

# Covington Family News

## September 22, 2024

### Family Time

As our lives continue to grow busier and busier, we need to always remember to have time for family. Our time will always be demanded of us by school, work, extra-curricular activities and other time demanding activities. As we consider each of these activities, we also need to consider the importance of our family and the time we spend with each one of them.

**First, think about your spouse.** How did you get to know him or her? You spend time with them (sometimes you probably wished you could add some hours to the day so you could spend more time together). If it was important at the beginning of your relationship, it should be just as important today.

**Second, think about your kids.** Do you realize that you are only guaranteed around eighteen years with them, before they go to college, a trade school or move out on their own to seek employment and to chase their dream? That is not much time. So as you consider all the time demanding activities for your kids, remember the most important one—family time. Why is family time important? It is here where you will teach your kids how to live for Christ and how to live as you and God desire them to live.

Paul sums it up best in 1 Timothy 5:8, “Believers are instructed to take care of their families.” Joe Dale Wilson writes, “Anyone too busy...to aid his own family in distress is without excuse. Tending to family is God’s work! God values family and wants them taken care of in the difficulties they face.” Are we taking care of our family and God’s family?

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#### SERVING THIS WEEK 9/22/24 AM Worship Service

**Announcements** Neil Bringle  
**Song Leader:** Ken Bringle Jr.  
**Sermon:** Mike Rogers

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

Head: Robert Charnock  
Ron Teems, Eason Robinson, Robert Brownlee, Landon Bringle, Clint Stacks, Breck Beasley, Chris Maness, Caleb Smith

**Opening Prayer:** Benny Collins  
**Closing Prayer:** Donnie Benjamin

**September Food Committee Leader:** Judy Dunaway

**Nursery Worker:** Mandy Billings

**September Bus Driver:** Robert Charnock

**Attendance Card Collectors:** (9/22, 9/25)

Eli Charnock, Noah Charnock, August Charnock

#### September Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Richard & Elaine Shankle  
Auditorium Entrance: Hadley & Brenda Mason

#### PM Worship Service

**Song Leader:** Ken Bringle Jr.  
**Opening Prayer:** Robert Brownlee  
**Closing Prayer:** Robert Trimm  
**Sermon** Mike Rogers

#### Midweek Bible Study September 25

**Song Leader:** Robert Charnock  
**Opening Prayer:** David Keith  
**Closing Prayer:** Eason Robinson  
**Speaker:** Jeff Phillips

#### PROOF OF OUR LOVE

Sunday Bible Classes	143
Worship AM	205
PM	107
Wednesday Bible Study	144

#### VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Thomas Starck	Atoka, TN
Raborn & Rachel Mayo	Millington, TN
Marc & Sonyia Rimmer	Naples, FL
Cindy & Dylan Blackwell	Henderson, TN
Lisa Ojuang	Covington, TN
Jimmy & Carol Willis	
Scott Moore	
Jayden Yalda	

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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 Joy of Fellowship in Jesus

(1 John 1:1-2:6)

John opens this letter emphasizing the fellowship Christians have with the church, “with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ” (vv. 1-3). John says that this fellowship completes “our joy” in Christ (v. 4).

This joy is felt by the confidence of this fellowship first in the assurance that John was an eyewitness to Jesus (vv. 1-3). Then by noting that “God is light, and in him is no darkness at all” (v. 5). Darkness is often used in reference to anxiety (See Gen. 15:12), to dread and pain (28 times in Job), to sin (see Prov. 2:13, Eph. 5:8), and to the realm of Satan’s rule (Col. 1:13). On the other hand, light is associated with truth (1 John 1:6-7; Ps. 43:3). Because God is light and no darkness is in Him, we can have confidence in the fellowship He offers.

John also emphasizes the conditions for this fellowship. If we “practice the truth” (1:6), i.e. “If we walk in the light . . . we have fellowship” (1:7). “If we keep His commandments” (2:3-4), i.e. “keeps His word” (2:5), and live like Jesus lived (2:6) we have continual fellowship. John understands though, we are all sinners, and “If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us” (v. 8). “If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us” (v. 10). If we claim to have no sin, we are not walking in the light i.e. the truth of His word; and we have no fellowship with the church, with the Father, or with Christ.

Yet the true joy in this fellowship is forgiveness. John writes this letter “so that [they] may not sin” and lose fellowship with God, His Son, and the church (2:1). However, “if anyone does sin,” and we will (Rom. 3:23), John declares, “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (v. 9). Furthermore, since sin separates us from God (Isa. 59:2), Jesus Christ is our “Advocate” (2:1). John uses this particular Greek word, in this context, to emphasize that Jesus is the one who acts to restore the broken fellowship that sin causes. John also states that Jesus is our “propitiation.” The Greek word John uses to translate propitiation means atonement, expiation, or forgiveness. Thus, John is saying that Jesus is not only the one who acts to restore the broken fellowship caused by sin; He is also the only means by which we can be forgiven. “Truly the love of God is perfected” (2:5) in those who have fellowship with the church, “with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ” (1:3).

