

Covington Family News

October 19, 2025



PETER REPLIED,
"REPENT AND BE
BAPTIZED,
EVERY ONE OF YOU,
IN THE NAME OF
JESUS CHRIST
FOR THE FORGIVENESS
OF YOUR SINS. AND
YOU WILL RECEIVE
THE GIFT OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT.

Acts 2:38



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SERVING THIS WEEK 10/19/25 AM Worship Service

Announcements: Brad Evins
Song Leader: Hadley Mason
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: LeRoy Finto
Chris Huggins, Hadley Mason, Ken Mason, Robert Brownlee,
Craig Robinson, Chris Maness, Nick Maness, Zach Higgins
Opening Prayer: Breck Beasley
Closing Prayer: Donnie Benjamin

Nursery Worker: Teri Robinson

Attendance Card Collectors (10/19)

Jaxton Carter, Nolan Carter, Ethan Matlock

Bus Driver (10/19 & 10/22)

Robert Charnock

October Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Jimmy & Kathy McMahan

Auditorium Entrance: Brenda & Hadley Mason

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: Hadley Mason
Opening Prayer: Robert Brownlee
Closing Prayer: Caleb Smith
Sermon: Jeff Phillips

Mid-Week Bible Study October 22

Announcements: Brad Evins
Song Leader: Hadley Mason
Closing Prayer: David Stewart

Sunday Bible Classes	118
Worship AM	211
PM	120
Wednesday Bible Study	103

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Theresa Terry	Brighton, TN
Lamar Chason	Covington, TN
Roethlisberg family	Atoka, TN
Tanner & Danielle Baker	Stanton, TN
Megan Becker	Searcy, AR
David Ables	Memphis, TN

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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

What must I do to be saved?
Acts 1-2

On His final appearance, Jesus instructed His apostles to go “into Jerusalem” and wait for the “promise of My Father” and “power from on high,” and from there they would begin preaching “repentance for forgiveness of sins in the name of Jesus to all nations” (Luke 24:47-49; Acts 1:4-5, 8). Acts chapters 1 and 2 show all five commands fulfilled. After Jesus ascended into heaven, the apostles “returned to Jerusalem” (Acts 1:14). Jesus explained that they would receive the “power from on high” and the “promise of the Father” (Luke 24:49), being “baptized with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 1:5). On the day of Pentecost, “they were all together in one place ... and were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance” (2:1-4). (They received the power from on high). People from “every nation under heaven” were assembled in Jerusalem when the apostles proclaimed Jesus in different languages (2:5-6). Jesus had given them a commandment, “that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations beginning from Jerusalem” (Luke 24:47-49). They were in Jerusalem. All nations were there. They were clothed with the power from God. Everything was ready for the final command to be fulfilled. The disciples reminded them that Joel and David’s prophecies refer to the promised Messiah (Acts 2:14-35). Peter concluded, saying the Messiah was this same Jesus they had crucified (Acts 2:36). However, it was all a predetermined plan of God, and God did not leave Him in the power of death, but raised Him. They knew what Peter declared was true (Acts 2:22c). They had witnessed Jesus’ miracles. They knew the promise was not about David because his tomb was undisturbed. They had to admit that Jesus was the resurrected Messiah because His tomb was empty and some of them had seen Him alive after His resurrection (Acts 1:3). They were among the very ones who had mocked and ridiculed Him. They were among the ones who would not permit Pilate to release Him, but cried repeatedly, “Crucify Him, Crucify Him” (Luke 23:21). A piercing pain of repentance struck the very core of their being. They cried out, “Brethren, what shall we do?” Peter’s answer fulfilled the last thing Jesus told them they must do, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of your sins” (Acts 2:38a). About 3000 obeyed that day and were added to the family of God.

--Mike Rogers



Prayer List

LaVerne Baxter – cardiac rehab in Brentwood, TN
Ann Huggins – St. Francis Park; cancer treatment
Jan Hanks – surgery this week
Kathy Townsend – Judy McCool’s daughter; upcoming surgery
Tony Hobbs – Kenzie Hobbs’ father-in-law; recently diagnosed with bladder cancer
Greyson Whaley – Andy & Delores’ grandson; recovering from a car accident with surgery to follow soon

Members with ongoing needs: Heath Billings, Larry Coughlan, Kay Gatlin, Pat Gatlin, Kathy McMahan, Judy Merritt, Bonita Rogers, Donna Sonwineski, Ron Teems, Paulette Watkins, Larry Whaley II, Jimmy Willis

