

# Covington Family News

## April 26, 2026



*Serving Our Community  
for the Glory of God*

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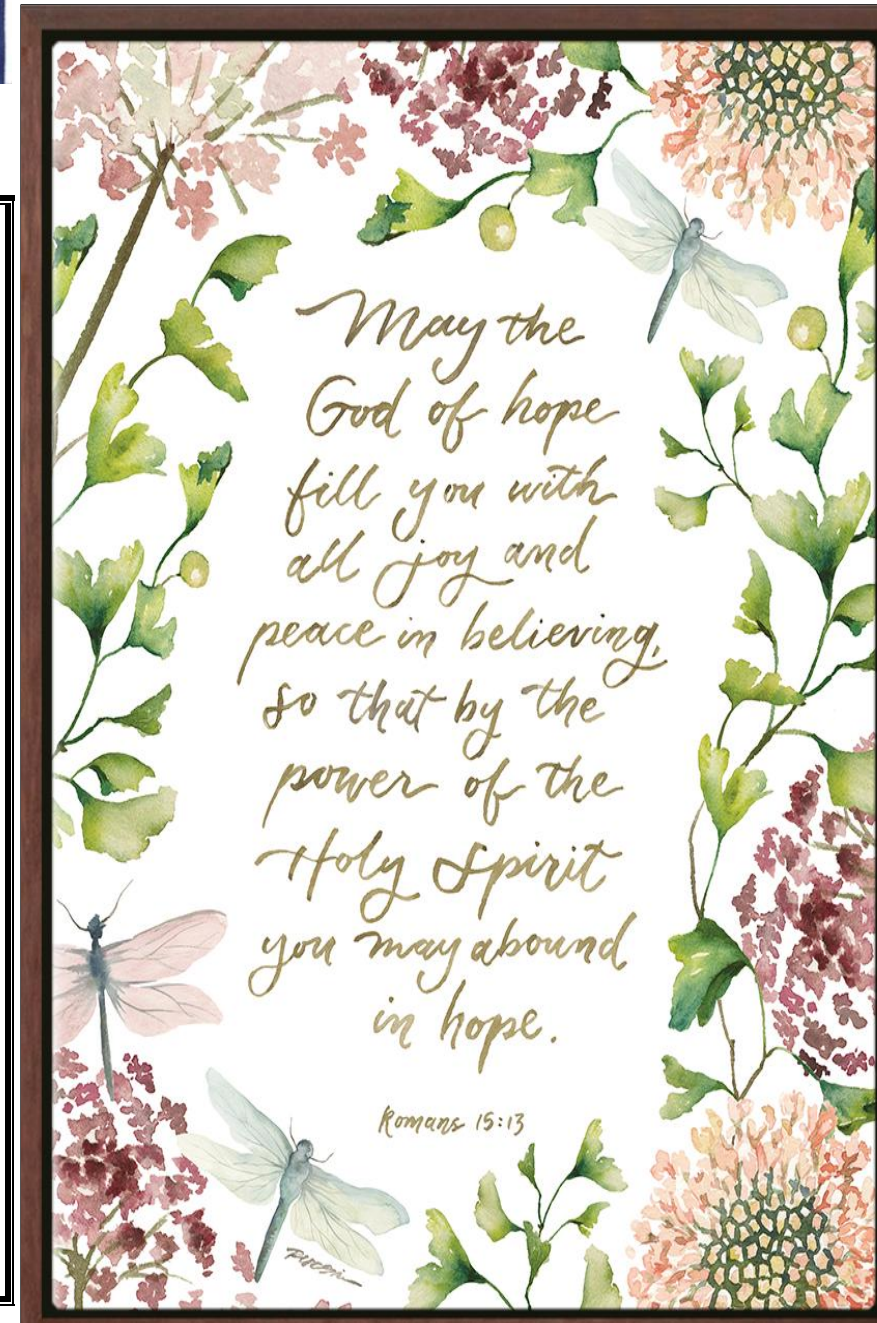
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### SERVING THIS WEEK: 4/26/26 AM Worship Service

**Announcements (all services):** Craig Robinson  
**Song Leader (all services):** Michael Wyatt  
**Opening Prayer:** Rick Stavrum  
**Sermon:** Tony Solaita  
**Closing Prayer:** Robert Brownlee

### Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

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

### Attendance Card Collectors (4/26)

Kirby Wall, Davis McMahan, Henry Kinningham

### April Door Greeters:

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

### Lobby Management (4/26 & 4/29)

**Security:** Will Thomason

**Worship Coordinator:** Bruce Hazlerig

**Welcome Desk/Lobby Service:** David Higgins

**Nursery Worker:** Jan Hanks

### Bus Driver (4/26 & 4/29)

Luke McMahan

### Evening Worship Service

**Opening Prayer:** John Evans  
**Sermon:** Tony Solaita  
**Closing Prayer:** Mike Rogers

### Mid-Week Service in Song: April 29

**Opening Prayer:** Jeff Phillips  
**Closing Prayer:** Brock McMahan

### Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	141
Worship AM	210
PM	109
Wednesday Bible Study	138

### VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Natalynn Golding	Covington, TN
Lindey Diggs	Orlando, FL
Jennifer & Caelan Canning	Burlison, TN
Jim & Cathy Corder	Brentwood, TN
Sebastian Wallace	Drummonds, TN
Dianne Scott & Glinda Hayman	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

## Motivational Message

### The Beauty and Power of Hope

Viktor E. Frankl is one of those rare and special individuals who survived Hitler's concentration camps. He went on to become a well-respected psychiatrist in his time after the war. Frankl dedicated his life's work to exploring and sharing the necessity and influence of meaning and hope.

