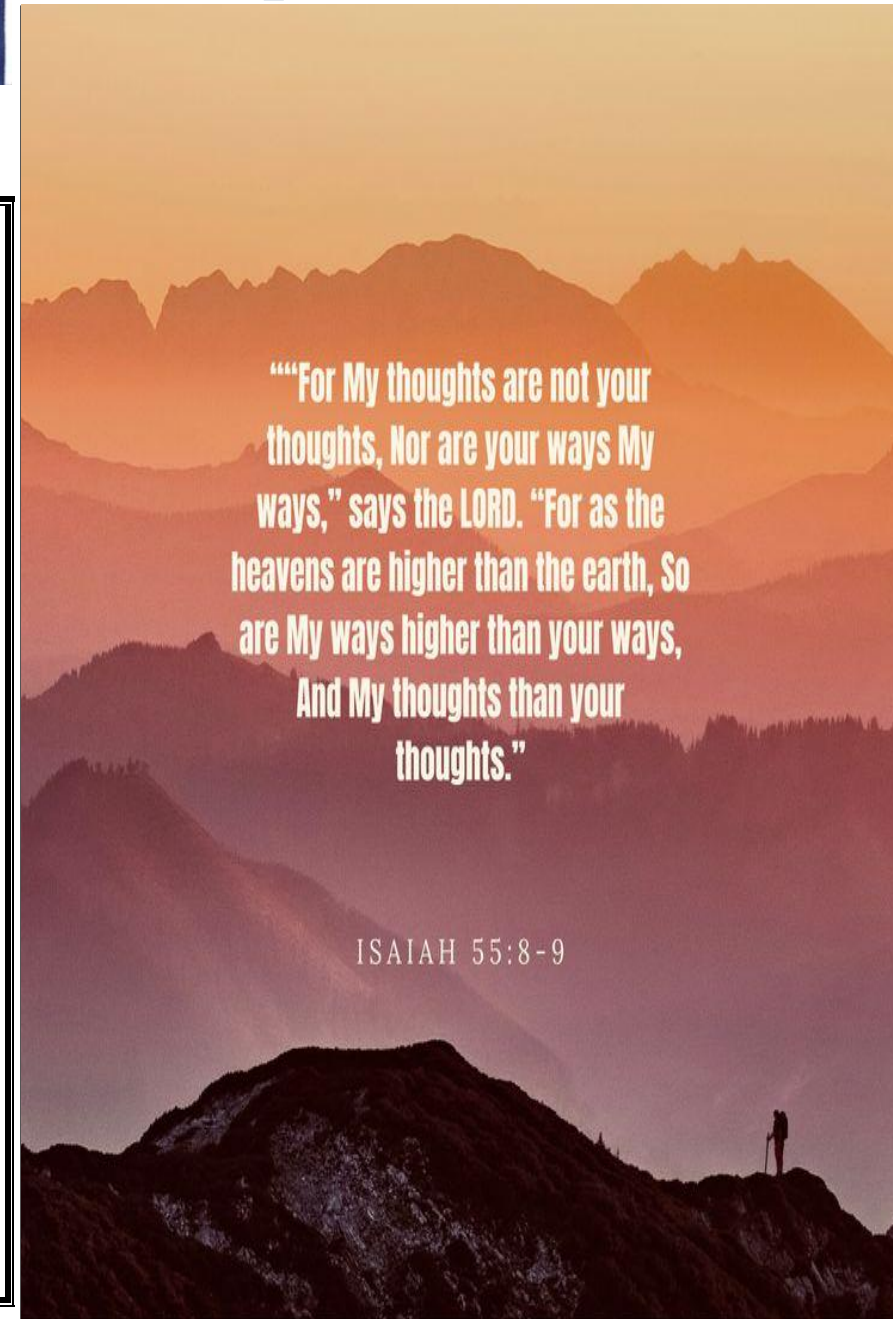
SUNDAY

Bible Classes 9:00AM

Worship 10:00AM & 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 7:00 PM



““For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways,” says the LORD. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.”

ISAIAH 55:8-9

Motivational Message

What Makes a Successful Church?

The answer to that question depends on whom you ask. Most people think a successful church is measured in large numbers, big budgets, programs that meet their needs, and state-of-the-art facilities. However, none of those “standards” are proof of success. In fact, each one of those standards could just as well be present in a dead church. Do you remember the church at Sardis (Revelation 3:1-6)? This was a church that had a good reputation and was alive and well in the eyes of the community, but in the eyes of God, they were dead (Revelation 3:1).

