

Covington Family News

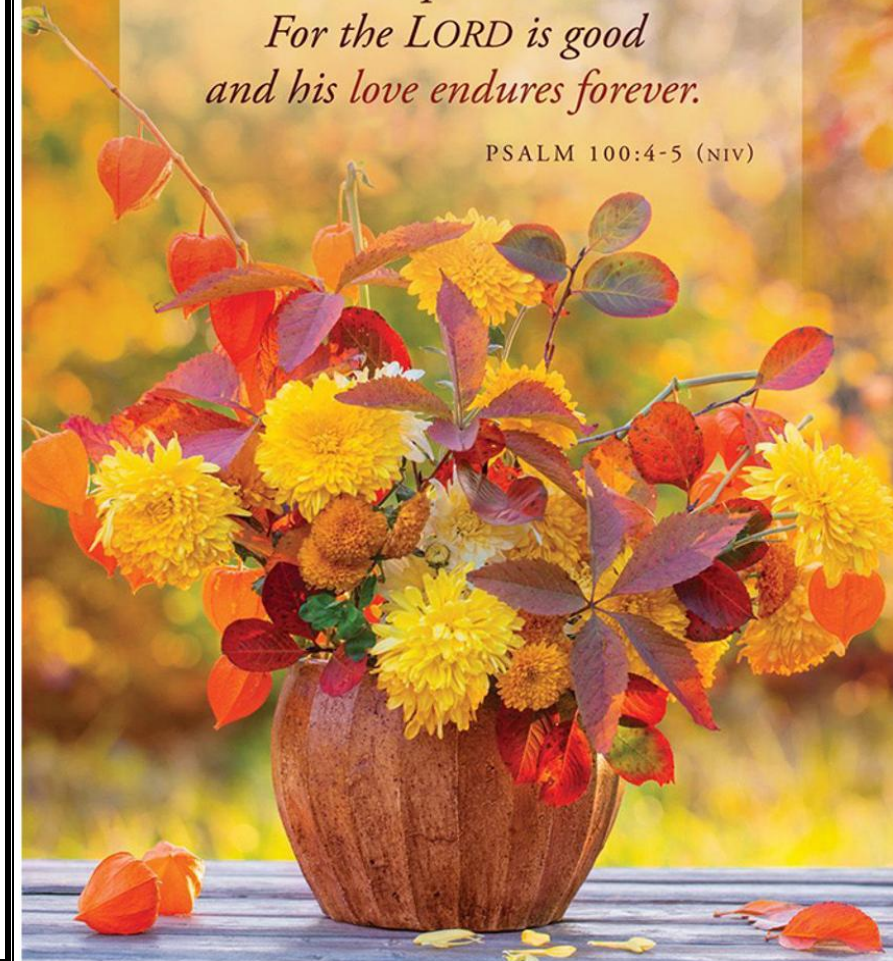
November 23, 2025

Give Thanks

to him and praise his name.

*For the LORD is good
and his love endures forever.*

PSALM 100:4-5 (NIV)



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK 11/23/25 AM Worship Service

Announcements: John Evans
Song Leader: Jeff Phillips
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

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

Opening Prayer: Breck Beasley
Closing Prayer: Jon McCain

Nursery Worker: Mandy Billings

Attendance Card Collectors (11/23)

Tyler Bringle, Dayton Maness, Beau Glidewell

Bus Driver (11/23 & 11/25)

Terry Wall

November Door Greeters:

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

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: Jeff Phillips
Opening Prayer: Jimmy McMahan
Closing Prayer: Reid McMahan
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Mid-Week Bible Study: Tuesday, November 25

Announcements: John Evans

*Devotional thoughts, scriptures & songs
from men in the congregation*

Sunday Bible Classes	144
Worship AM	213
PM	92
Wednesday Bible Study	154

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Virginia Crain	Covington, TN
Roethlisberg family	Atoka, TN
Miller family	Bowling Green, KY
Olean Anderson	Covington, 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

We Can Win! Hebrews 12:1-3

In your pursuit of spiritual maturity, do you ever feel tired of working hard to improve? Are you tempted to accept mediocrity? Do you get tired of hearing how great Jesus is and how we should be like Him? Are you ever tempted to neglect your salvation? Do you ever feel that it wouldn’t hurt to miss a worship service once? If you ever get these feelings, you are not alone. The letter to the Hebrews was written to folks just like this. They had “become dull of hearing” about how great a high priest Jesus was (Heb. 5:11-14). They were neglecting their “great salvation” in Christ (Heb. 2:3). They were “forsaking the assembling together” (Heb. 10:25). But the Hebrews writer offers us hope even in our weak moments: he tells us that “God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love” (Heb. 6:10). He says that even though we are tired and lax, we can “press on to maturity” (Heb. 6:1). The Hebrews writer gives us examples of people who had weak moments but were called faithful (see Heb. 11): Abraham, who lied to protect himself and his wife; Moses, who argued with God; David, who committed adultery; Sarah, who laughed at God; Rahab, who was a prostitute; and others. The emphatic message in 12:1-3 is that these people are shouting with confidence, “You can win too.” You are not alone (v. 1). The setting of Hebrews 12:1-3 is a picture of a massive coliseum surrounded by cheering fans. “So great a cloud of witnesses” implies that we have a tremendous number of people who have already won, cheering us on to victory. They are screaming, “You can do it! You can win!”

