

# Covington Family News

## June 21, 2026

For  
though  
I am  
**free**  
from all men,  
I have  
made myself  
a servant  
to all,  
that I might  
**win**  
the more.

1 Corinth  
ians 9:19



*Serving Our Community  
for the Glory of God*

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### SERVING THIS WEEK: 6/21/26 AM Worship Service

**Announcements (all services):** Jon McCain  
**Song Leader (Sunday services):** Michael Wyatt  
**Opening Prayer:** LeRoy Finto  
**Sermon:** Mike Rogers  
**Closing Prayer:** Ron Teems

### Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: David Keith

David Stewart, Clint Smith, Craig Robinson, Ken Bringle Jr.,  
Nick Maness, Myles Benjamin, Zach Higgins, Ken Mason

### Attendance Card Collectors (6/21)

Noah Charnock, August Charnock, Levi Teems

### June Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Michael & Susie Wyatt  
Auditorium Entrance: Richard & Elaine Shankle

### Lobby Management (6/21 & 6/24)

**Security:** David Higgins

**Worship Coordinator:** Rick Stavrum

**Welcome Desk/Lobby Service:** Bruce Hazlerig

**Nursery Worker:** Teri Robinson

### Bus Driver (6/21 & 6/24)

Beau Phillips

### Evening Worship Service

**Opening Prayer:** Wayne Dalrymple  
**Sermon:** Hadley Mason  
**Closing Prayer:** Landon Bringle

### Mid-Week Service in Song: June 24

**Opening Prayer:** Jeff Phillips  
**Closing Prayer:** Cody Strickland

### Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	111
Worship AM	181
Wednesday Bible Study	133

### VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Megan Becker	Jackson, TN
Amber Watts family	Ripley, TN

*Elder on call for June: Andy Whaley*

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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 World is Changing: Should We?

The answer is yes and no. We can and should change in some ways, but we must not change in others. The story of one man in the Bible teaches us how to know the difference.

Daniel was a young man living in the security of his home when the Babylonians attacked Judah and took him and others captive. His life changed almost overnight. His world turned upside down and suddenly he found himself in a strange land. Everything was different—the buildings, the language, the clothes, the customs, the food, the government, and especially the religion and morals. He had to adjust in some ways, but he could not compromise in others.

The Chaldeans had brought him there for a purpose: to train him to be a government official. They taught him “the language and literature of the Chaldeans” (Dan. 1:4). Daniel consented. He did not say, “I am a Jew and I refuse to study about your country.” Daniel was a wise man, not a rebel. He knew he had to make the best of a bad situation, even if it meant doing things differently than the way he was raised.

But there were limits as to how far Daniel would go to accommodate this new world. The king himself ordered that Daniel and the other Hebrew young men in training be given the same food that he ate. To most people, that would have been an honor. Now, there were some Chaldean foods Daniel could eat. However, the law of Moses prohibited eating certain foods, and risking his life, Daniel drew the line there. “But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s delicacies, nor with the wine which he drank; therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself” (Dan. 1:8). The law of man said to eat this food and drink this wine, but the law of God said to avoid them (Deut. 14; Prov. 23:31).

Daniel was a missionary in a foreign field. He knew the distinction between culture and scripture. Today, our world is changing rapidly. We cannot foresee how much more it will change. We are gradually seeing the same changes Daniel experienced—different races, different languages, different cultures and customs, different family values, and religions we have never studied. We can and should adjust in matters that are not right or wrong in themselves. That is what Paul meant when he said he became “all things to all men” so that he might save some (I Cor. 9:19-22). But in matters of Bible teaching, we must not change. Like Daniel, we must not compromise. This means we must study our Bibles to know the difference.

Kerry Duke  
Via Bulletin Digest

## Prayer List

Joyce Scott – recuperating but feeling poorly; has upcoming tests and will start chemo soon  
Pat Gatlin – in Covington Care  
Linda Simpson – Carolyn Murray’s sister; having health problems and is scheduled for tests  
Barbara Pool – Heath Hoffman’s grandmother; starting cancer treatments  
Scott Lindley – friend of the Masons; has cancer and is not doing well  
Valerie Pierce – the Foshee’s daughter; doing well after surgery and treatment and is currently cancer free!

