

Covington Family News

July 5, 2026



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Therefore keep watch,
because you do not
know on what day
your Lord will come.

📖 MATTHEW 24:42

SERVING THIS WEEK: 7/5/26 AM Worship Service
Announcements (all services): Hadley Mason
Song Leader (Sunday services): Michael Wyatt
Opening Prayer: Will Thomason
Sermon: Jeff Phillips
Closing Prayer: Cody Strickland

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:
Head: Mike Rogers
Logan Wall, Rick Stavrum, Chris Maness, Caleb Smith,
Robert Charnock, Matt Moody, Breck Beasley, Beau Phillips

Attendance Card Collectors (7/5)
Tyler Bringle, Dayton Maness, Beau Glidewell

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

Lobby Management (7/5 & 7/8)
Security: Brandon Hanks
Worship Coordinator: Jeff Coughlan
Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Ben Evans
Nursery Worker: Teresa Stacks

Bus Driver (7/5 & 7/8)
Terry Wall

Evening Worship Service
Opening Prayer: Andy Whaley
Sermon: Jeff Phillips
Closing Prayer: Brad Evins

Mid-Week Service: July 8
Opening Prayer: Brandon Matlock
Song Leader: Robert Brownlee
Speaker: Mitchell Rogers
Closing Prayer: Jon McCain

Sunday Bible Class	150
Worship AM	209
PM	98
Wednesday Bible Study	101

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS
Greg Benjamin family Atoka, TN
Alan & Jan Kinningham Three Way, TN
Nolan & Sydney Combs Nashville, TN
Trey Westmoreland family Madison, AL
Lydia Edmonds Nashville, TN

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

When Is Jesus Coming Back?

Jesus is coming again! It could be tonight. It could be tomorrow. Many Bible passages tell us that Christ's return is imminent; that it could happen at any moment. In fact, John tells us that this is not only the last days ... but the last hour (1 John 2:18).

And, yet nearly 2,000 years have come and gone and we are still waiting for Jesus to return. Why is this? Does that mean that somehow Jesus goofed when he promised that he would come back, soon? Jesus was not mistaken. He understood the nature of God. The Bible tells us: "... do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day" (2 Peter 3:8). It might have been 2000 years for us, but for the Lord it's just been two days.

Now, the thing is, no one knows when Jesus will come back again. In fact, Jesus himself said: "No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father" (Matthew 24:36; Mark 13:32). No one knows when Christ will return. No angel, no prophet, no so called "Bible Decoder," no numerologist - not even Jesus himself knows when this will occur. In fact, there have been many who claimed that they knew when he was coming, but each time they have been proven as false prophets.

Jesus pointed out that he is coming at a time we least expect him (Matthew 24:44). Jesus will come, but we don't know when that will happen. The Bible teaches us, "The coming of the Lord will be like a thief in the night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2).

Our responsibility is to be ready for his return, whenever that may be!

Larry Fitzgerald
Via Bulletin Digest

Prayer List

Mike Utley – Kaiden Hanks' grandfather; lung cancer
Ellyana Bowden – Kaiden Hanks' six-month old niece; diagnosed with retinoblastoma
Andrew Evans – procedure scheduled for July 8
Oscar Williams

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

Loved ones to remember: Heather Bowmer, Linda Simpson, Barbara Pool, Scott Lindley, Ricky Hatcher, Jason Eliott

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, *Ashley Carrio*, into the body of Christ! Ashley went to West Kentucky Youth Camp with Lena Carter last week and was baptized there for the forgiveness of her sins. Keep this new sister in your prayers as she begins her walk with the Lord.

serve
One another in
love 
Galatians 5:13

Calendar of Events

JULY

1 – Summer Series w/Justin Rogers; 7:00
8 – Summer Series w/Mitchell Rogers; 7:00
13 – Monday Night for the Master; groups 1&2
15 – Summer Series w/Josh Ketchum; 7:00
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

YOUTH

9 – Ignite!
12-16 – Big Reedy Camp
19 - Devo
20-24 – Day Camp!
26-31 – Mission Trip to Beloit, KS



LOOKING AHEAD

August 1&2 – 24 Hours of Prayer; more info to come
August 2 – Josh Manning's first Sunday with us!



BIRTHDAYS: July 5 – July 11

7/5 – Elaine Shankle
7/7 – Eli Fowler
7/8 – Tyler Bringle
7/10 – Kristine Bringle
7/11 – Evan Nowak

ANNIVERSARIES: July 5 – July 11

7/5 – Rick & Patsy Moore



HAPPY BELATED ANNIVERSARY
TO ROBERT & DEBRA BROWNLEE
ON JUNE 16!

Men's Breakfast -
Wednesdays @5:30AM

Carpenter's Apprentice

Our theme this week at camp is *Encounters With Jesus*. Every day the kids go to two classes, a chapel, and an evening devotional and learn about the men and women of the Bible who encountered Jesus: Zaccheus, the ten lepers, Peter, Andrew, James, John, and many more. My class comes from Luke 7:36-48. This is the story of a Pharisee (whose name was Simon) inviting Jesus into his home for a meal. I remind the kids that Pharisees were some of the Jewish leaders of that time, comparing them to elders and ministers in our day. It is likely the Pharisees could quote most, if not all, of Genesis 1:1 through Deuteronomy 34:12; the entire first five books of the Bible. If you were to have a religious question, a Pharisee is likely one of the people you would consult. They knew the law and guarded it fiercely. Jesus accepted Simon's offer, and while eating at his table, a woman in town who was "a sinner," found out Jesus was there and came to see him. Entering the house, she stood at his feet crying, using her tears to wash the feet of Jesus and her hair to dry them off. She poured an expensive perfume on his feet and continually kissed them. It sounds gross because it was! As we learn later in the story, Simon had not offered any water to cleanse Jesus' feet when he entered the house, so they were still nasty with the road grime of the day, which likely included remnants of animal feces and no telling what else. Watching the scene unfold, Simon, the Pharisee, thought to himself, "If this man were a prophet, He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner" (Luke 7:39). Simon thought this way because he was projecting *his* response onto Jesus. IF He were holy, IF He were righteous, IF He wished to remain unclean, *He* would do what *I* would do. Jesus, knowing Simon's thoughts, asks him a question about a money lender forgiving the debts of two debtors, one who owed 50 and one who owed 500. "Which one of the debtors would love the money lender more?" Simon correctly supposed the one who was forgiven more. Jesus then delivered an explanation of what Simon witnessed in his own home, which left the woman forgiven and Simon, the holy, self-righteous one, surely contemplating his own position and security in God's favor. Read the whole story in Luke 7. Who do you more closely identify with – the Pharisee or the sinner? Everyone knows John 3:16, but most can't remember or have never really read John 3:17, "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him." Jesus demonstrates His willingness to forgive in every encounter while we sometimes avoid encounters.

Jeff