

Covington Family News

July 12, 2026



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 7/12/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (all services): Hadley Mason
Song Leader (Sunday services): Robert Charnock
Opening Prayer: Jon McCain
Sermon: Mike Rogers
Closing Prayer: Donnie Benjamin

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

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

Attendance Card Collectors (7/12)

Eli Charnock, Noah Charnock, August Charnock

July Door Greeters:

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

Lobby Management (7/12 & 7/15)

Security: Jeff Hanks

Worship Coordinator: Ben Evans

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Richard Shankle

Nursery Worker: Brandy Brown

Bus Driver (7/12 & 7/15)

Robert Charnock

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Jimmy McMahan
Sermon: Mike Rogers
Closing Prayer: Caleb Smith

Mid-Week Service: July 15

Opening Prayer: Cody Strickland
Song Leader: Nick Maness
Speaker: Josh Ketchum
Closing Prayer: Wayne Dalrymple

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	107
Worship AM	153
PM	106
Wednesday Bible Study	136

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Comrell & Gloria Brownlee	Tulsa, OK
John & Rhonda Bellah	Midwest City, OK
Ethan & Rosalea Hilton	Millington, 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

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Motivational Message

The Goal of Life

The word “goal,” according to *Webster*, is “something that you are trying to do or achieve.” Organizations (either corporate or non-corporate) spend millions of dollars on setting a goal for each fiscal year. Colleges train and mold minds to prepare to set goals. There is an urgency that comes with our service to God and those who live around us. God sent His Son to die for our sins (John 3:16, Romans 5:8) and we have been blessed with the knowledge we need to live for Him (2 Peter 1:3). We need a goal to help keep us moving forward. However, it is hard for us to come up with one meaningful and distinct goal that we need to be putting before our minds each day. Here are some thoughts to help us build spiritual goals:

Get Into the Community. Because the work of the church is outreach (Mark 16:15-16, 1 Corinthians 15:58), one of our goals will be gaining a positive presence in the community without sacrificing the integrity of the Church. Do you want to help? We will always have opportunities in the future to help (Luke 19:10).

Be Optimistic. We know that problems will arise and not all will have an easy solution. It is our goal, when these situations arise, that we will continue to look to the Bible as our guide because it gives us the answers to life (Psalm 119:105, 2 Timothy 2:15, Philippians 3:13-16). Being optimistic also means looking to the future (1 Corinthians 9:24- 27) and pressing toward the goal (Philippians 3:13- 14).

Be Accountable. Christians are all accountable to the standard of the word and should grow by the word of God (Matthew 4:4). As the children of God we want to be accountable to Him.

Love Each Other. As members of the Lord’s church, it is our priority to love the brethren as our own (John 13:35). This is involved in preaching, counseling, personal relationships, family relationships, and in many other areas. Love is a word that is not spoken only but is an action that helps. One way to describe love is this: “by love serve one another” (Galatians 5:13).

Goals give us purpose and direction in our lives both physically and spiritually. This means that there is something for me to do and someone for me to encourage. We are all working toward the same goal: Heaven!

Jonathan Burns
Via Bulletin Digest

Prayer List

Andrew Evans – recovering from medical procedure

Members with ongoing needs: Oscar Williams, 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: Mike Utley, Ellyana Bowden, Heather Bowmer, Linda Simpson, Barbara Pool, Scott Lindley, Jason Elliott, Marcia Bargery.

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 brother, *John Oliver Wall*, into the body of Christ! J.O. was baptized at West Kentucky Youth Camp last week for the forgiveness of his sins. Keep this new brother in your prayers as he begins his walk with the Lord. May we all walk alongside our new brothers and sisters in Christ and support them in their beginning steps in the faith.



His praise
shall be
continually in
my mouth.

PSALM 34:1



Calendar of Events

JULY

- 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!
- August 21-21 – Men’s Conference @Quince Church of Christ
- August 30 – Fifth Sunday Worship/Fellowship Schedule
- September 14-17 – Area Wide Gospel Meeting



BIRTHDAYS: July 12 – July 18

- 7/12 – Myra Ellis, Eric Keith
- 7/13 – Craig Clay
- 7/14 – Beau Phillips
- 7/15 – Shirley Weir
- 7/18 – Jimmy McMahan

ANNIVERSARIES: July 12 – July 18

- 7/13 – JJ & Brandy Brown
- 7/16 – James & Myra Ellis
- 7/17 – Justin & Elizabeth Harrell



Men’s Breakfast -
Wednesdays @5:30AM

Carpenter’s Apprentice

Anticipation; that feeling of angst and excitement that swells within you as something approaches. It could be a new job, school or opportunity. It could be an upcoming appointment or surgery. It could just as easily come before graduation, a wedding, the birth of a child or even something as small as a vacation, a first date. The feeling is full of expectation tinged with wonder, excitement and maybe a touch of doubt - or slight fear but only because of the unknown and things totally out of our control. All in all, anticipation is our prediction of what is coming, the result of accumulated observation of past and present situations, actions and reactions. Interestingly, how we anticipate also has a bearing on the outcome of most situations. When we predict or expect, when we anticipate, a positive outcome, we generally get one. On the other hand, negativity breeds negativity and negative expectations usually result in negative outcomes. Have you ever noticed there are some who constantly complain about life and nearly everything in it? Is it really because their “luck” is that bad or could their anticipation of poor results be tainting participation, interpretation and consequence. Many elite performance coaches point to anticipation and expectation as important keys to success, noting results often follow our presuppositions. As Christians, we are, in fact, elite. We are not elite because we are individually better than all those around us, we are elite because of who and what makes us elite. Jesus and the blood he shed to cover our sin, without a doubt puts us in an elite class, making us a cut above. Being elite is not haughtiness, nor is it exclusive. ANYONE can be elite; anyone who is willing to do what it takes to be elite and accept their greatness is the result of someone else and not themselves. Elites are not intimidated by others becoming elite, they encourage and welcome the company because it makes them stronger. Elites are not intimidated by the strengths of others nor discouraged by the negative comments of others, understanding the value of diversity and mixed strengths as well as the futility of listening to excuse makers and those unwilling to accept truth or sacrifice. To be sure, elite status comes at a price and there are no discounts (1 John 2:15; Romans 12:2). But the reward is great (Revelation 2:10) and once the decision to be elite is made, maintaining the status is not that bad (Matthew 11:30). We must stand in anticipation of the promise (John 14:2-3) and let that expectation be our guiding principle as we “consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds” (Hebrews 10:24).