

Covington Family News

October 26, 2025

Join us for

Friends and Family Sunday

At the Covington Church of Christ
1690 Highway 51 South

Theme : "A Common Love"

9:00 - Bible Class

10:00 - Worship

11:00 - Potluck Lunch & Fellowship

12:30 - Afternoon Worship

Guest speaker:

Robby Eversole

Summerville, GA



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for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK 10/26/25 AM Worship Service

Announcements: Brad Evins
Song Leader: Beau Phillips
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: Wayne Dalrymple
Closing Prayer: Robert Trimm

Nursery Worker: Sydney Trimm

Attendance Card Collectors (10/26)

Tyler Bringle, Dayton Maness, Beau Glidewell

Bus Driver (10/26 & 10/29)

Beau Phillips

October Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Jimmy & Kathy McMahan

Auditorium Entrance: Brenda & Hadley Mason

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: Beau Phillips
Opening Prayer: Jimmy McMahan
Closing Prayer: David Keith
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Mid-Week Bible Study October 29

Announcements: Brad Evins
Song Leader: Beau Phillips
Closing Prayer: Hadley Mason

Sunday Bible Classes	145
Worship AM	231
PM	138
Wednesday Bible Study	124

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Theresa Terry	Brighton, TN
Lamar Chason	Covington, TN
Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Virginia Crain	Covington, TN
Herbert & Sequoia Henson	Cordova, TN
JoAnn Jenkins	Millington, TN
Plemmons family	Drummonds, TN
Abbi Nicks	Obion, TN

Covington Church of Christ

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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

Why are We Greater than John?
Luke 7:18-28

The news of Jesus’ miracles spread through the country like a raging fire (Luke 7:11-17; 4:37). According to Josephus, John the Baptizer was imprisoned at Herod’s palace in Perea when he heard of Jesus performing miracles. John’s imprisonment was because he had charged Herod Antipas with adultery after he had divorced his own wife and taken Herodias, his half-brother’s wife, as his own (see Matt. 14:3-4). When John’s disciples reported what Jesus was doing, he sent two of them to inquire if Jesus was the one they had been expecting (7:19b). This question does not express doubt from John. He knew that Jesus was the promised Messiah (see John 1:29-34). He also knew he had been sent to “prepare the way of the Lord” (Luke 3:4). John was probably wondering if his work was complete. Many claimed to be the promised Messiah in those days (see Acts 5:36-39), and if Jesus was the promised Messiah, then John could relax and not worry about getting out of prison because his work was done. If this were not the true Messiah, then John would need to continue the work God had given him. Jesus responded by telling John’s disciples to report what they had seen and heard: “the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached” (Luke 7:22). John would have thought of Isaiah’s prophecy concerning the coming Messiah when hearing about these miracles (see Isa. 35:5-6; 61:1; 8:14), and would have known this was the promised Messiah. Jesus then pronounces a blessing on all who are not offended by His teaching, like the Pharisees had been (Matt. 15:12). I propose that this blessing is particularly pronounced on John in this context for remaining steadfast and not falling away despite his suffering (Luke 7:23). However, it is also true for everyone. With the blessing pronounced on John and all who accept Jesus, He began to explain to the crowd who John really was (24-27). He was more than an ordinary person. He was more than a king. He was even more than an ordinary prophet. No one has ever been born greater than John (Luke 7:28). He was sent by God to prepare the way for the coming one who would provide forgiveness of sins and entrance into the kingdom. However, even the least of all those in the kingdom is greater than John. John could only preach about the coming Messiah. All in the kingdom can live with the assurance that the Messiah has come.

-Mike Rogers

Prayer List

Ann Huggins – home from the hospital, NO VISITORS at this time
Kathy Townsend – Judy McCool’s daughter, health problems
David Fulks – Methodist Germantown; serious health problems
Scott Jones – Andy & Delores’ neighbor; health problems
Tristan Long – Ron Teems’ grandson; in St. Jude
Missy Hammond – MHS teacher; health problems

Members with ongoing needs: Laverne Baxter, 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: Tony Hobbs, Donald Ray, Pam Glover, Makayla Bishop, Carla Rogers, Robbie Renfroe, Addley Hodge, Heather Bowner, Jason Elliott, Stan McDevitt, Randy Rhoads, David South Collett family in the loss of their loved one, Shirley Collett.

