

# Covington Family

## News

February 9, 2020



Serving Our Community  
for the Glory of God

### What Can I Do?

I WILL . . .

**LIKE PAUL** – forget those things which are behind and press forward.

**LIKE DAVID** – lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help.

**LIKE ABRAHAM** – trust implicitly in my God.

**LIKE ENOCH** – walk in daily fellowship with my Heavenly Father.

**LIKE JEHOSEPHAT** – prepare my heart to seek the Lord.

**LIKE MOSES** – chose rather to suffer than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

**LIKE DANIEL** – commune with God at all times and in all places.

**LIKE JOB** – be patient under all circumstances.

**LIKE CALEB & JOSHUA** – refuse to be discouraged because of superior number of foes.

**LIKE JOSEPH** – turn my back on all seductive advances.

**LIKE GIDEON** – advance, even though my friends are few.

**LIKE AARON & HUR** – uphold the hands of my minister and the leaders of the church with my prayers and support.

**LIKE ANDREW** – strive to lead my brother to Christ.

**LIKE STEPHEN** – manifest a forgiving spirit toward all who seek my hurt.

**LIKE JESUS** – go about doing good.

via Bulletin Digest

### SERVING THIS WEEK 2/9/20 AM Worship Service

**Announcements:** Neil Bringle  
**Song Leader:** Wayne Dalrymple  
**Sermon:** Mike Rogers

#### Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Wayne Dalrymple  
Jimmy McMahan, Reid McMahan, Nick Tankersley,  
Aaron Speight, Craig Robinson, Eason Robinson, Grayson  
Robinson, Robert Trimm

**Opening Prayer:** Craig Robinson  
**Closing Prayer:** David Stewart  
**Nursery Workers:** Teresa Stacks & Isabella Stacks

#### PM Worship Service

**Song Leader:** Wayne Dalrymple  
**Opening Prayer:** Cameron Dickey  
**Closing Prayer:** Jedidiah Phillips  
**Sermon:** Mike Rogers

#### Mid-Week Bible Study February 12

**Song Leader:** Joshua Evins  
**Opening Prayer:** Chris Sanders  
**Closing Prayer:** Daniel Trimm  
**Speaker:** Mike Rogers

#### PROOF OF OUR LOVE

Sunday Bible Classes	217
Worship AM	284
PM	187
Wednesday Bible Study	182

#### VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS



Bradley Love	Covington, TN
Linda Simpson	Covington, TN
Galaway family	Brighton, TN
Broughton family	Munford, TN
Cole Rogers	Martin, TN
Jake Sisk	Martin, TN
Ota Roberts	Dexter, MO
Marcus Hayes	
Coby Somerville	

#### SHEPHERDS

Wayne Dalrymple- 901-573-3908  
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Shawn Anderson  
Ken Bringle Jr.  
J.J. Brown  
Rusty Cartwright  
Benny Collins  
John Combs  
Grant Edmonds  
David Keith  
Brandon Matlock  
Jimmy McMahan  
Alan Otts  
Craig Robinson  
Clint Smith  
David Stewart  
Robert Trimm  
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### *Schedule of Services*

#### SUNDAY

Bible Classes 9:00AM  
Worship, 10:00AM  
& 5:30PM

#### WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 7:00 PM

# Mike's Message

The Church—Where Everybody is Somebody

Gal. 3:26-29

Individualism is a modern concept; it does not exist in the world of the Bible

Individualism is “the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant.” Or, “a social theory favoring freedom of action for individuals over collective or state control” (Oxford Online Dictionary).

Neither of these definitions are observed in God’s plan for the church. God never intended for members of the church to be self-reliant or to have freedom to act in any way they pleased. The church is a family that relies on each other and followed the plan set forth by God.

Therefore, Paul acknowledges in Galatians 3:26 that faith in God is the great equalizer—it erases all individual boundaries seen in society: racial, national, educational, and social. In this lesson I want to present three things that show the equality of every member.

First, in the church all members are equal (vv. 26, 28). Christian equality is based on a shared relationship we “are all sons of God” (Gal. 3:26). There is no race in the church (Jew-Greek); there is no gender in the church (male-female); there is no status in the church (slave-free). We are “all one in Christ Jesus.”

Second, in the church all wear the same clothes. We are all clothed with Christ through faith and baptism (v. 27). Also, when we put on Christ in baptism, we wear His righteousness (see Rom. 3:22).

Third, in the church every member has the same inheritance (v. 29). Genealogy in the church is spiritual, not physical. No one can be born a Christian; one can only be a born-again Christian. When we are born again, we become children of God and even though unworthy, we are promised the same inheritance. Paul declares, “The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, . . .” (Rom. 8:16-17).

The world divides by individual name, education, popularity, race, gender, and status. In the church every member is the same. Every member has the same value, status and inheritance. No one person is greater or more important to God than any other member. Every member has a specific role to fulfill the plan of God, but one role is no more important than the other. In the church, everybody is somebody.