Loved ones to remember: Donald Ray, Pam Glover, Makayla Bishop, Carla Rogers, Robbie Renfroe, Addley Hodge, Heather Bowner, Jason Elliott, Stan McDevitt, Randy Rhoads, David South

NURSING HOME
Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

MILITARY: Tanner Mason, Chris Nowak, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart

SYMPATHY
Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of our sister, *Vicki Mayfield*. Vicki passed away on Tuesday, October 14. There will not be a service for Ms. Vicki, but please keep this family in your prayers.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE: OCTOBER 19-25
October 19 – Zechariah 2-4
October 20 – Zechariah 5-7
October 21 – Zechariah 8-10
October 22 – Zechariah 11-14
October 23 – Malachi 1-4
October 24 – Matthew 1-4
October 25 – Matthew 5-9

Ladies’ Bible Class: Tuesdays @10AM

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER EVENTS
18 – Birthday Party @Magnolia Creek Nursing Home
18 – Family Movie Night @Phillips’ home; 6:00
19 – Devotional @Covington Care; 3:00
19 – Lads To Leaders registration forms due
20 – Monday Night for the Master, Group 3
25 – Ladies’ Day @Henderson Church of Christ
27 – Monday Night for the Master, Group 4
29 – Singing Night

Sign up on the church Facebook page to attend the Wednesday night dinner. See you Wed. Night @ 6:00!

LOOKING AHEAD
November 1 – Fall Festival @ the home of Zach & Claudia Glidewell
November 2 – Friends & Family Day
November 8 – Young adult game night @ the home of David & Heather Keith; babysitting provided by the youth group!
November 15 – Family Devo @Wall’s home

YOUTH EVENTS
October 25 – Devo/Haunted Trail & Corn Maze; 6:00
November 8 – Service Project
November 30 – Singing Devo @McMahan’s home

If you would like to host a youth devo in your home, please see Jeff to pick your date.

 *Happy Belated Birthday to Tess Mosley (10/17) and Aiva Teems (10/18)!!*

BIRTHDAYS: OCTOBER 19-25
10/19 – Abby Edmonds
10/20 – Wayne Dalrymple; Zach Glidewell
10/21 – Remington Maness

ANNIVERSARIES 

10/25 – Ken & Kristine Bringle

Carpenter’s Apprentice

Merriam-Webster.com defines ‘buy-in’ as: “acceptance of and willingness to actively support and participate in something (such as a proposed new plan or policy).” Buy-in makes a huge difference in whether or not new ideas work and rightfully, management/leadership types spend a lot of time considering how to influence and encourage buy-in. No matter how good the plan, if there is no buy-in, it will not be successful. But how does buy-in affect the rest of us? There are three key aspects to buy-in; acceptance, willingness, and participation. To be sure, there is a big difference in acceptance and whether or not we like or even agree with a situation. Young people often have to learn, as adults, some things are beyond our abilities to control, and sometimes things are going to be “just the way they are” for the foreseeable future. Acceptance of a situation is the first step in dealing with and potentially changing it. Fighting reality often prolongs the inevitable and affects our willingness. Willingness is really about our attitude. Good attitudes are contagious and make any situation more tolerable. Like acceptance, willingness doesn’t always mean we support an idea or a change beyond the simple acceptance of the situation. Finally, participation is key. In order to truly buy-in, life must be more than words and thoughts. We must get involved. James chapter two comes to mind with regards to our faith, but the concept of faith and works also illustrates the acceptance, willingness and participation of buy-in. While so far, this article admittedly seems to be dealing with negative situations, our inability to buy in will also affect good situations and things we do believe in. One might ask why anyone wouldn’t buy-in to something they believed. I do not know, but I believe church buildings around the world are full of those who “believe” but haven’t bought-in every Sunday. I don’t mean to imply they are not Christians but suggest they are missing out on the fullness and peace of a life in Christ. In speaking of His sheep, Jesus said, “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). The abundant life is critically affected by buy-in. Refusing to buy-in is holding back and holding back has a direct impact on success and contentment. Not buying in is like walking the fence. We do enough to appease whomever needs appeasement but hold on to what we want so tightly that we can never fully commit. Spiritually speaking, that is like trying to live in two worlds. Abundance from man’s perspective is not always synonymous with abundance from God’s perspective. My suggestion: whatever situation you are in in life, buy-in to make change. In regards to faith, Jesus said, “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). “The peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension” (Philippians 4:7) comes only to those who come/go all the way when they buy-in.

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