

Covington Family News
November 30, 2025

Adult Winter Bible Classes begin Wednesday, December 3. Please sign up for your Sunday and Wednesday classes, and plan to be at every Bible class meeting!

Wednesday

Challenge: To Make Us Better – studies in Malachi

Teacher: Michael Wyatt (Auditorium)

Philippians

Teacher: Hadley Mason (Classroom 2)

Young Adult Class

Teachers: Jedidiah/Beau/Cody (Fellowship Room)

Sunday

How to Survive the Storms of Life

Teacher: LeRoy Finto (Auditorium)

Romans, continued

Teacher: David Keith (Classroom 2)

Studies in Genesis, continued

(Ladies' Class - Classroom 3)

Teacher: Heather Keith

Young Adult Class

Teachers: Jedidiah/Beau/Cody (Fellowship Room)



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for the Glory of God

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SERVING THIS WEEK 11/30/25 AM Worship Service

Announcements: John Evans
Song Leader: John Combs
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: Craig Robinson
Closing Prayer: Robert Trimm

Nursery Worker: Kristine Bringle
Attendance Card Collectors (11/30)
Eli Charnock, Noah Charnock, August Charnock

Bus Driver (11/30 & 12/3)

Luke McMahan

November Door Greeters:

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

Afternoon Worship Service

Song Leader: John Combs
Opening Prayer: Ron Teems
Closing Prayer: Brandon Stacks
Sermon: Jeff Phillips

Mid-Week Bible Study December 3

Announcements: Brad Evins
Song Leader: John Combs
Closing Prayer: Landon Bringle

Table with 2 columns: Class Name, Count. Rows: Sunday Bible Classes (133), Worship AM (231), PM (110), Wednesday Bible Study (150).

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Table with 2 columns: Visitor Name, Location. Rows: Roethlisberg family (Atoka, TN), Abbi Nicks (Obion, TN), Alexis Armstrong (Atoka, TN), JoAnn Jenkins (Millington, TN), Plemmons family (Drummonds, TN), Dianne Scott (Covington, TN), Rusty Kennedy family (Boonville, MO).

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1690 Highway 51 South – PO Box 9
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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

Living With a Thankful Heart – I Thess. 5:18
"In everything give thanks" is written as a Greek imperative, which means that “giving thanks” is not simply a suggestion or a good thing to do. It is commanded. The phrase "in everything" has to be understood in light of the imperative that we are commanded to “give thanks” not in some things, but in everything. Also, the idea of “everything” should be understood as “in every situation.” This means that our gratitude is not determined by our circumstances, but is to be present during them (cf. James 1:2). It does not mean we are thankful for evil or tragic events themselves. Yet, when we are struggling or going through hard times, we still look for reasons to thank God.

Paul does not simply give us a command. He gives us the reason for the command: "for this is God’s will for you." This reason causes us to focus on God rather than ourselves. Ingratitude is often rooted in pride and self-pity, focusing on our situation and what we don’t have rather than on the blessings we have “in Christ Jesus.” We give thanks, not only because this is God’s will, but because we are “in Christ Jesus.” Being in Christ reminds us of all the blessings that are ours as Christians. Consider that we have access to peace, grace, and hope, even in tribulation, in Christ (Rom. 5:1-5).

God would never give us a command that we could not keep. Therefore, being thankful in every situation may not be easy, but it is possible. We can cultivate thankful hearts by growing in our knowledge, understanding, and application of God’s will. No doubt this will require some spiritual discipline, but we can do it. Being thankful is God’s command for us, but it is still our choice. We must learn to choose to respond with thankfulness in every situation. The more we act thankful, the more commonplace it will become. One of the ways we can cultivate thankful hearts is through devoted worship. This is not just going through the motions, but singing from the heart, engaging our hearts in taking the Lord’s Supper, and looking for ways to apply the lessons taught. Prayer is another way we cultivate thankful hearts—not just at the dinner table, but constantly (1 Thess. 5:17). One cannot maintain a prayerful heart without giving thanks. Also, never quit. Remember whose you are, and what He offers (Phil. 4:10-13). Finally, stay positive. Always be ready to recognize negative thoughts and stop grumbling and complaining. Nothing can intercept a thankful heart more than negative thinking (see Phil. 4:8).