Apparently, God doesn't see as we see (Isaiah 55:8-9), and he doesn't measure success in the same way that we measure success. While there is nothing wrong with numbers, programs, big budgets, and large facilities, a church can be successful in the eyes of God without possessing a single one of these qualities.

What, then, is the measure of a successful church?

- Christians who humbly try to live out the Lordship of Jesus in their lives daily.
- Christians who love the truth supremely, who will not allow their own personal desires or situations to skew their perception of God's revelation.
- Christians who are committed to moral living and are more concerned with godliness than fitting in with society.
- Christians who love peace more than they do a fight and who love the calmness of unity more than the rhetoric of a fuss.
- Christians who support the weak, restore the fallen, and reaffirm their love and commitment to those who have stumbled.

Now, these characteristics would make a successful church! And note: it's not about size, big budgets, programs, or facilities. Rather, it's about inward transformation and spirituality. And here's the best news of all: we don't have to have large numbers, multimillion-dollar budgets, or state-of-the-art facilities. The qualities that bring success and constitute greatness in God's eyes are qualities that are within our reach.

Steve Higginbotham
Via Bulletin Digest

Prayer List

Bob Overall – Jill Matlock's grandfather; health problems
Susie Wyatt – upcoming tests for health concerns
Valerie Pierce – Foshee's daughter; diagnosed with cancer
Joyce Scott – more tests needed before surgery

Members with ongoing needs: Larry Coughlan, Pat Gatlin, Judy Merritt, Bonita Rogers, Donna Sonwineski, Paulette Watkins, Larry Whaley II, Jimmy Willis

Loved ones to remember: Richie Spann, John Fowler, Kathy Townsend, Jason Elliott

NURSING HOME

Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

MILITARY

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



Ladies' Bible Class:
Tuesdays @10:00AM
AND

Men's Prayer Breakfast -
Wednesdays @5:30AM

Calendar of Events

APRIL

18 – Birthday Party @Magnolia Creek; 2:00
19 – Devotional @Covington Care; 3:00
20 – Monday Night for the Master, group 3
26 – VBS kickoff meeting following AM worship service
27 – Monday Night for the Master, group 4

YOUTH – APRIL

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



AREA EVENTS

Ladies' Day @Ripley Church of Christ – April 18;
Speaker: Kristi Burselen; Our group will leave from the parking lot at 9:00 AM. Please let Heather know if you plan on going.

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

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 19-25

4/19 – LeLe Caroll, Ashley Whaley
4/20 – LaVerne Baxter, Lyla Harrell, Donna Sonwineski
4/21 – Myla Maness, Craig Robinson
4/22 – Beau Combs
4/23 – Jennifer McMahan

ANNIVERSARIES: April 19-25

4/19 – Benny & Hope Collins
4/20 – Bruce & Fay Hazlerig;
Nick & Leann Maness



Carpenter's Apprentice

Peace. It is a popular word (concept) thrown about to explain various states of existence. Singularly, the word brings about different responses because of its different meanings. It could mean the absence of war. It could mean the absence of strife or dissension. It could also mean tranquility, serenity, silence, or stillness. You can live in it, rest in it, disturb it, shatter it, go in it, hold yours, or have yours. You can dwell in it and promote it. You can even make peace. Despite which definition we use, it is safe to say that we all want peace.

The Bible talks about the peace of God. Philippians 4:7 says “the peace of God surpasses all understanding.” If we back up to verse six, we see that we are to “be anxious for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.” The peace of God will guard our hearts (v.7). But there is more: if peace is what we are truly in search of, the search will include both prayer and the diligent study of God's word. There is no greater peace than the peace of God, for it is present in all situations. Maybe that is why it surpasses all understanding - because we have peace when by all rights our world should be crashing around us. Paul gives another clue as to attaining God's peace. “Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. The things which ye learned and received and heard and saw in me, these things do: and the God of peace shall be with you” (Philippians 4:8-9).

Wanting peace and having peace are two different things. Clearly, peace has a price: the blood of Christ (Acts 20:28). To attain peace, the price must be paid, and while payment is being made, things may seem less than peaceful, especially within us (again surpassing understanding). Having peace and thinking you have peace are different as well. Satan is the great deceiver, and if he can make us think the grass is greener on the other side, he can certainly make us feel peaceful when real peace is not present. Therefore, to attain the peace of God, we must pay the price. But He has made it affordable for everyone, covering most of the costs. We simply have to do it His way. Jesus told the Father, “Thy will be done” not “my will be done” (Matthew 26:42) and in His will, we too will find peace.

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