

# Covington Family News

## May 3, 2026

### 1 JOHN 2:15 - 17



*Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.*



*Serving Our Community  
for the Glory of God*

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#### SERVING THIS WEEK: 5/3/26 AM Worship Service

**Announcements (all services):** Brad Evins  
**Song Leader (all services):** Ken Bringle Jr.  
**Opening Prayer:** Breck Beasley  
**Sermon:** Robert Charnock  
**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 (5/3)

Tyler Bringle, Dayton Maness, Beau Glidewell

#### May Door Greeters:

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

#### Lobby Management (5/3& 5/6)

**Security:** Charles Wolfe

**Worship Coordinator:** Rick Stavrum

**Welcome Desk/Lobby Service:** Jeff Coughlan

**Nursery Worker:** Teresa Stacks

#### Bus Driver (5/3 & 5/6)

Andy Whaley

#### Evening Worship Service

**Opening Prayer:** Ricky Stavrum  
**Sermon:** Will Thomason  
**Closing Prayer:** Robert Trimm

#### Mid-Week Service: May 6

**Devotional Thought:** Brandon Matlock  
**Closing Prayer:** Jon McCain

#### Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	143
Worship AM	208
PM	128
Wednesday Bible Study	151

#### VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Natalynn Golding	Covington, TN
Lindey Diggs	Orlando, FL
Steve & Tammy Cook	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

## Motivational Message

### Measuring the Value of Life

Recently, outside the Bulgarian Embassy in Washington, D.C., the son of a former embassy member lost his life. Walking with his friends, he was confronted by muggers. Apparently, however, his murder could have been averted since the thieves only wanted his jacket. He resisted and fought until one of the agitated criminals slew him. Without benefit of an opened police report, one's imagination awakens. What was so special about that jacket? What made the coat worth a human life to its young, foreign possessor—its age, design, or material? Why did he not just give up the jacket?

Tragically, mankind has made the same mistake, giving up something so valuable for something less important since the dawn of his existence.

- Adam and Eve gave up their lives for a piece of forbidden fruit (Gen. 3:6-7).
- Lot's wife gave up her life for a single glance back at Sodom (Gen. 19:26).
- Korah gave up his life for a run at power (Num. 16:31-35).
- Achan gave up his life for, among other trifling things, a "Babylonish garment" and a bit of wealth (Josh. 7:21,25).
- Absalom gave up his life for a seat on a throne (II Sam. 18:14-15).
- Ahab gave up his life for a vineyard of grapes (I Kings 21:19; 22:29-38).
- Haaman gave up his life for a bow from Mordecai and his own foolish pride (Esther 3:2ff; 7:9-10).
- Judas gave up his life for approximately twenty dollars (Zech. 11:12; Acts 1:18).
- Ananias and Sapphira gave up their lives for an infinitesimal percentage of the world's riches (Acts 5:5,10).
- Some Christians give up their lives for brief pleasure (1 Tim. 5:6).

The soul is worth far more than anything of the world with which we might compare it (Matt. 16:26; 1 John 2:15-17). So many fritter away their spiritual selves in pursuit of the transient (Luke 12:15). Life is so worthless to many!

If one is lost to materialism, he is spiritually dead. When called before the Judge, will he watch Christ hold up his cars, houses, bank accounts, boats, pleasures, and unforgiven sins and say, "My friend gave his live for this?" May it never be so!

Neal Pollard Via Bulletin Digest

## Prayer List

Ginger Sallee – struggling with continuing pain  
Laverne Baxter – recovering from surgery  
Beverly Keith – cardiac procedure this week  
Barbara Pool – Heath Hoffman's grandmother; cancer  
Cindy Clark – former member; health problems

*Members with ongoing needs:* Susie Wyatt, Joyce Scott, Larry Coughlan, Pat Gatlin, Judy Merritt, Donna Sonwineski, Paulette Watkins, Larry Whaley II, Jimmy Willis

*Loved ones to remember:* 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

### BAPTISM

Praise God and welcome our new sister in Christ, *Helen Gonzalez*, into the body of Christ! Helen was baptized for the forgiveness of her sins following the Sunday morning worship service on April 26.