NURSING HOME
Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

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

NEW ARRIVAL
 Congratulations to *Matt & Mallory Moody* on the birth of a baby boy, *Baker Brooks*! Baker was born on October 20, weighing 10lb 8oz and was 21½ inches long.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE: OCT. 26- NOV. 1
October 26 – Matthew 10-13
October 27 – Matthew 14-17
October 28 – Matthew 18-21
October 29 – Matthew 22-25
October 30 – Matthew 26-28
October 31 – Mark 1-4
November 1 – Mark 5-8

Ladies’ Bible Class: Tuesdays @10AM

Calendar of Events

OCTOBER
27 – Monday Night for the Master, Group 4
29 – Singing Night
30 – The Seasoned Souls Group is invited to the home of Mike & Bonita Rogers, Thursday, October 30 @12:00 for lunch.

NOVEMBER
1 – Fall Festival @ the home of Zach & Claudia Glide-well; 5:00; see below for more info.
2 – Friends & Family Day; *“A Common Love”* with guest speaker *Robby Eversole*; potluck lunch with afternoon service to follow at 12:30
8 – Young adult game night @ the home of David & Heather Keith; babysitting provided by the youth group!
15 – Family Devo @the Wall’s home

YOUTH EVENTS
November 8 – Service Project
November 30 – Singing Devo @McMahan’s home
BIRTHDAYS: OCTOBER 26 – NOVEMBER 1
 10/26 – Coltin Clay; Logan Rimmer
10/28 – P.J. Charnock
10/30 – Jeff Phillips; Brandon Stacks
10/31 – Bill Murray



Carpenter’s Apprentice

Something is afoot at the school I go to in the morning. This morning, the smiles seemed to be a little bit bigger and the stares a tad bit longer. I thought it was just that the kindergarteners were going to the pumpkin patch today, but then one of the boys, grinning said, “I need to tell you something, but my teacher said it was a secret.” “Then you can’t tell me!” I insisted. His smile wavered then came back, “But I really want to!” he pled. “But you can’t. When we are trusted with secrets, we have to keep them. That is what makes them secrets,” I explained, “If it is a secret, you’ll have to wait until it is no longer a secret.” “Please can I just give you a hint?” he tried once more. “NOOOOO!” I laughed, “It’s a secret!” Smiling, he gave me a fist bump and told me to have a great day as he went inside. Now, my suspicions were confirmed. Something was brewing. It was a secret, so I really had no idea what it was, but some of the kids were struggling to keep their lips sealed. It was quite humorous watching them try to control their anticipation and excitement. As I walked through the halls to my bus, I reflected on their excitement to share their good news. Then it dawned on me, I have good news too! Better news! I have THE Good News to share. I then wondered if I am as excited to share what I know as they are to share what they know. Honestly, not always. I am always ready to tell others about Jesus and I always get excited when I am sharing the Good News, but it is very, very rare that I see someone, anyone, and think, “*I wonder do they know. I wonder if they understand, “For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten son.” I wonder do they know the blood of Christ cleanses and washes away ALL sin. Ohh! I just can’t wait to tell them!*” The truth is, even though we know Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and no one enters the kingdom or comes to the Father except through Him (John 10:7,9; 14:6), too often we are more nervous from fear than we are excited about sharing our Good News. Whether it is fear we don’t know enough, or won’t say it right, or maybe fear of rejection, or possibly driving someone away from God, we cannot let fear control the conversation. We are ambassadors for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20). We were not given a spirit of timidity or fear (2 Timothy 1:7). That must have come from Satan, but we have been told to share the Gospel (Mark 16:15; 1 Peter 3:15; 2 Timothy 4:7; Matthew 28:19-20). Best of all, our Good News is not a secret! Paul said he was not ashamed of the gospel, “for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16). “How can they believe in what they have not heard” (Romans 10:14)?

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