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

*Loved ones to remember:* Ricky Hatcher, Jason Elliott

### NURSING HOME

Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

### SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes out to Trudy Max and family in the death of their loved one, *Carol Boswell*.

### MILITARY

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

### WEDDING SHOWER



Ladies – you are invited to a bridal shower honoring our bride-to-be, *Melea Edmonds*. The shower will be held here at the building on Sunday, June 28 at 2:00PM. The couple is registered at Amazon, Target, & Something Special.

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**It’s been a FANTASTIC VBS!!**  
Thanks to everyone that helped pull off this event and especially to *Ken & Kristine Bringle* for all of their hard work in planning, organizing, and executing this valuable time of learning about God’s word in such fun ways.

## Calendar of Events

### JUNE

20 – Birthday Party @Magnolia Creek; 2:00  
21 – Devotional @Covington Care; 3:00  
22 – Monday Night for the Master, groups 3&4  
27 – **Workday at the building; 8:00AM**

**\*\*\*We need your help! Our new insurance company has given us a very brief window of time to make several upgrades to the building and grounds. To complete these tasks, big and small, we will need saws, hammers, pry bars, drills, paint sprayers, and paint rollers – and of course all of our handymen and handymen! The work will start at 8:00AM, and if we’re still going strong at midday, we will provide lunch. If maintenance and repair are your gifts, here’s your chance to shine in service. Hope to see you Saturday, June 27!\*\*\***

### YOUTH

June 21-26 – WKYC Teen Week  
June 24 – Wednesday Night Treat!  
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  
August 1&2 – 24 Hours of Prayer; more info to come

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### BIRTHDAYS: June 21 – 27

6/24 – Jack Carroll, Davis McMahan  
6/25 – Alice Moon

### ANNIVERSARIES: June 21 – 27

6/21 – Chris & Rachel Maness  
Brandon & Jill Matlock  
Bill & Carolyn Murray  
Terry & Karen Wall



6/23 – Luke & Jennifer McMahan  
6/24 – Mike & Bonita Rogers  
6/25 – Jimmy & Kathy McMahan  
6/27 – Ron & Jeni Chaney; David & Robin Higgins

## Carpenter’s Apprentice

Good morning from Winslow, Arizona! Jennifer and I are out here taking a class, *The Flood Experience*, with Dr. Jeff Miller. We decided to drive and have taken our time crossing this great land: seeing the sights, pausing occasionally to go to a museum, memorial, or take pictures. Along with the 250<sup>th</sup> year of our country, Route 66, also known as the Mother Road, is beginning a celebration of 100 years of existence. Now mostly replaced by Interstate 40, the iconic route from Chicago to Santa Monica is mostly gone as are the towns and businesses that highlighted “freedom, travel and the American spirit” from 1929 until it was decommissioned in 1985. This morning as I write, I am sitting on the porch in front of my room at Earl’s Motor Court right on the famed highway. This is the first morning I haven’t ridden my bike, because it is also the first morning of classes and I don’t want to be late! I recently started riding again and a very good friend gave me one of his retired bikes after hearing that I was riding. Riding it is vastly different than riding my old bike. In its day, my bike was very nice. One might even draw a comparison between it and Route 66 as it is old and past its prime. To say my “new” bike is nice is an understatement. It is several years old and was at the very top end of the road bike market when it was new - not very far from it now! Last Friday, in Oklahoma City, I saw the sun rise from the seat of my bike on a paved trail alongside the Oklahoma River. The trail runs for miles on both sides of the river and appears to be well used. As I rode, I passed and met several other bikers, hikers and walkers. I rode out eight miles and then turned around to go back to the hotel. With some effort, I was cruising around 20 mph when I detected motion in my peripheral vision. As I looked to my left, I looked into the mirrored glasses of an old man (I am 57, so he was up there) passing effortlessly on a beautiful Canyon Endurance. As I watched Canyon Man ride away from me, I tried to take notes. My bike was better than his. I am supposed to be in better shape, but I could not keep up. I realized as I gasped for oxygen, that it is not always what you are doing, but how you are doing it. I also realized, there are significant parallels to our Christian walk. Sometimes we spend more time on the “right” stuff and we forget our purpose. Being blessed with an incredible bike doesn’t make me better than all the other riders any more than the right clothes, the right Bible or the right church make me a Christian. We have to start living the right way rather than emphasizing the right look. When we live like He tells us to, the rest falls into place.

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