

# 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
Birdie West	Covington, TN
Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN

*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

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



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**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

## 5<sup>TH</sup> 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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