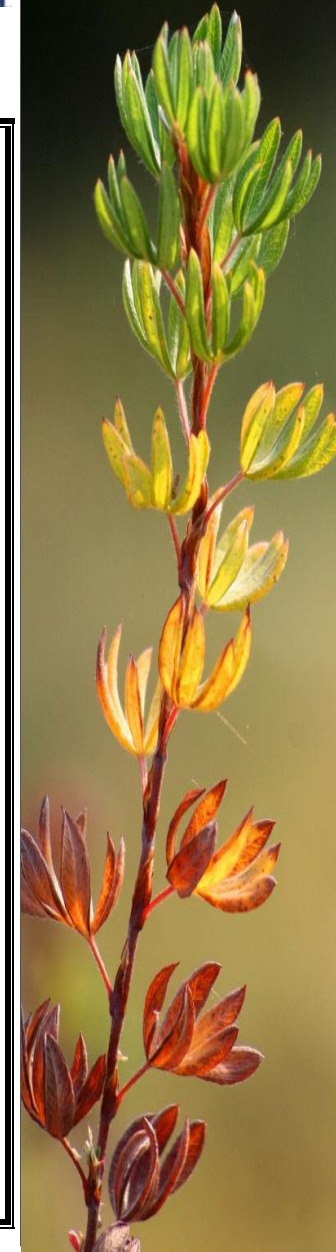


Covington Family News

May 17, 2026

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Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 5/17/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (all services): Brad Evins
Song Leader (all services): John Combs
Opening Prayer: LeRoy Finto
Sermon: Mike Rogers
Closing Prayer: Ron Teems

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: David Keith

Conrad Scherffius, Ron Sutton, Jeff Hanks, Brock McMahan,
Bill Murray, Wesley Fowler, Brandon Matlock, Reid McMahan

Attendance Card Collectors (5/17)

Levi Teems, Houston Davis, Kyle McCain

May Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Alan & Debbie Otts
Auditorium Entrance: Terry & Karen Wall

Lobby Management (5/17 & 5/20)

Security: Brandon Hanks

Worship Coordinator: Ben Evans

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Richard Shankle

Nursery Worker: Leann Maness

Bus Driver (5/17 & 5/20)

Brad Evins

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Rick Stavrum
Sermon: Will Thomason
Closing Prayer: Robert Brownlee

Mid-Week Service: May 20

Devotional Thought: Mike Rogers
Closing Prayer: John Evans

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	146
Worship AM	232
PM	110
Wednesday Bible Study	145

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Megan Becker	Jackson, TN
Shane Mason	Lexington, TN
Frank Brown	Memphis, TN
Jason Boswell family	Savannah, TN
Jed Phillips' family	Martin, TN

Elder on call for May: Wayne Dalrymple

Covington Church of Christ
1690 Highway 51 South – PO Box 9
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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



She Has Done What She Could

Just before Jesus was going to be betrayed and killed, Mary did a wonderful deed to the Lord. She took a very expensive container of fragrant ointment and anointed his feet. While some criticized her for such extravagance, the Lord had an entirely different appraisal. He said, “She has done what she could. She has come beforehand to anoint My body for burial” (Mark 14:8, NKJV). Consider carefully the phrase, “she has done what she could...”

There are many folks who do not possess the same talents as others. Some have the ability to do a great job at almost anything they undertake. Some can lead the congregation in spirited singing. Others can eloquently capture the attention of the audience with a well thought out message. Others are capable of leading the hearts and minds of the congregation in public prayer. Even others are well blessed with material possessions and may give large sums to help support the work of the church. It is possible for others to wonder: if others are so talented and capable, “what can I do?”

Be faithful in attendance at all the services of the church. The example we set and our presence encourages others. When we decide we will “skip” Bible class, or the devotional on Wednesday night, we discourage the teachers and the others present. Surely, we can do this, can’t we?

Take time to offer an encouraging word to your brothers and sisters in Christ. Elders, deacons, preachers, Bible class teachers, young people, new Christians, elderly members, etc. all need a word of encouragement from time to time. It only takes a minute to build one another up. Again, we can ALL do this, right?

Mary did what she could. Are you?

