

Covington Family News

May 31, 2026



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 5/31/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (all services): Brad Evins
Song Leader (Sunday services): Hadley Mason
Opening Prayer: Robert Charnock
Sermon: Jeff Phillips
Closing Prayer: Craig Robinson

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

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

Attendance Card Collectors (5/31)

J.O. Wall, Madden Wall, Kirby Wall

May Door Greeters:

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

Lobby Management (5/31 & 6/3)

Security: Logan Wall

Worship Coordinator: Bruce Hazlerig

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Jeff Coughlan

Nursery Worker: Lena Carter & Lexi Matlock

Bus Driver (5/31 & 6/3)

Grant Edmonds

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Jimmy McMahan
Sermon: Jeff Phillips
Closing Prayer: Andy Whaley

Mid-Week Service: June 3

Opening Prayer: Wayne Dalrymple
Song Leader: Nick Maness
Speaker: Adam Faughn
Closing Prayer: Jeff Hanks

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	111
Worship AM	182
PM	92
Wednesday Bible Study	138

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Megan Becker	Jackson, TN
Lydia Edmonds	Nashville, TN
Andy & Cindy White	Fisherville, KY
Jennifer & Caellan Canning	Burlison, TN
Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, 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

LOVE
JOY
PEACE
PATIENCE
KINDNESS
GOODNESS
FAITHFULNESS
GENTLENESS
SELF-CONTROL

 GALATIANS 5:22-23



Motivational Message

I received a notification on my phone the other day that ticks are bad this year. According to the news report, tick bites are sending Americans to the emergency room at the highest rate in nearly a decade, with cases more than doubling the historic average by mid-April.

When I received that notification, my first thought was, “Aren’t ticks always bad?” I can remember when I was a kid, hearing my grandpa say, “Well, the ticks are bad this year.” Has there ever been a good year for ticks? If you or your animals get bitten by a tick, it’s bad—especially with all the diseases they can carry.

Then I thought about how ticks are like sin. Isn’t sin always bad? Is there ever a good day for sin? Sure, sin can be fun and pleasurable for a season, but then we get hooked—and the fun and pleasure end. James 1:15 explains it this way: “Then desire, when it has conceived, gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.” Sin is a lot like ticks; they both can latch onto a person, start small, and cause significant harm – even death – if not removed quickly.

God had a plan to deal with our sin problem. Peter and the apostles proclaimed that Jesus Christ died and was raised from the grave for the sins of all people, but we must take action to respond to Jesus’ death and resurrection. In Acts 2:38, Peter says, “...Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Paul, in Acts 26:20, shared that he “...declared first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all the region of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance.” The Bible teaches that once we have repented and have been baptized, we must keep on performing deeds in keeping with repentance—meaning we don’t willingly keep on sinning and allowing sin to keep harming us. Just as we check for ticks after being outside, Christians must constantly examine their lives through Scripture so we will not allow the sins of this world to attach to us again. II Corinthians 13:5 puts it this way: “Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!”

There are no good tick bites, just as there is no “good amount” of sin we can keep doing—because sin, left untreated, leads to death.

Mark Tonkery
Via Bulletin Digest

Prayer List

James Watkins – recovering from surgery

Members with ongoing needs: Joyce Scott, 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: Betty Lovett, Ricky Hatcher, Barbara Pool, Valerie Pierce, Kathy Townsend, Jason Eliott

NURSING HOME

Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

MILITARY

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



Sign up on the sheets in the foyer for your summer Sunday morning Bible class. Summer classes begin Sunday, June 7!

I Corinthians – John Evans – Auditorium
Minor Prophets – Robert Charnock – Classroom 2



BIRTHDAYS: May 31 – June 6

6/4 – Lena Carter
6/6 – Ron Teems

ANNIVERSARIES: May 31 – June 6

6/2 – David & Heather Keith
6/6 – John & Karla Combs



**Men’s Breakfast –
Wednesdays @5:30AM**

Calendar of Events

MAY

27 – Singing night
31 – Fifth Sunday Potluck/Schedule

JUNE

3 – Summer Series begins
8 – Monday Night for the Master, groups 1&2
14-17 – VBS; “Stand Out”
20 – Birthday Party @Magnolia Creek; 2:00
21 – Devotional @Covington Care; 3:00
22 – Monday Night for the Master, groups 3&4

YOUTH

May 28 – Ignite!
June 4 – Ignite!
June 7 – Devo
June 10 – Wednesday Night Treat after services
June 21-26 – WKYC Teen Week
June 28-July 3 – WKYC 11-13 Week



LOOKING AHEAD

July 12-16 – Big Reedy Christian Camp
July 20-24 – Day Camp!
July 26-31 – Mission Trip to Beloit, KS

5TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

This Sunday, May 31, we will follow our 5th Sunday worship & fellowship schedule:

- ⇒ **9:00 Bible Class**
- ⇒ **10:00 Morning Worship**
- ⇒ **11:00 Potluck Lunch**
- ⇒ **12:30 Afternoon Worship**

Carpenter’s Apprentice

Faith, according to Hebrews 11:1 is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Some still struggle with the application of this definition to real life. Simply stated, faith is this: you can’t see ‘it’ but you know ‘it’ is there. The key word here is ‘know’. If you don’t ‘know,’ then you don’t have faith. Without knowing, you are left with something you think might be true, therefore you go with it. You go along with it because going along is easier than not going along. Faith, however, demands more than going with the flow. In fact, true faith means you will likely go against the flow. Jesus said, “the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many” (Matthew 7:13). Faith not only determines the direction of our life, it dictates our actions during our travels through life. True faith answers the “why” of life but also gives us the “how” of life, dictating our response to life’s curves and Satan’s deceptions. Certainly, the level of our faith can be seen in the fruit of our lives. Faith is not, and can never be, a game of chance. We aren’t hopeful of a winner – we are certain of a winner. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then, in his joy, he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field (Matthew 13:44). This man is certain, convicted, and refuses to be denied. In this one-line parable, it is easy to overlook giving up everything for one thing. He sold all he had – all he’d acquired and worked for in life – to gain one thing he knew without a doubt he could hang his hat on. Jesus said, I go to prepare a place for you; in my father’s house are many mansions and when your room is ready, I will come and get you (John 14:2-3). Do you believe that? Do you believe it enough to live it? I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God (Mark 9:7). I believe he left glory to come and walk as a man (Philippians 2:6-8). I believe He will come again and gather those whose lives demonstrated their faith (2 Thessalonians 1:5-12) in Him through their unselfish love (John 13:34) and obedience to His Word (John 14:15). I believe it is my duty as one who has faith in God and His promise to share the good news of Christ with all who will listen (Matthew 28:19). I believe Jesus came to save the world (John 3:17). I am sure more than a few said a mental “amen” or “me too,” so let me pose a couple of questions for your consideration. Does my life reflect the faith my mouth professes? Is my faith worth sharing? Am I sharing my faith? Does it even matter if the faith we profess is not aligned with the life we live?

I love you. Have an incredible week!

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