

Covington Family News

June 7, 2026



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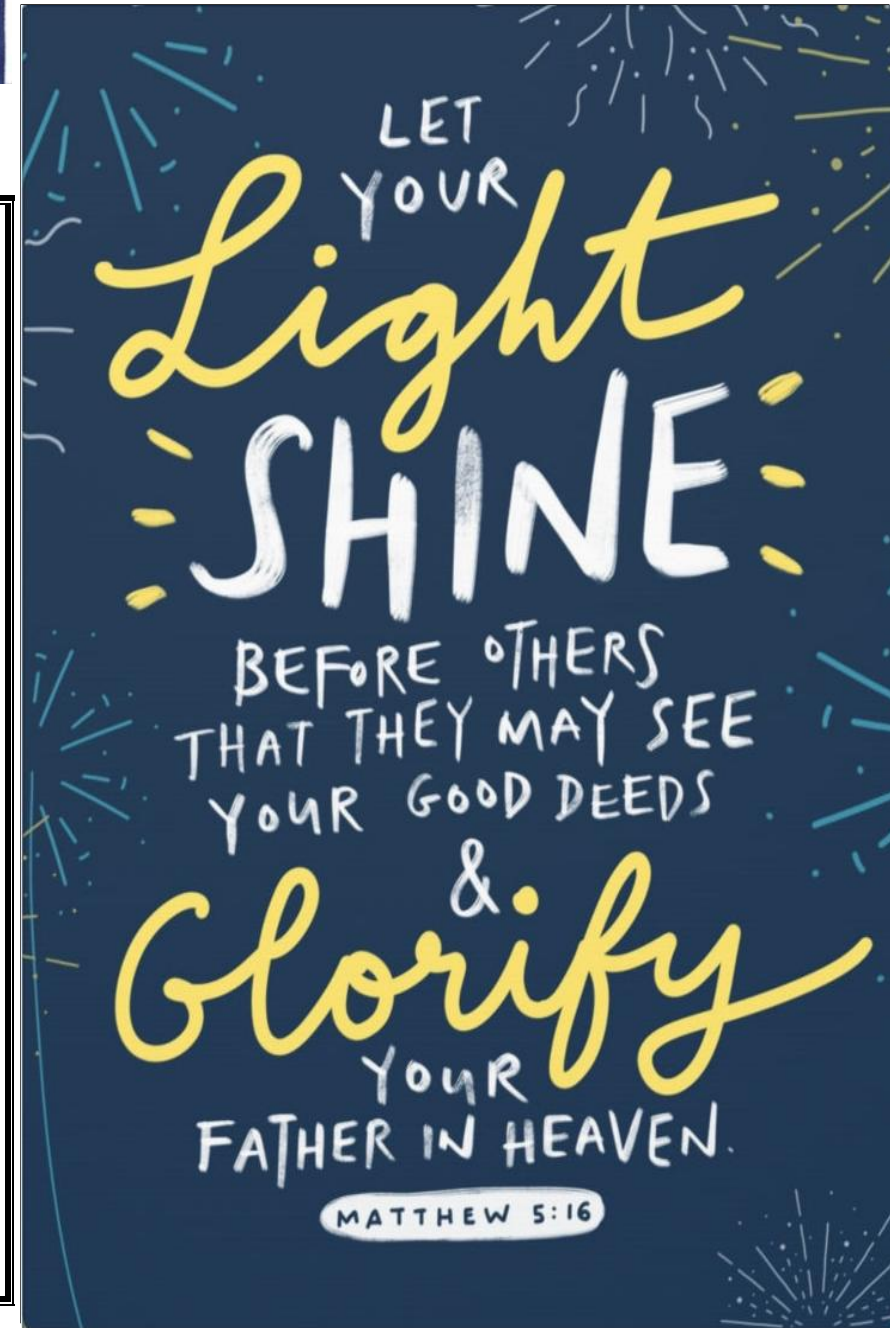
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SERVING THIS WEEK: 6/7/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (all services): Jon McCain
Song Leader (Sunday services): Beau Phillips
Opening Prayer: Michael Wyatt
Sermon: Jeff Phillips
Closing Prayer: Landon Bringle

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:
Head: John Evans
David Stewart, Clint Smith, Craig Robinson, Ken Bringle Jr.,
Nick Maness, Myles Benjamin, Zach Higgins, Ken Mason

Attendance Card Collectors (6/7)
Davis McMahan, Henry Kinningham, Tyler Bringle

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

Lobby Management (6/7 & 6/10)
Security: Rick Stavrum
Worship Coordinator: Jeff Coughlan
Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Ben Evans
Nursery Worker: Elaine Shankle

Bus Driver (6/7 & 6/10)
Terry Wall

Evening Worship Service
Opening Prayer: Bill Murray
Sermon: Jeff Phillips
Closing Prayer: Clint Stacks

Mid-Week Service: June 10
Opening Prayer: Reid McMahan
Song Leader: Brad Evins
Speaker: Mike Hixson
Closing Prayer: Brock McMahan

Attendance
Sunday Bible Class 134
Worship AM 197
PM 80
Wednesday Bible Study 123

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS
Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg Atoka, TN
Natalee Kamerzink Covington, TN

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

Elder on call for June: Andy Whaley

Motivational Message



Shine as Lights in the World!



