

Covington Family News

November 16, 2025

THANKFUL

The elders are thankful for you, and want to honor you with a special feast and time of fellowship together!

Please join us on Sunday, November 30.

We will follow our fifth Sunday worship schedule and share in a catered lunch served by the elders.

Bible Class 9:00

Morning Worship 10:00

Catered Lunch With the Elders 11:00

Afternoon Worship 12:30

If you will be joining us for the lunch, please sign up on the sheet at the Welcome Desk no later than Wednesday, November 26.

Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.

Philippians 1:3 (NLT)



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK 11/16/25 AM Worship Service

Announcements: John Evans
Song Leader: Ken Bringle Jr.
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Benny Collins
Cody Strickland, Jon McCain, Will Thomason, David Keith,
Wesley Fowler, Alan Otts, Myles Benjamin, Beau Phillips

Opening Prayer: Brad Evins
Closing Prayer: Robert Brownlee

Nursery Worker: Leann Maness
Attendance Card Collectors (11/16)
Jaxton Carter, Nolan Carter, Ethan Matlock

Bus Driver (11/16 & 11/19)
Brandon Hanks

November Door Greeters:
Main Lobby Entrance: Brad & Becky Evins
Auditorium Entrance: Breck & Stephanie Beasley

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: Ken Bringle Jr.
Opening Prayer: Hadley Mason
Closing Prayer: Robert Charnock
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Mid-Week Bible Study: November 19

Announcements: John Evans
Song Leader: Ken Bringle Jr.
Closing Prayer: Wayne Dalrymple

Sunday Bible Classes	147
Worship AM	235
PM	127
Wednesday Bible Study	147

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Theresa Terry	Brighton, TN
Gary & Gloria Anderson	Henderson, TN
Andy, Cindy & Dylan Blackwell	Henderson, TN
Lamar Chason	Covington, TN
Virginia Crain	Covington, TN
JoAnn Jenkins	Millington, TN
Michael, Lorie & Joey Plemmons	Drummonds, TN
Kyley Mason	Murfreesboro
Evie Word	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

You Are Essential to God (Matthew 5:13-16)

Sometimes we forget just how important each one of us is to God. Emphasizing the exemplary lives of Christians, Jesus likens them to salt and light (Matt. 5:13ff). Salt and light are two of the most common elements on earth, and Jesus uses these to compliment and challenge us.

He says, “You are the salt of the earth.” Salt was a valuable commodity in Jesus’ day. It was sometimes used as a form of payment for wages, hence the phrase, “worth his salt.” As salt of the earth, Christians are the ones who make life on earth worth anything. Salt gives flavor to food. Job asked, “Can something tasteless be eaten without salt, or is there any taste in the white of an egg?” (Job 6:6). We flavor the lives of the people we meet every day so that life is good. Salt is also used as a preservative. When Jesus says that Christians are the salt of the earth, he is saying that the earth will spoil without our influence. Christians add the preserving nature of God into life on earth—truth, honesty, and integrity. Without Christians exhibiting the characteristics of the beatitudes, the world would have no moral values, and thus would rot just as the world did in Noah’s time. Therefore, when Jesus looked out at his audience and said, “You are the salt of the earth,” He was saying YOU are essential for My purpose.

Many Judean cities were founded on mountain summits. Perhaps Jesus pointed to such a city, saying, “You are the light of the world.” A town built on a mountain top can be seen from great distances, providing travelers with direction. People see your Christian light and thereby are shown the way to peace, joy, and eternal salvation. When we acknowledge that “God is light” (1 John 1:5) and that Jesus said, “I am the light of the world” (John 8:12), we can understand that we are called to reveal to the world who God is through our own character. When we recognize that light dispels darkness and that darkness is frequently used as a metaphor for sin, we understand that Christians are called to dispel the world of sin. So, Jesus says, “Let your light shine before men so they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” By letting our Christian light shine, we show the world how to draw near to God.

Christians make the world a better place. It is not the politicians and lobbyists. It is not the ACLU or NOW. It is not even Wal-Mart. It is people like you and me, the ordinary Christian, who make a difference in the world in which we live. Rest assured, you are essential to God.