—Mike Rogers

## Prayer List

Delores Whaley—Recovering from surgery

Kathy McMahan

Rita Benjamin

Isabella Stacks

Emma Matlock

Pat Stephenson

Debra Foshee

Danny Smith

Jimmy Parsons—Recovering from surgery

Joi Hendricks—Recovering from surgery

Jan Sharp

Linda Maclin—Friend of Robin Higgins

Gabe & Lisa Dunham’s grandbaby—St. Jude,

Gabe & Lisa are friends of David & Robin Higgins

Jeremy Newman—Husband of Andrea Newman

Charles Hays—Grandad of Ken Bingle Jr. & Neil

Bringle

Sara Walton

Andrew Canmito—Recovering from surgery

Wayne Hubbard

Israel, Our Country, Our Missionaries, Heath Billings,

Frank Brown, Judy Burrow, Lynn Butler, Andre`Can-

nnon, Gwen Coffee, Larry Coughlan, Kenneth Coulston,

Lawrence Coulston, Jason Elliott, Malissa Garner, Jackie

Gatlin, Pat Gatlin, Mayson Hall, Kyle Hanks, K.C.

Haynes, Ruth Heath, Liz Mason, Charlotte McCalister,

Phyllis McLillie, Judy Merritt, Katie Merritt, Gigi Mil-

ler, Robin Montgomery, Dorothy Morris, Zachary

Nance, Jacob Navarro, Larry Newman, Sophie Nolan,

Michelle Nowak, Barbara Pool, Ken Renfroe, Jeremy

Reynolds, Bonita Rogers, Anthony Stacks, David South,

Sue Stidham, Patti Taylor, Vicki Mayfield, Melvin Wall,

Larry Whaley II, Tina Williams, Jeff Wood

**NURSING HOME:**

**Covington Care:** Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

**MILITARY:**

Killian Bridgeman, Logan Bridgeman, Major Creel,

Bradley Evins, Dayana Fendley, Danny Fields, Tanner

Mason, Richie Newbill, Chris Nowak, Jedidiah Phillips,

Jacob Sampson, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart

**RESPONSE**

Danny Smith responded Sunday morning asking for

prayers and was restored. Please remember him.

**SYMPATHY**

We extend our deepest sympathy to Albert Cates in the

death of his brother, *Hubert Leon Cates*.

## Calendar of Events

### **SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

21—Birthday Party at Magnolia Creek Nursing Home

23—Monday Night for the Master, Group 3

24—Ladies Bible Class, 10AM

25—Devotional/Worship in Song

30—Monday Night for the Master, Group 4

**\*Door Knocking Day, Saturday, September 21. We will meet at the building @ 10AM.**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

***Friends and Family Day at Covington***

***Sunday, November 3 - Speaker: Cliff Goodwin***

### **AREA EVENTS**

September 22-26—Gospel Meeting at Arlington

Church of Christ, Arlington, TN; *Tell Me The Story of*

*Jesus!* Sunday-Bible Class-9:30AM, 10:30AM, 5:00PM,

Monday-Thursday-7:00PM; Speaker: Tony Pulliam

September 27-28— Church Leadership Workshop

2024 at Midsouth Youth Camp, Henderson, TN.

Theme: “Purpose; Planning: Prayer”

**BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER 22-28**



22—Brandon Matlock

23—Luke McMahan, David Foshee, Beau Glidewell

24—Kathy McMahan, Robin Higgins

26—Rhett Benjamin

27—Crystal Fowler

28—Elaine Watkins, Atlas Bridges

**DIAPER SHOWER**



In lieu of a baby shower, a table has been set up in the

foyer for diapers/wipes for *Chris & Rachel Maness’*

baby girl, *Remington Maness*.

**BIBLE READING SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 22-28**

September 22—Ezek. 29-31

September 23—Ezek. 32-34

September 24—Ezek. 35-37

September 25—Ezek. 38-40

September 26—Ezek. 41-43

September 27—Ezek. 44-46

September 28—Ezek. 47-48

## The Carpenter’s Apprentice

Harmon Killebrew played 22 seasons in the major leagues for three different teams, mostly with the Minnesota Twins. When he retired, he had 573 home runs, currently twelfth in all time home run stats. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1984. In his induction speech, he recounted a time in his youth when he was playing ball in the front yard with his father and brothers. His mother came out and pointed out how they were tearing up the yard and leaving holes in the lawn. His father replied, “Yes, but we are not raising grass here, we are raising boys.” What a powerful statement about purpose and focus. Furthermore, we need to remember boys grow up to be men, who grow up to be husbands and fathers. They grow up to be leaders in their families, their communities and most importantly in the Lord’s church. It was God’s plan from the beginning that man should shoulder the burden of leadership, not lording over women in a sexist or misogynistic way, but with appreciation, admiration and respect for the “helpmeet” specifically created by God to complete him. Our boys will only grow up to be what we teach them to be, and not through our words, but through the actions that back up our words. They will learn their children are more important than their possessions when we put our boys first in front of our wealth. “For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world but loses his soul” (Mark 8:36), or sons? Our boys will see the worth of and how to treat the women they love when they witness our relationships with our wives, mothers and sisters. “So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church” (Ephesians 5:28-29). They will learn to talk by listening to our words, be it “filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting,” or “songs hymns and spiritual songs” of thanksgiving, praise and encouragement. Our sons will learn sacrificial service in the church, not by watching other men serve, but by joining us in service to the Lord. As we raise our boys to be men, we should remember our God/god will be their God/god. God told Moses to tell the Israelites, “These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates” (Deuteronomy 6:6-9). It is so easy to get caught up in appearances and the blessings and wealth of this world, we lose sight of eternal goals. So let’s try harder and not worry about the grass.

-jeff