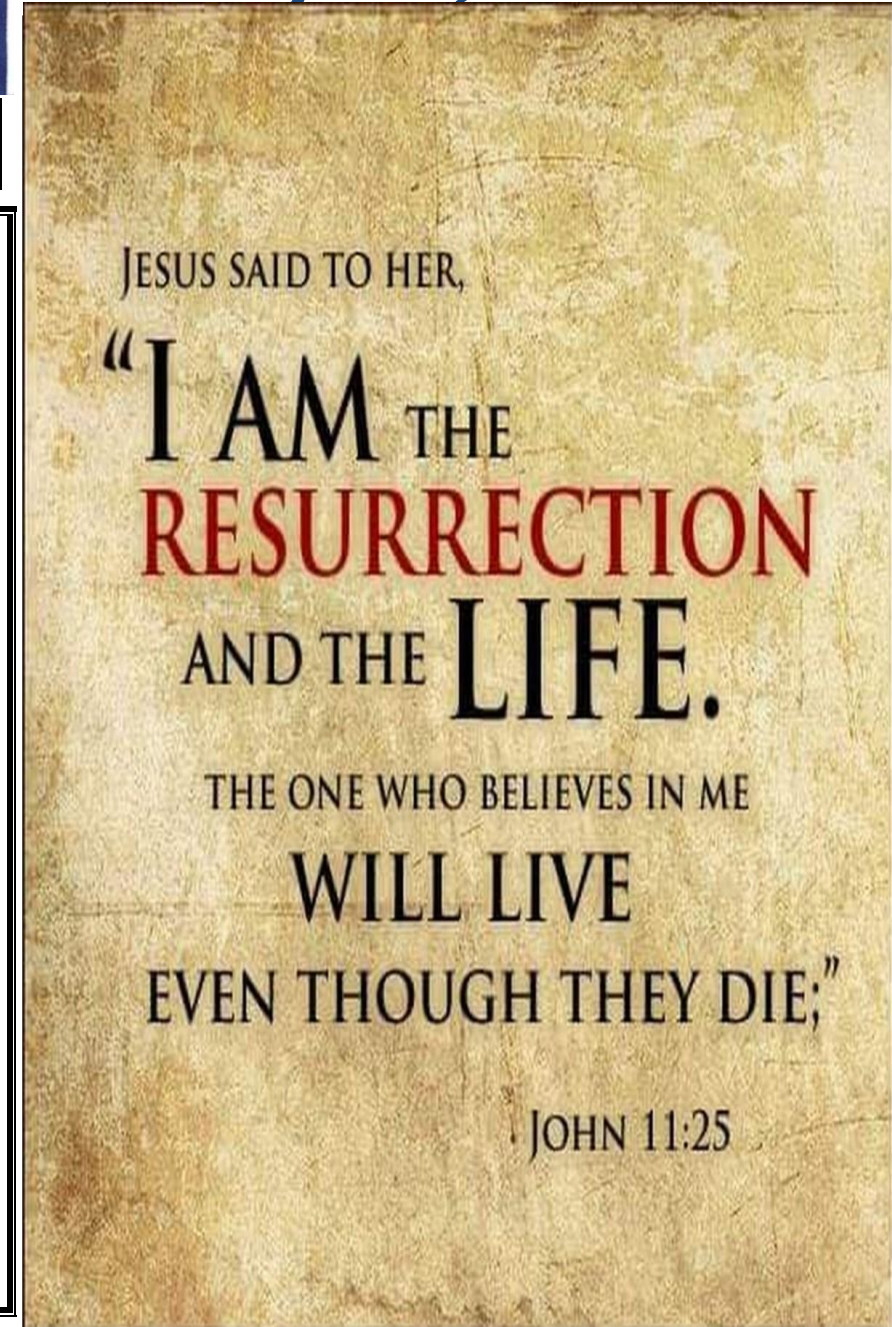


Covington Family News

April 5, 2026



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 4/5/26 AM Worship Service
Announcements (all services): Craig Robinson
Song Leader (all services): Hadley Mason
Opening Prayer: LeRoy Finto
Sermon: Michael Wyatt
Closing Prayer: Alan Otts

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 (4/5)

Henry Kinningham, Madden Wall, Kirby Wall

April Door Greeters:

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

Lobby Management (4/5 & 4/8)

Security: Logan Wall

Worship Coordinator: Rick Stavrum

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Bruce Hazlerig

Nursery Worker: Elaine Shankle

Bus Driver (4/5 & 4/8)

Brandon Hanks

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Andy Whaley
Sermon: Jeff Phillips
Closing Prayer: David Stewart

Mid-Week Service: April 8

Devotional Thought: Brandon Matlock

Closing Prayer: Ron Teems

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	156
Worship AM	217
PM	110
Wednesday Bible Study	150

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Jean Bell	Courtland, MS
Jacob Forrester	Burlison, TN
Jennifer & Caelan Canning	Burlison, TN

Elder on call for April: Mike Rogers

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

Motivational Message

Come and See!