-Mike Rogers

Prayer List

April Burch – Robin Higgins’ niece; heart problems

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

Loved ones to remember: Ellis Conley, Robbie Renfroe, Tristan Long, Scott Jones, Kathy Townsend, Tony Hobbs, Addley Hodge

NURSING HOME
Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

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

SYMPATHY
Our deepest sympathy goes out to *Oscar Williams* in the death of his brother, Willie Williams. The funeral for Mr. Williams will be Sunday, November 16 @ 2:00 at the Greenleaf Community Church in Mason, TN.



HOLIDAY SEASON

MID-WEEK

SERVICE SCHEDULE:

Thanksgiving week:
Tuesday 11/25 @7:00

Christmas week:
Tuesday 12/23 @7:00

New Year’s Eve:
Wednesday 12/31 @7:00

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE: NOV. 16 – 22
November 16 – Acts 5-8
November 17 – Acts 9-12
November 18 – Acts 13-16
November 19 – Acts 17-20
November 20 – Acts 21-24
November 21 – Acts 25-28
November 22 – Romans 1-4

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER
15 – Birthday Party @ Magnolia Creek Nursing Home
15 – Family Devo @ the Wall’s home, 5:00
16 – Devotional @ Covington Care, 3:00
17 - Monday Night for the Master, Groups 3&4
25 – Midweek Service in Song (*Tuesday*)
30 – Fifth Sunday Schedule/ catered lunch

YOUTH EVENTS
November 30 – Singing Devo @ the McMahan’s home;
meet at the building @4:30 to ride out together

LOOKING AHEAD
December 4 - Senior Saints Banquet
December 12 – Movie & Ornament Night

BIRTHDAYS: NOVEMBER 16-22
 11/17 – Margie Crews
11/20 – Jan Hanks
11/22 – Albert Cates

ANNIVERSARIES: NOVEMBER 16-22
11/16 – Bryce & Lauren Mosley
11/18 – Craig & Teri Robinson





family
DEVOTIONAL

*At the home of
Terry & Karen Wall*

November 15th @ 5:00
Please bring:
Lawn chairs &
Hand-held desserts (cookies,
brownies, bars, bite-size
treats, etc.)

Carpenter’s Apprentice

My great uncle Clinton Gooch was a baker in the Navy. I have a little notebook he undoubtedly kept on him with different recipes to feed large numbers of sailors at one time. The recipe for Navy Bread calls for 100 pounds of flour! Another recipe, after listing all the ingredients, says at the bottom, “about 900 rations.” As I look at the recipes, I can’t help but notice very often it is just a list of ingredients. How you combine them and the time and temperature to cook them are missing. It appears he knew what those were - either instinctively, or he’d done it so many times, he just knew. If you have ever watched the British Baking Show, cooking from these lists must be a lot like the technical challenge where every baker gets the exact same ingredients and time limit for cooking, but things are left out of the instructions. It may be the cooking temperature or the length of time to let it rise or rest before proceeding. One thing is for sure- without knowing all the facts about time, temperature, and process, despite having the same ingredients, the outcomes are always different. The winner of the technical challenge is usually the one who has the most experience in the kitchen – or at least the right experiences. Imagine every day having to put together a meal from leftovers. Most would scoff at the idea. That is why we plan meals and make lists at the grocery store, right? Yet there are still days when the cupboard and refrigerator have more in them than your wallet, bank account, and available credit combined, and someone has to come up with something! From experience, I can tell you my wife is very good at this and the more you have to do it, the better you get at it. However, I think we can all agree, if the situation can be avoided (and sometimes it can’t) or maybe if there were better planning and budgeting, we’d never have to scrounge and create to find something to fill our bellies.

When it comes right down to it, the Bible is a recipe for how to live rightly. Complete with examples of those who didn’t follow the directions and those who did, the Bible tells us everything we need to know about life and living the way God intended for us to live (2 Peter 1:3). Just because a recipe doesn’t turn out right one time, doesn’t mean we stop cooking or change recipes. Among the examples we have in the Bible, there are examples of good people who made mistakes, like David (2 Samuel 11), Moses (Numbers 20:8-12) and Saul (Acts 9:4); good people who just needed to be reminded to go back and look at the recipe a little closer. His plan for us - His recipe for us - is not an impossible feat (Hebrews 11). We just need to make up our minds and follow the recipe and keep cooking (Hebrews 12:1).

-jeff