

Covington Family News

July 26, 2026



But godliness with
contentment is great gain.

1 Timothy 6:6



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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

Announcements (Sunday services): Ken Bringle Jr.
Song Leader (Sunday services): Hadley Mason
Opening Prayer: Jerry Gatlin
Sermon: Wayne Dalrymple
Closing Prayer: John Evans

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 (7/26)

Jaxton Carter, Nolan Carter, Ethan Matlock

July Door Greeters:

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

Lobby Management (7/26 & 7/29)

Security: Charles Wolfe

Worship Coordinator: Bruce Hazlerig

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Richard Shankle

Nursery Worker: Kathy McMahan

Bus Driver (7/26 & 7/29)

Grant Edmonds

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Reid McMahan
Sermon: Wayne Dalrymple
Closing Prayer: Brad Evins

Mid-Week Service in Song: July 29

Opening Prayer: Andy Whaley
Closing Prayer: Rick Stavrum

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	105
Worship AM	172
PM	108
Wednesday Bible Study	129

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Landon & Christina Miller family	Bowling Green, KY
Nic Wade	Midland, NC

Elder on call for July: David Keith

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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

Putting Regrets and Disappointments Behind Us

The name Pete Best might not initially jump out at you, but the phrase “The Fifth Beatle” might jog your memory. Best was the original drummer for *The Beatles* and was fired on August 16, 1962 by the other members of the group shortly after signing their first recording contract. Decades later, Best couldn’t stop pondering his fate. He once commented, “I still feel shocked. I’ll never know why it had to happen to me.” He claimed he was fired because of his popularity and good looks, but the band said it was because of personality clashes and dissatisfaction with his drumming skills. Whatever the case, his megastar near-miss would haunt him for years.

Dealing with disappointment is tough. Things don’t always go as we would hope in life. Solomon once wrote, “I returned and saw that under the sun, the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to men of understanding, nor favor to men of skill; but time and chance happen to them all” (Ecc. 9:11).

Disappointments will come to all! What matters most is how we deal with setbacks. Instead of wallowing in regret, Christians should always remember that “godliness with contentment is great gain” (1 Timothy 6:6). If we put God’s kingdom first and work toward righteous goals, we can always be assured that the Father recognizes our contributions (1 Cor. 15:58) - even if the world doesn’t.

We can put disappointment and regrets behind us and “press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:14). So trust God, press forward, and be thankful for His many blessings.

Matt Clifton
Via Bulletin Digest

Prayer List

Linda Kimbrough – former member here; health problems, most likely suffered a stroke
Desiree Garber – Andrew Evans’ friend; broken back
Mission trip to Beloit – remember our group as they travel and work in Kansas

Members with ongoing needs: Joyce Scott, Andrew Evans, Hope Collins, Pat Gatlin, Larry Coughlan, Katie Merritt, Judy Merritt, Donna Sonwinski, Paulette Watkins, Larry Whaley II, Jimmy Willis

Loved ones to remember: Millie Deems, Marcia Bargery, Mike Utley, Ellyana Bowden, Heather Bowmer, Linda Simpson, Barbara Pool, Scott Lindley, Jason Elliott

NURSING HOME

Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

MILITARY

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



Sign up now for an hour time slot at our
congregational 24-Hours of Prayer! This time
will bring you closer to the Lord and your brothers
and sisters here at the Covington church. It is a
meaningful time to spend together as a family –
so parents, bring your kids! Pray together and let
them see how to pour out your heart to the Lord.

Let’s join together in unity of
spirit and purpose, church family!

August 1 @9:00AM – August 2 @9:00AM

Sign up & turn in your prayer requests at the

Welcome Desk



Calendar of Events

JULY

27 – Monday Night for the Master; groups 3&4
29 – Singing Night; 7:00

AUGUST

1&2 – 24 Hours of Prayer
2 – Josh Manning’s first Sunday with us! Potluck lunch
21&22 – Men’s Conference @Quince Church of Christ
25 – Tuesday Ladies’ Bible Class resumes
27 – Apologetics Press Benefit Dinner; 6:00
30 – Fifth Sunday Worship/Fellowship Schedule

YOUTH

26-31 – Mission Trip to
Beloit, KS
Aug. 1 – MS/HS Prayer Hour; 7:00PM
Aug. 9 – Devo
Aug. 10 – First day of school



LOOKING AHEAD

September 14-17 – Area Wide Gospel Meeting

speakers & topics are posted on the church website

October 2&3 – Leadership Retreat

October 17&18 – Friends and Family Weekend

We are currently collecting school supplies for Charger Academy. Please bring your donations to the building by August 9. For a complete list of what is needed, pick up a list in the foyer.



BIRTHDAYS: July 26 – August 1

7/26 – Dean O’Brien
7/30 – Debra Brownlee, Ann Huggins
7/31 – Lesa Hall
8/1 – Bear Phillips, Ricky Stavrum

ANNIVERSARIES: July 26 – August 1

7/27 – Jeff & Jan Hanks
8/1 – Clint & Teresa Stacks



Men’s Breakfast –
Wednesdays @5:30AM

Carpenter’s Apprentice

The waves were pretty rough, and the jellyfish were plentiful the first few days at the beach, and we found a small spot on the bay side actually called Baby Beach. Extremely uncrowded, the small beach offered sand and salt water in a place the kids could explore and play without being pounded into the sand! Still, the tiny boat waves had the girls a little wary as they skirted the edge of the sound side of the island. Holding a hand, though, they got much bolder. I watched as Jennifer walked along the beach holding Lucy’s hand as she splashed in the ankle-deep wavelets. Alice decided she wanted to walk too, and Daddy let her go. As she jogged her cute little jog to catch up, she took care to avoid any water, even though it was only inches deep. Watching her zigzag on a curvy path to catch up with Jen-Jen and Lucy was funny and kept her from catching up fast. Jen-Jen and Lu could not hear her calling them over the wind as they walked and splashed until she got very close. What happened next was beautiful. Jen-Jen and Lucy finally turned to greet her and Jen-Jen held out her free hand, which Alice took as she confidently entered the water. I immediately was reminded of the passage where Jesus talks about becoming like little children (Matthew 18:3). I cannot know for certain what was going through her little mind, but what her actions showed was that of someone who understood the dangers, and, refusing to be crippled by her fear, reached the one person whose hand would give her the confidence and the assurance to handle whatever the bay could throw at her. There is no doubt Peter understood the same thing as he stepped out of the boat to meet Jesus that night on the Sea of Galilee (Matthew 14:22-33). “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” The Bible doesn’t tell us how far Peter got before he was distracted by the wind and the waves, but it does tell us what happened when he put his hand in the hand of Jesus.

“Peter, why did you doubt?”

“Are you kidding, Lord! Did you see those waves?”

“Peter did you not see me?”

“Yes, but the wind!”

“Peter, look at me.”

“But Lord! Look around! I can’t!”

“Peter, take my hand”

With great concern and faith, Alice said, “Hold you Jen-Jen! Hold you!” and once their hands were securely clasped, all worry, fear, and inhibition were gone. This is not about comparing Jen-Jen to Jesus – this is about a child’s faith in one she trusts and our faith and who we trust. “Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:3). It is time we “put our hand in the hand of the man that stilled the water” and hold on.

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