The writer encourages us to remove the weight (v. 1). The event depicted by the language is a race (v. 1c). Those who trained for a race often wore weights, but when the race began, they would remove the weights so they could run freely. We, too, are in a race. We train for our race every time we assemble with the saints, read and meditate on God’s word, and spend time in prayer. When we go into the world, we must remove sin from our lives. Sin will cause us to lose focus, trip us up, and prevent us from finishing the race. We must remove anything that hinders us, anything that holds us back—confusion, doubt, burdens, hardships—anything that causes us to lose focus.

Finally, the writer says to “fix your eyes on Jesus” (v. 2), as our example and our goal. Jesus pioneered the way for us to be victorious (Heb. 2:10). He is also where we want to be! The writer's point is that we can overcome and win this race.

-Mike Rogers

Prayer List


PJ Charnock – surgery on Thursday, 11/20
Kay Gatlin – hospitalized with serious health problems
Katie Merritt – health problems & upcoming tests
Emily Armstrong – Susan Mason’s cousin; fell and broke her hip
Jason Elliott – Brenda Mason’s son-in-law; traveling to Mayo Clinic this week
Lyncoln Copeland – Rita Benjamin’s great-niece; health problems & upcoming tests at Le Bonheur
Jenny Garcia – Joyce Scott’s step-niece; stage 4 cancer
Anderson Flake – Joyce Scott’s 2-year-old family member; recovering from surgery at Le Bonheur

Members with ongoing needs: Laverne Baxter, David Fulks, 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: April Burch, Ellis Conley, Robbie Renfro, 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

NEW ARRIVAL
 Congratulations to *Ben & Chelsea Evans* on the birth of a baby girl, *Emery LouAnn!* Emery was born on November 17, weighing 7lb 14oz and was 19½ inches long.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE: NOV. 23 – 29
November 23 – Romans 5-8
November 24 – Romans 9-12
November 25 – Romans 13-16
November 26 – I Corinthians 1-4
November 27 – I Corinthians 5-8
November 28 – I Corinthians 9-12
November 29 – I Corinthians 13-16



Ladies’ Bible Class: Tuesdays @10AM

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER
25 – Midweek Service in Song (*Tuesday*)
30 – Fifth Sunday Schedule/ catered lunch




Everyone is invited to join us next Sunday, November 30 for a catered lunch served by the elders. We are truly thankful for each and every member of the Covington congregation and want to share that thankfulness together. Please sign up for the meal at the Welcome Desk no later than November 26 so we can know how much food is needed. The schedule for Sunday, November 30 is:

 9:00 Bible Class 
10:00 Morning Worship
11:00 Catered Lunch
12:30 Afternoon Worship

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 23-29
 11/23 – Katie Merritt
11/24 – Melea Edmonds, Ellie Hoffman
11/25 – Ethan Matlock
11/26 – Kelley Melton
11/27 – Charlene Dalrymple
11/28 – Braxton Brown

ANNIVERSARIES: NOVEMBER 23-29
11/24 – Brad & Becky Evins 

Carpenter’s Apprentice

The asterisk (*) is used in writing as a reference mark, usually indicating there is more to the story. On food labels, it appears close to the top of the nutrition guide above the column labeled “% Daily Values.” The asterisk usually directs us to the bottom of the page where there is a footnote telling us more information. In this case, that the percentage is based on a 2,000-calorie diet. In sports records, the asterisk again directs us to more information indicating there is more to know regarding the record or the record holder: maybe the athlete was on a performance enhancing drug, or maybe the season was longer or possibly cut short. Last week, I asked a group of college students what an asterisk meant, and one exclaimed, “It means read the fine print!” Pharmaceuticals, lawyers, politicians and other shysters encourage us *not* to read the fine print and just trust them. “But this drug you said would take away the pain from my paper cut gave me terminal cancer!” “Well, I guess you should have read the fine print. It plainly says, ‘If this product causes you death, discontinue taking it and call your physician.’” We are all too familiar with the fine print, but most of us ignore the asterisk and the fine print, deeming it to be a bunch of ‘mumbo jumbo’ or legalese not pertinent to our situation – until it is, but then – it’s too late.

My question is: Is there “fine print” in the Bible? My answer is: No, but. No, there is no fine print in the inspired word of God. “All Scripture is inspired* by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16). It is ALL inspired*, ALL profitable, and available for ALL to read and understand. The “but” in my answer comes because sometimes we do not read it all. Instead, we trust others to read it for us and tell us what it means. Effectively creating “small print” sections of the Bible we view as spiritual, because it comes from the Bible, but not really concerning – until it is – when it may be too late.

Matthew 7:21-23 is a great example of those that thought they were informed, until they found out, too late, they were *not* informed. Paraphrasing, He starts with, not everyone who thinks they are going to heaven is going. Then Jesus points out that some are incredulous and offer their record of good works only to hear Him say, “I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS” (Matthew 7:23). “But ...” But you didn’t read what I left for you to read and therefore you missed the point, missed the instruction, and therefore failed to obey. Do you know what saves you? James 1:21 says, “Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.” Pick up a copy of the bulletin next week as we examine this “fine print” – before it is too late.

*The Greek word translated inspired here, literally means “God-breathed.”