### NEW ARRIVAL



Congrats to Breck & Stephanie Beasley on the birth of a new grandson, *Easton Brooks Rogers*! Easton was born to Dustin & Taylor on Friday, April 24, weighing in at 7lb 5oz and was 19.5 inches long. The whole family is doing great and getting used to their new status as a party of three! Welcome to the world, Easton!

*Ladies' Bible Class: Tuesdays @10:00AM*

**AND**

*Men's Prayer Breakfast -  
Wednesdays @5:30AM*

I AM THE  
LORD'S SERVANT

## Calendar of Events

### MAY

4 – Monday Night For the Master, groups 1&2  
16 – Birthday Party @Magnolia Creek; 2:00  
17 – Devotional @Covington Care; 3:00  
18 – Monday Night For the Master, groups 3&4

### YOUTH

10 – Devo  
14 – Brighton HS Graduation  
15 – Munford HS Graduation  
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  
June 14-17 – VBS  
June 21-26 – WKYC Teen Week  
June 28-July 3 – WKYC 11-13 Week  
July 12-16 – Big Reedy Christian Camp

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*Sign up on the church Facebook page  
to attend the Wednesday night fellowship meal.  
See you Wed. night @ 6:00!*

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### BIRTHDAYS: May 3 – May 9

 5/3 – Beverly Keith  
5/6 – Crystal Edmonds  
5/7 – Mike Rogers  
5/9 – Jacque Trimm

### ANNIVERSARIES: May 3 – May 9

5/3 – Albert & Deborah Cates  
5/9 – Robert & PJ Charnock, Logan & Hailey Rimmer



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*After morning service on Sunday, May 17, there  
will be a Security Team meeting in classroom 2.  
If you are on the security team or would like to  
join in with this work, please be at this meeting.*

## Carpenter's Apprentice

Uniformitarianism is the belief in geology that the natural processes we witness today are the same as they have always been. The natural processes being referred to are processes like erosion and weathering. For example, the Grand Canyon is getting deeper at a rate of roughly one foot every 200 years. Obviously, that is pretty slow, such that no human would notice without careful measurements and proper documentation. The fact is seemingly insignificant, unless you are trying to determine how long it took the Grand Canyon to form. At one mile deep, that would put the age of the Grand Canyon somewhere between 5 and 6 million years old - based on this doctrine of uniformitarianism. The arithmetic works. In fact, if you ask anyone how old the Grand Canyon is, it is very likely you will get one of these huge numbers along with the smug satisfaction of remembering the facts learned in science class or on a recent visit. However, there is a problem with these facts. When we read the genealogies in the Bible, they give a wholly different age of the earth. Using the Bible, while accounting for potential discrepancies and interpretive results, the age of the Bible is somewhere between 6,000 and 8,000 years old. That is a big discrepancy between the Bible and "scientific fact." Some might try to explain that when God created everything, He created it old. Consider the mind-busting question to kindergarteners, "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" The Bible tells us in Genesis 1, the vegetation brought forth seeds and fruit of its own kind on the third day of creation (Genesis 1:11-13). A more perplexing question might be, "How many growth rings were present in the first tree?" or "Did Adam have a belly button?" The fact is, we cannot know or do anything but enjoy speculating as to the answer to those two questions, because we don't have Adam's body or the first tree. What we have is called faith. For a God who could speak into existence everything we see in the world, a belly button or growth rings are inconsequential. But "scientific fact" is causing some problems among Christians. What science claims to be the age of the earth is based on assumptions and one of those assumptions is uniformitarianism – which simplified says, "The answer to the past lies in what we can see today." While uniformitarianism may sound good, there have been numerous occurrences to disprove it. One happened on May 18, 1980. Mount St. Helens erupted, reducing the mountain's height by more than 1300 feet, in a lateral blast to the north destroying 150 square miles of mature forest in a matter of minutes. Two years later, in a smaller follow-up eruption in March of 1982, a mudslide was triggered carving a 140-foot-deep canyon through the volcanic deposits left by the initial eruption – in one day. The canyon is called the Little Grand Canyon and gives a more believable explanation of how the Grand Canyon actually formed from a similar catastrophic event – like a flood.

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