My wife and I recently enjoyed a week of vacation. One of the main things we did on our time away was to explore several caves and caverns that offered guided tours. It is fascinating to see the various formations that we were able to observe while walking on a paved path in lighted areas. But it did make me think about what it would have been like to be the first person to enter a small crevice and enter a world hidden by total darkness.

One of the common practices of cavern tours is that somewhere along the path—and usually with plenty of warning—they will turn out all the lighting so visitors can experience what it is like to be in total darkness. One smart-aleck guide told the visitors that if they waved their hand back and forth in front of their face they would produce a kind of spark effect in the darkness. And as they waved furiously, he turned the light on to see them and laughed, telling them he just wanted to see how many would believe him!

In Philippians, Paul tells the saints in Philippi that in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, you shine as lights in the world (Phil. 2:15). The challenge is given to live as children without fault before this crooked and perverse generation. He never said that it would be easy! He never said that our light and our example would cause multitudes of people to turn from their sinful ways. But he did say we are to shine. When the guides would turn out all the lighting, they would ask people to keep their phones off so that the light wouldn't spoil the total darkness effect. One thing I noticed at our first cavern darkness experience, was that my watch's glow-in-the-dark feature really seemed bright. I had to hold my hand over the face of my watch.

Such a little glow—not even a true light source—made a huge difference. I have shared this before, but it is one of my favorites: “No amount of darkness can hide the light of even one small candle.” Your spiritual light, your Christ-like example, makes a huge difference in this crooked and perverse generation – this dark world of sin! Your light just may be the light that shows someone else the way to the True Light of the World, Jesus Christ! Keep Shining! To Him be the glory!

John Helbig
Via Bulletin Digest

Prayer List

Bill Gatlin – Has been released from the hospital and is recovering at home. He requests NO visitors.

Pat Gatlin – Hospitalized at Baptist Tipton in CCU. Family requests NO visitors.

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



Men's Breakfast -
Wednesdays @5:30AM

Calendar of Events

JUNE

- 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

- 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



BIRTHDAYS: June 7 – 13

- 6/9 – Kozy Strickland
- 6/10 – Joyce Whaley
- 6/11 – Ken Bringle Jr., Rick Moore
- 6/13 – Brenda Mason

ANNIVERSARIES: June 7 – 13

- 6/8 – Breck & Stephanie Beasley
David & Ashley Whaley
- 6/11 – Tim & Ginger Sallee
Tony & Donna Sonwineski
- 6/12 – Jeff & Christie Coughlan
Andy & Delores Whaley



Carpenter's Apprentice

By definition, at least according to Google's Copilot, authority "is the legitimate right or power to give commands, make decisions, and enforce obedience." Authority is different than raw force. Authority must be recognized socially, legally and morally. What this ultimately means is just because we have authority, if it is not recognized, it is worthless to change lives. To be sure, there are those who will never recognize any authority and Jesus addresses those people to his disciples in Matthew 10:14, "Whoever does not receive you, nor heed your words, as you go out of that house or that city, shake the dust off your feet." However, we must also be careful to make sure their problem with authority is theirs and not ours. We have all authority to go into the world and preach the Gospel (Matthew 28:18-19), but we must take care in how we use it. If we examine how authority is recognized, we can also understand how it is properly used. In Matthew 20:20-28, the mother of James and John came to Jesus asking for them to sit at his right and left, Jesus called his disciples together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." Anyone can be given authority. Hopefully those bestowing authority takes into consideration education, experience, character, reputation and so forth, but it doesn't always happen that way. It is clear God wanted these considerations to happen by the list of qualifications he makes in 1 Timothy and Titus regarding the selection of elders and deacons. Legitimacy in authority is important, and we also see it in other areas of scripture. When Jesus came into the temple in Matthew 21:23, the Jews demanded to know by what authority he was performing miracles and teaching the way he was. In Acts 9, Saul had to get letters of authority from the high priest to take to Damascus to arrest the followers of the Way. If legal authority is all we have though, our ability to command, make decisions and enforce obedience is precarious at best. Knowledge and experience give authority credibility as do personal leadership qualities, all of which we can grow in. You might say there is sort of a learning curve. Jesus gave us the authority to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them all that he had commanded (Matthew 28:19-20). All we really need to do is go, grow and let the world know!