Mike Rogers

# Family News

Paula McLean—Home, recovering from surgery

Shirley Laxton—Covington Care

Roberta O’Brien—Health South

LaVerne Baxter—Surgery, February 12

Al Chaney

Bonnie Glass—Covington Care

Cleo Burch—Grandmother of Shelley Dickey

Rodger Beasley

Julia Strange

James (Buddy) Coats—Recovering from surgery

Josephine Draine—Broken foot

Stephen Cartlon

Maggie Koury—Sister of Shawn Anderson

David Nance on Mission Trip to India. Gilbert family in the loss of their loved one, *Marie Gilbert*. Also remember

Pat Armstrong, Reba Arwood, Sonny Arwood, Corey Bates, Linda Beard, Sharon Beaird, Don Blackwell, Leonard Biggs, Albert Boling, Bernis Bolding, Gary Bowie, Cleo Burch, Cindy Clark, Kenneth Coulston, Joy Cranford, Bobbie Deen, Shelley Dickey, Jane Dowell, Elise Mathis Eads, Joan Erwin, Robert Evans, Wesley Fowler, Jason Elliott, Houston Hall, Liz Huffman, Jackson Hughey, Elizabeth Jackson, April Jones, Dara Keeton, Nellene Kidd, Lucy Krull, Charlotte Loyd, Brooke Mathis & baby, Vicky Mayfield, Sammy McDivitt, Jean McIntyre, Valerie Price, Mike Reynolds, John Richardson, Beverly Russell, Keith Ryder, Lisa Rye, Brandon Scott, Sherry Scott, Albert Scrip, Marilyn Sellars, Sondra South, Tonya Stanley, Drew Tankersley, Maddie Taylor, Brad Warmath, Paige Warmath, Larry Whaley Sr. & Jr., Otis White, Kelly Whitehead, Carla Whitis, Nedra Young

## NURSING HOME

Covington Care: Otis Poole

## MILITARY

Logan Bridgeman, Bradley Evins, Major Creel, Steven Creel, Alex Fendley, Nic Hunter, Dayana Leon, Tanner Mason, Scott E. Moore, Will Morris, Chris Nowak, Michael J. Pena, Thomas Posey, Jacob Sampson, Parker Speight, Tessa Stacks, Jessica Whaley



You are invited to a baby boy shower (Aleks Tyler Davis) honoring Ryan & Ashley (McDaniel) Davis, Saturday, February 8, 2PM in the foyer. They are registered at Amazon & Target.

# Calendar of Events

## FEBRUARY EVENTS

15—Valentine Banquet

16—Devotional at Covington Care, 4PM

22—Birthday Party at River Terrace, 2PM

26—Devotional/Worship in song

**Sunday Servants will meet Sunday nights in the Fellowship Room following the Worship Service.**

**Ladies Bible Class, Tuesday mornings, 10AM**

**Men's Prayer Breakfast, Wednesday mornings, 6AM**

## Backpacks for Kids

**Please bring single serve snacks and food items to Classroom 2. We will take them to Crestview Middle School the Thursday before President's Day. If you have any questions see David Keith.**

**Sunday, March 1 @ 7PM there will be a Financial Peace Class. Please see Alan Otts for more details.**

## FEBRUARY YOUTH EVENTS



**9—Devotional**

**15—Valentine Dinner**

**19—ESCAPE ROOM (Sign up deadline)**

**29—ESCAPE ROOM**

**BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY 9-15**



9—Rusty Cartwright

10—Gordon Cartwright, Stephanie Beasley, David Kidd, Chris Sanders, Aaron Stewart

12—Brandy Brown

13—Maddon Wall

14—Jeni Chaney

## ANNIVERSARIES

13—Ken & Susan Mason

14—Craig & Kim Clay

## BIBLE READING SCHEDULE –FEBRUARY 9-15

9—Matt. 25: 1-13 Ex. 34-35

10—Matt. 25: 14-46 Ex. 36-37

11—Matt. 26:1-13 Ex. 38-39

12—Matt. 26: 14-35 Ex. 40

13—Matt. 26: 36-56 Lev. 1-4

14—Matt. 26: 57-75 Lev. 5-6

15—Matt. 27:1-26 Lev. 7-8

# The Carpenter's Apprentice

I must admit, there is nothing more boring than sitting on an exercise bike or walking/running on a treadmill at the gym. When the legs or lungs start to burn, a million things run through my mind that need to be done. Having to read the captions at the bottom of the TV is almost as bad as hearing the newscasters whine about politics and the writing out what he says still doesn't help the weatherman get the forecast right. Shortly after I begin to pedal, I think about leaving. Jennifer suggested I put in a mind-numbing sitcom off Netflix to help pass the time but none of the title screens appeared to fit what I needed until I came to the last available series, The Andy Griffith Show! Nothing like watching ol' Barn to while away the time and take your mind off quitting.

This morning one of the local ne'er-do-wells had figured out a scheme to steal a cow without getting caught. Naturally, the cow's owner was distraught and called both Sheriff Andy. When the mayor showed up, he called down to the capital to get a real crime solving professional down to figure out who was stealing cows. Predictably it was Andy who figured out the crime and presented his thought to Barney and the Detective from the capital. His theory sounded ludicrous. He postulated the cow was wearing shoes! The mayor and top detective both scoffed and set off to get back to "solving" the case. They motioned for Barney to leave his boss and join them. It was a poignant moment as Barney stood in the doorway forced to side with his best friend whom he knew inside and out; a friend who didn't just come up with hairbrained schemes, or to go with the "professional" whom he'd really only just met. It made me think of relationships. How often when we hear bad news do we automatically jump to the conclusion that those we love and know best are wrong. They have finally done it. They crossed the line. Could it be we are hoping for their failure? I hope not. As Christians we are not perfect but we are also not to think the worst of our brothers and sisters in Christ. In our country we are supposedly "innocent until proven guilty". Paul addresses a similar situation with Timothy in 1 Timothy 5:19 when he talks about accepting a charge against an elder without sufficient witnesses. While most of our friends aren't elders, we need to remember they are our friends and if we are to be considered friends too – maybe we need to withhold our judgement until we have facts no hearsay.

By the way, Barney didn't stay gone long, after a couple seconds the door opened and Barney chose to stay with Andy because friendship and trust came first. Therefore, while today is still today, let's find a way to encourage one another and not be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin (Hebrews 3:13).

-jeff