Frankl observed that the people who survived the concentration camps during the Holocaust were the ones who found the strongest will to live by finding meaning. He surmised that a driving force in motivating people to continue on in the face of suffering was finding meaning and keeping hope alive. Once they lost hope, their time was short. He wrote, "Those who have a 'why' to live, can bear with almost any 'how.'" These thoughts from the not-too-distant past helpfully remind us about eternal truth revealed in Scripture:

- ❖ Because Jesus is our hope (1 Tim. 1:1), we can rightfully long for something better than what we experience when we suffer. *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.* (Romans 8:18)
- ❖ Because Jesus is our hope, we can rightfully long for something new. *For in this hope we are saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.* (Romans 8:24-25)
- ❖ Because Jesus is our hope, we can rightfully long for something permanent. *For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.* (Romans 8:38-39)

Bart Warren, Via Bulletin Digest

## Prayer List

*Members with ongoing needs:* Susie Wyatt, Joyce Scott, Larry Coughlan, Pat Gatlin, Judy Merritt, Donna Sonwineski, Paulette Watkins, Larry Whaley II, Jimmy Willis

*Loved ones to remember:* Valerie Pierce, Kathy Townsend, Jason Elliott

### NURSING HOME

**Covington Care:** Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

### MILITARY

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

### SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of our dear brother, *John Richard Fowler*. Richard passed away on April 18. Please remember the Fowlers and the extended family in your prayers in this time of loss.



## Calendar of Events

### APRIL

26 – VBS kickoff meeting following AM worship service  
27 – Monday Night for the Master, group 4

### YOUTH

24 – Senior Graduation Celebration; 6:30  
26 – Devo

### LOOKING AHEAD


May 14 – Brighton HS Graduation  
May 15 – Munford HS Graduation  
May 18 – Covington HS Graduation  
May 22/23 – Ultimate Youth Rally  
May 28 – Ignite!  
June 3 – Summer Series begins  
June 14-17 – VBS  
June 21-26 – WKYC Teen Week  
June 28-July 3 – WKYC 11-13 Week  
July 12-16 – Big Reedy Christian Camp

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

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### BIRTHDAYS: April 26 – May 2

 4/26 – Randi Carter  
4/29 – Judy McCool  
5/1 – Erin Evins

### ANNIVERSARIES: April 26 – May 2

5/1 – Jon & Allison McCain 

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



## Carpenter's Apprentice

Hannibal Smith from the TV show *The A-team* ends nearly every show with the quote, "I love it when a plan comes together." Don't we all? Some plans come together nicely. With others, it seems the only two things remotely similar to the plan are the start and the finish. Everything in between is somewhat less than part of the plan. For instance, many years ago I broke an arm. Not just any arm – my arm! It hurt like crazy, and I can assure you it was not part of my plan for that day. As a matter of fact, not only was it not part of my plan, it affected my plan in adverse ways. The additional bills, time off work, and inability to get a full night's sleep all took their toll on existing plans. This change in plans was the result of my actions. Sometimes plans are changed as the result of the actions of others. Either way, when plans change, we are faced with several decisions. Before we make those decisions, we must evaluate what caused the plan to implode, then determine if the plan can be salvaged. Salvaging the plan is the number one goal. Then, decisions must be made as to the best way to proceed to the goal. Since the cause of the plan's initial failure has been identified, a decision can be made to avoid that pitfall in the future. In the business world this process is completed daily. If the cause of failure is a bad employee or faulty equipment, replacement is immediate so as not to affect the bottom line. It is common practice and rarely does anyone lose sleep over doing what needs to be done. Even in our own lives—planning retirement, building a house, starting a new business—we simply remove obstacles to success, readjust the plan, and continue towards the goal, not only learning from our mistakes but willingly sharing them with others so they will not face the same setbacks.

Then there are our spiritual lives. *I hope as you have been reading, God's plan has been on your mind: the creation of a perfect world; a beautiful garden and man; man messing up the plan and repeatedly making bad decisions; sending His only son to atone for the sins of all mankind, thereby ensuring the success of the project.* Now, God's plan is not really the point here—although it could have been. The real question and point is do we approach our spiritual plan with the same attitude as every other plan in life? Is it hard to identify and remove stumbling blocks, or do we simply refuse to do it? Are we too ashamed to share for the purpose of saving someone else the trouble? No matter what our plans, they all end in death – and judgment. There is one plan that ends in eternal life with God. So, how are your plans coming and what needs to be adjusted, altered or let go? -jeff