

Covington Family News

July 19, 2026

Pay careful attention,
then, to how you
walk — not as
unwise people
but as wise —
making the most of
the time,
because the days
are evil.

Ephesians 5:15-16



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 7/19/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (all services): Hadley Mason
Song Leader (Sunday services): Wayne Dalrymple
Opening Prayer: David Stewart
Sermon: Jeff Phillips
Closing Prayer: Robert Trimm

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Michael Wyatt
Logan Wall, Rick Stavrum, Chris Maness, Caleb Smith,
Robert Charnock, Matt Moody, Breck Beasley, Chris Huggins

Attendance Card Collectors (7/19)

Levi Teems, Houston Davis, Kyle McCain

July Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Ron & Judy Teems
Auditorium Entrance: Robert & Debra Brownlee

Lobby Management (7/19 & 7/22)

Security: Will Thomason

Worship Coordinator: Bruce Hazlerig

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Jeff Coughlan

Nursery Worker: Leann Maness

Bus Driver (7/19 & 7/22)

Brandon Hanks

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Nick Maness
Sermon: Jeff Phillips
Closing Prayer: Breck Beasley

Mid-Week Service: July 22

Opening Prayer: Mike Rogers
Song Leader: Landon Bringle
Speaker: Jeremy Hall
Closing Prayer: Ken Bringle Jr.

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	139
Worship AM	212
PM	101
Wednesday Bible Study	154

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Abbi Nicks	Troy, TN
Levi, Trevor & Kyler Tidwell	Henning, TN
Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Dianne Scott & Glinda Hayman	Covington, TN

Elder on call for July: David Keith

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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

Gather As You Go

Often people live their lives in this manner, traveling through life without gathering, always thinking that better things lie ahead. When the end of life comes, they look back and grieve over missed opportunities. The apostle Paul tells Christians, “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Eph. 5:15-16). To “redeem the time” means to make the most of every opportunity.

Matt Clifton

Via Bulletin Digest

Joyce Scott – procedure scheduled for Monday
 Marcia Bargery – Debbie Beasley’s sister; recovering from heart surgery
 Millie Deems – Teems’ family member; fell and is dealing with significant pain

Loved ones to remember: Mike Utey, Ellyana Bowden, Heather Bowmer, Linda Simpson, Barbara Pool, Scott Lindley, Jason Elliott

Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

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

Our deepest condolences to Hannah Phillips and family in the death of her grandfather, *Ricky Hatcher*. Services for Mr. Hatcher were last week in Lexington, TN. Please keep this family in your prayers in their time of loss.

Donations have been given to the Covington Church of Christ in honor of *Marlene Brown, Richard Fowler, Tim Gatlin, Amber Kramer, and Larry Smothers.*



7/19 – Lilly Fowler
7/20 – Rita Benjamin
7/21 – Michael Wyatt
7/22 – Susan Mason
7/25 – Bill Gatlin

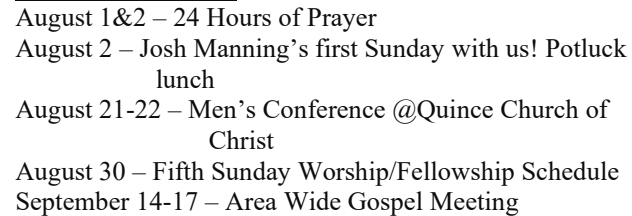
7/22 – Evan & Michelle Nowak



Wednesdays @5:30AM

18 – Birthday Party @Magnolia Creek; 2:00
 19 – Devotional @Covington Care; 3:00
 22 – Summer Series w/Jeremy Hall; 7:00
 27 – Monday Night for the Master; groups 3&4
 29 – Singing Night; 7:00

19 - Devo
20-24 – Day Camp!
26-31 – Mission Trip to
Beloit, KS



As our congregation begins a new chapter, please join with the church family August 1&2 beginning @9:00AM at the building for a 24-hour period of prayer. We will lift up the congregation, our new minister and family, our elders and deacons and their work, our missionaries, each member, and any requests you submit. Choose a time slot, and let's aim to fill every hour with praise and petition to our Lord. The sign-up schedule and prayer request cards are available at the Welcome Desk.

In John chapter four, John shares a story of Jesus resting at Jacob's well outside the city of Sychar in Samaria. While resting, a Samaritan woman came out to draw water from the well and Jesus, much to her surprise, initiated a conversation with her. Prejudice has existed in every time and place, but the object of the prejudgment changes. To Jews, the Samaritans represented the scourge of society. If we are honest, it is very easy to identify with the situation as it unfolds at the well. It is clear from the text, both Jesus and the woman recognized the other for who they were (John 4:9). Clearly, Jesus' outward appearance tagged him as a Jew, and she expected Him to recognize her as a Samaritan - and expected to be ignored. While discussing the prejudices in this story, we see in v. 27 the disciples return and very likely hold the same traditional views as they ask Jesus, "Why are you speaking with her?" This likely was a twofold prejudicial thought as they too recognized her as a Samaritan and, very clearly, an unchaperoned woman.

It would behoove us as Christians trying to walk the walk and talk the talk of Jesus and His word, to examine our preconceived notions and how they affect our interactions with the world. Sometimes, our blanket assumptions inhibit opportunities to share the Gospel and the love of Christ. For instance, it is likely the Jews assumed current Samaritans didn't know any better simply because of their forefathers' various offenses. However, several of the subsequent verses reveal she is not ignorant of God, His laws, and His promises, including the coming of the Christ (John 4:12,20,25,29). Verse 15 also indicates she was interested in what Jesus had to say and offer. Interestingly, Jesus does not address her Samaritanism, but the sin that separates her from God when he tells her she is not married to the man she is with, and further, she has had 5 husbands (John 4:17-18). Her next words I have always thought were funny, "Sir, I perceive you are a prophet" (John 4:19). But her words are more telling. When looking into the rift between the Jews and Samaritans, we discover the Samaritans, "accepted only the Pentateuch; *they rejected the Prophets* and the Writings that underscored Jerusalem's centrality and Davidic kingship" (Biblehub.com) yet she recognized the power in Jesus.

The whole exchange between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well and the believers in the city of Sychar illustrate clearly our need to examine our own prejudices as we seek to emulate Jesus in seeking and saving the lost. This story should open our eyes to the power of the Word of God and the truth of the Gospel in the lives of people. The Samaritans in Sychar told the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world" (John 4:42). It is not "us" or "them." It is all HIM!

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