-Tony Lawrence via Bulletin Digest

Prayer List

Joyce Scott – surgery May 15
Savannah Roethlisberg – recovering from surgery

Members with ongoing needs: Ginger Saltee, LaVerne Baxter, Susie Wyatt, Larry Coughlan, Pat Gatlin, Katie Merritt, Judy Merritt, Donna Sonwineski, Paulette Watkins, Larry Whaley II, Jimmy Willis

Loved ones to remember: Barbara Pool, Cindy Clark, 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 Kim Clay and family in the death of Kim’s dad, *Larry Smothers*. Mr. Larry passed away on May 6. Please remember this family in your prayers in their time of loss.

CONGRATULATIONS

Best wishes to our college grad, *Chloe Coughlan*! Chloe graduated from the University of Memphis on Saturday, May 9. Way to go, Chloe!



BIRTHDAYS: May 17 – May 23

 5/18 – David Stewart
5/21 – Matt Moody
5/22 – Sophie Maness, Patsy Moore

ANNIVERSARIES: May 17 – May 23

5/1 – Ben & Chelsea Evans
5/21 – Larry & Paulette Pennington



Calendar of Events

MAY

16 – Birthday Party @Magnolia Creek; 2:00
17 – Devotional @Covington Care; 3:00
18 – Monday Night for the Master, groups 3&4
31 – Fifth Sunday Potluck/Schedule

YOUTH

17 – Youth Led Service at Nursing Home
18 – Covington HS Graduation
21 – Last Day of School!!
22/23 – Ultimate Youth Rally
28 – Ignite!



LOOKING AHEAD

June 3 – Summer Series begins w/ Adam Faughn
June 14-17 – VBS; “Stand Out”
June 21-26 – WKYC Teen Week
June 28-July 3 – WKYC 11-13 Week
July 12-16 – Big Reedy Christian Camp



Registration is now open for our upcoming Vacation Bible School! For children ages birth-sixth grade, scan the QR Code below to register for this fun event. Adults, you can register on the church website at:

<https://www.covingtoncofc.com/2026-vbs-registration>



Carpenter’s Apprentice

Greatness is not about what you do when your moment to shine comes. Most dream of basking in the glory of heroism when the moment comes, but there are some whose dreams of glory are quickly replaced by doubts, fears and images of failure; visions of choking under pressure and embarrassing scenes involving the agony of defeat. No one revels in defeat. We may commiserate in loss, but no one would choose defeat time and time again. We all want to win – don’t we? We all want to be the all-star, the champion, especially given the alternative of the biggest loser. Much of our society identifies with athletics, but I’m not just talking about athletics either. Whether it is school performance, job performance, socially, or in your hobbies, we all want to be top tier. In the moment, deep down, we all want to perform, to answer the call, to step into greatness and complete with honor any challenge set before us. We take the idea of Colossians 3:17 seriously, “Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.” We all want to be the best – for the Lord. Athletes will pat their chest and point to heaven. In football, they go to the endzone and kneel. Baseball players may make the sign of the cross outside the batter’s box before each at bat. This performance is for you Lord! This article is not about that type of bravado, but it is about the preparation of these athletes we often watch, celebrate, and even, dare I say it - worship, at times. You can say many things about these men and women, but what you can rarely say is that they are unprepared. What we see is the result of preparation and call it greatness. We don’t see the hours of reading, studying, and commitment to learning that go into a 36 on the ACT, even though a perfect score on a college entrance exam may have never been the goal. We don’t see the hours of intense training, the ice baths, the commitment to dietary balance and discipline. We rarely see the missed answers and failed attempts. We rarely hear the sour notes of learning. What we see is not greatness, but the results of greatness already attained through a commitment to excellence. In I Corinthians 9:24-27, Paul encourages the church at Corinth to commit to this type of excellence in their walk with God, saying, run in such a way that you can win as opposed to running just so you can finish. Don’t get me wrong - I hate running and just finishing IS a win for many of us, but Paul is not really talking about running here. He is simply comparing the way we should live to the way we should run a race. He knows and even says, only one will win. We can’t earn salvation, but faith without works is dead (James 2:26), so let’s work to win instead of settling for mediocrity and relying on God’s grace. Greatness is attainable.