“Look!” I can remember hearing that so many times when our kids were small. Sometimes they had discovered something new. Sometimes they had done something they thought was amazing. Sometimes they just needed to know I was interested and paying attention. They might have been diving into the pool for the first time or proud of a paper they brought home from school. There are other times for all of us that we have those “look” moments. We might do a double take or rewind the television to see if we just saw what we thought we saw. It could be the incredible or even unexplainable things that bring this reaction in us.

After His crucifixion the followers of Jesus were probably devastated. Their leader, teacher, and friend was gone. Even though He had tried to prepare them for this moment, they struggled to understand. When Mary and Mary went to the tomb that morning, their plan was to take care of the normal tasks done after a death. They did not expect to find an empty tomb. Instead of the lifeless body of their savior, they found an angel who told them to “come and see.” Look! They reacted with both fear and joy.

Nearly 2000 years after that resurrection morning, the tomb is still empty. His resurrection gives us hope and joy today. The angel told them to go and share the news of the empty tomb. We can share that same news to bring joy and hope to our world. He is risen; come and see!

“He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.”
(Matthew 28:6 ESV)

Brian Lewis
Via Bulletin Digest



Prayer List

Ridge Hobbs – surgery this week
Kady Gossage – Jack Carroll’s niece; having seizures

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

Loved ones to remember: Becky Todd, John Fowler, Kathy Townsend, Ricky Hatcher, Kathleen Brown, Kyle Hanks, Jenny Garcia, Jason Elliott, Tony Hobbs, and Richie Spann

NURSING HOME

Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

MILITARY

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

SYMPATHY

Our condolences go out to *Faye Shankle* in the death of her nephew and *Joyce Whaley* in the death of her cousin.



Please remember our group as they travel to and from Little Rock for the 2026 Convention. Prayers for safety, success, and sweet fellowship are much appreciated!

*Pray
WITHOUT
ceasing*
1 Thessalonians 5:17

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

Calendar of Events

APRIL

6 – Monday Night for the Master, group 1
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

3-5 – *Lads To Leaders* Convention
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 good events:
April 18 – Ladies’ Day @Ripley Church of Christ; 9:30;
Speaker: Kristi Burseson
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

**The Wednesday night meal is on this
Wednesday, April 8!**

Please sign up on the church Facebook page if you will be attending. Help is still needed with cleaning after the meal. Please see Becky Evins if you can help with these tasks.

BIRTHDAYS: April 5-11

4/5 – Rachel Maness
4/8 – Denise Cartwright
4/9 – Sherri Spann
4/10 – Abby Smith
4/11 – Elizabeth Harrell

ANNIVERSARIES: April 5-11

4/10 – Jimmy & Debbie Blackburn



Carpenter’s Apprentice

What Would Jesus do?

This question/phrase is spoken in situations we encounter with the idea of helping or encouraging us to do the right thing. However, is this one of those questions we really don’t want to answer completely? The sentiment is nice, but when we truly examine “what Jesus would do,” it forces both sides - the just and the unjust, the right and the wrong, the accused and the accuser - to face some rather uncomfortable truths. It is comforting to see Jesus as loving, kind, understanding and accepting. Certainly, he was, but there is plenty of evidence to show that none of those qualities kept him from telling the truth. Jesus was not afraid to tell the truth even though sometimes the truth is hard to handle and accept. The truth can be difficult to “tell” because of the discomfort it may cause. Sometimes, we just don’t want to tell the truth. Maybe, because peace is more desirable than truth. After all, we know what the writer of Hebrews said, “For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12). Sometimes we don’t want others to label us or to leave us out, despite the message in Romans 12:2, “be not conformed to this world.”

When talking about truth, we must admit sometimes we don’t want to “hear the truth” any more than we want to “tell” it. Truth may mean we have to change. Truth may mean we are wrong. It is interesting, even humorous, to listen to people say you can’t live a perfect, sinless life and yet they seem so surprised - even hurt - when they hear the truth. Nobody bats an eye when we read about Jesus going into the temple and turning over tables and driving out money changers or when we read of Ananias and Saphira. All of those people were wrong and got what they deserved. But how do we respond when we are corrected? How do we respond when our sin is called out? It seems we like to focus on the “ye who has not sinned, cast the first stone,” while ignoring the “go ye and sin no more.”

Because Jesus was sinless, we do not have an example of how he would respond, but we do have David to give us a clue - “a man after God’s own heart” who sinned and was called out. What we do know is that Jesus told the truth and accepted the truth, then died on the cross for us “while we were yet sinners” (Romans 5:8). He said, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free” (John 8:31-32). We need to change how we accept the truth so when we ask, “What would Jesus do,” it will be so we can copy him and not simply so we can know.

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