

Covington Family News

May 24, 2026

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Titus 2:7-8 ESV

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*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 5/24/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (all services): Brad Evins
Song Leader (all services): Breck Beasley
Opening Prayer: Mike Rogers
Sermon: Michael Wyatt
Closing Prayer: Alan Otts

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 (5/24)

Jaxton Carter, Nolan Carter, Ethan Matlock

May Door Greeters:

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

Lobby Management (5/24 & 5/27)

Security: Jeff Hanks

Worship Coordinator: Rick Stavrum

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: David Higgins

Nursery Worker: Mandy Billings

Bus Driver (5/24 & 5/27)

Brandon Hanks

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Jeff Phillips
Sermon: Hadley Mason
Closing Prayer: Ricky Stavrum

Mid-Week Service in Song: May 27

Opening Prayer: Craig Robinson
Closing Prayer: Cody Strickland

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	135
Worship AM	202
PM	120
Wednesday Bible Study	128

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Megan Becker	Jackson, TN
Daniel & Kiana Trimm	Nashville, TN
Birdie West	Covington, TN
Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Levi, Trevor & Kyler Tidwell	Covington, TN
Andy Rodriguez	Byhalia, MS

Elder on call for May: Wayne Dalrymple

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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 Importance of Integrity

The term integrity has been defined in various ways. Some would say it is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. Others would say it is doing the right thing all the time simply because it is the right thing—doing the right thing, knowing no one will know whether you did it or not.

I want to suggest, based upon Scripture, that a life of integrity is what should characterize each Christian life.

A life of integrity makes us like Jesus. "...Jesus Christ...went about doing good..." (Acts 10:38).

A life of integrity protects our reputation. "Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us" (Titus 2:7-8).

A life of integrity gives us confidence to face eternity. "Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain" (Phil. 2:14-16).

A life of integrity strengthens the message we share with others. "Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation" (I Peter 2:11-12).

Doing the right thing—doing what Jesus Christ would do—will have a huge impact on our own lives and on the lives of others.

Are you known as a person of integrity?

Bart Warren

Via Bulletin Digest

Prayer List

Joyce Scott – recovering from surgery; no visitors please
Ricky Hatcher – Hannah Phillips' grandfather; in poor health
Betty Lovett – Judy Teems' sister; had a heart attack and is hospitalized

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

Loved ones to remember: Savannah Roethlisberg, Barbara Pool, 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



May 20 will be the final Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal for the season. A HUGE thanks to Becky Evins, who heads up these meals, and to everyone who has helped prepare food and clean up after the meals! We'll see you again this fall for Wednesday night food & fellowship!



BIRTHDAYS: May 24 – May 30

5/25 – John Combs, Nick Maness, Clint Stacks
5/27 – Mallory Moody
5/29 – Karla Combs, Brittany Mitchem

ANNIVERSARIES: May 24 – May 30

5/25 – LeRoy & Joyce Finto
5/30 – Myles & Lauren Benjamin



Calendar of Events

MAY

25 – Memorial Day; church office will be closed
27 – Singing night
31 – Fifth Sunday Potluck/Schedule

YOUTH

22/23 – Ultimate Youth Rally
28 – Ignite!



AREA EVENTS

- The Rosemark Church of Christ invites us to their Gospel Meeting, *Tell Me the Story*, May 24 – May 27. See the flyer in the foyer for more details.
- The Quince Church of Christ invites the ladies to join them for a Ladies' Day, *Overcoming Fear Through Faith*, on June 13, 2026. More details TBA.

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
July 20-24 – Day Camp!
July 26-31 – Mission Trip to Beloit, KS



Registration is now open for our upcoming Vacation Bible School! Attendants of ALL ages, birth-adult, **be sure to register by May 27 to be guaranteed a t-shirt.** You can register on the church website at:

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

- **Ladies' Tuesday morning Bible Class will be taking a summer break.**
- **The Men's morning breakfast will continue to meet each Wednesday @ 5:30 AM.**

Sign up on the sheets in the foyer for your summer Sunday morning Bible class!

Carpenter's Apprentice

Merriam-Webster's simple definition of the word illusion is "something that looks or seems different from what it is; something that is false or not real but that seems to be true or real." This past Saturday, I ran the grill for a softball tournament and one of the teams' names was the *Illusions*. This is a competitive squad. Teams like this are commonly referred to as "travel teams." The level of play is typically much higher than what is called "rec league." Having witnessed both, the intensity and desire to win is present in both leagues, but the level of play is ordinarily vastly different. While sometimes, it appears, the parents are more interested in winning and how the kids play than the kids that are playing, the majority of players love the game and want to be the best they can be. Sure, there are some parents living out their dreams through their vastly more talented children, but honestly, that is not the norm. What is the norm, however, are the illusions. I am still not sure why the team is called the *Illusions*. I can understand the *Tigers* or the *Bears*, but *Illusions*? There is no fear struck in the heart of opponents with a name like that! But I will admit, the name aptly sums up sports in America today. There is nothing wrong with competitive sports of any kind. Sports are objects, tools, for the development of camaraderie, teamwork, attitudes, and sportsmanship - even life skills. However, many sports have become idols. Webster defines an idol as "an object of extreme devotion." Many will deny their idolatry, but the truth is, sports are where many young people find their identity, their security, and their self-worth. It is where they place their hope. Without their sport, they would be lost. It consumes their time and money while the rest of life is scheduled around it. Parents sacrifice everything from sleep to finances helping their kid to make the team, falling for the illusion that greatness on the playing field or court is the key to their child's worth, value, and future. The worst part, though, is that unintentionally (at least I hope it is unintentional) God becomes secondary, even unnecessary. Church, the body of Christ, is unfamiliar, uncool, and the enemy because it ultimately stands in the way of doing what we want to do instead of what He wants us to do. Biblical knowledge is non-existent or based in partial truths and scripture used out of context, while we still claim that God is the center of our lives - despite not having one Bible study at home since the season started. We fully expect the God who sent "His only begotten son" and the son who didn't see "equality with God a thing to be grasped" to understand why we are so busy and don't have time to tell our kids about Him - because we are too busy helping them learn where to throw the ball hit to center field with a man on second, one out and up three runs. Maybe *Illusions* is a pretty good name for a lot of the things we do.

-jeff