Living with a thankful heart may not change our circumstances, but it will change our perspective. - Mike Rogers

Prayer List

Kay Gatlin – home on hospice care
Teresa Stacks – health problems

Members with ongoing needs: PJ Charnock, Katie Merritt, 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: Anderson Flake, Jenny Garcia, Lincoln Copeland, Jason Elliott, Emily Armstrong, April Burch, Ellis Conley, Robbie Renfroe, Tristan Long, Kathy Townsend, Tony Hobbs, Addley Hodge

NURSING HOME
Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

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



The schedule for Sunday, November 30 is:

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

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE: NOV. 30-DEC. 6
November 30 – II Corinthians 1-4
December 1 – II Corinthians 5-8
December 2 – II Corinthians 9-12
December 3 – II Corinthians 13-Gal. 3
December 4 – Galatians 4-6
December 5 – Ephesians 1-3
December 6 – Ephesians 4-6

Ladies’ Bible Class: Tuesdays @10AM

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER
1 – Monday Night for the Master, Group 1
3 – Winter Quarter Wed. classes begin (*adults*)
4 – Senior Saints Banquet, 6:00; please sign up at the Welcome Desk if you are attending
7 – Winter Quarter Sun. classes begin (*everyone*)
8 – Monday Night for the Master, Group 2
12 – Movie & Ornament Night, 6:00: parents are welcome to join in or drop off children; dinner will be served
15 – Monday Night for the Master, Groups 3&4
20 – Birthday Party @ Magnolia Creek; 2:00
21 – Devotional @ Covington Care; 3:00



We have “adopted” three children through the Carl Perkins Center to gift this year for Christmas. Wish lists are posted in the hall leading to the fellowship room. Please help bring some Christmas joy for these kids! All gift items need to be in the marked boxes, UNWRAPPED, by *Wednesday, December 3.*

YOUTH EVENTS
November 30 – Singing Devo @the McMahan’s home; meet at the building @4:30 to ride out together
December 4 – Senior Saints Banquet; 6:00
14 – Devo
18 – EU Registration Due

BIRTHDAYS: NOV. 30-DEC. 6
11/30 – Robert Charnock, Steven Crews
12/2 – Joshua Evins
12/3 – Lorie Liles, Teri Robinson
12/4 – Pat Armstrong, Wendell Hall
12/6 – Chloe Glidewell

ANNIVERSARIES: NOV. 30-DEC. 6
12/4 – George & Paulette Watkins
12/5 – Wendell & Lesa Hall, Michael & Leslie Howard, James & Elaine Watkins
12/6 – Michael & Susie Wyatt



Carpenter’s Apprentice

Last week we talked about the asterisk. It came about because I was recently assigned the topic of “Jesus Saves Us from Death.” As I studied the topic, I began to see and understand this topic really needed an asterisk behind it. It is true that Jesus saves us from death. From the very beginning when Eve was deceived by Satan (*tempted by her own desire*, Genesis 3:6; James 1:14-15), a sacrifice and the spilling of blood was necessary to cover or atone for the sin (Genesis 3:21). Isaiah 59:1-2 tells us sin separates us from God making atonement necessary, and the blood of Christ covers that sin (Ephesians 1:7). In fact, Ephesians 2:13 goes on to tell us, “But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” Hence, the blood of Christ actually removes the separation in Isaiah 59:2! Much of the religious world says all you have to do is believe this, and Christ’s blood does its magic. A popular go-to verse is Ephesians 2:8-9, “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.” The emphasis is always on grace and the gift of God, stressing one cannot earn salvation. Baptism is often rejected or even left out of the salvation equation because it is a work. People say, “I got saved,” or “I have been saved,” but there is no change in life or no difference in living or in their focus. Paul directly refutes this lack of life change in Romans 6:1-2, “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?” This was understood by the early Christians as evidenced in I Corinthians 6:11, when after explaining a list of behaviors that keep folks out of heaven, he told the church, “such were some of you.” The obvious implication is – not anymore. Faith brought about change. The change is not what saves but is evidence of our faith and where our hearts are (Matthew 15:19). John says it like this, “If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:6-7). Walking in the light is obedience to the word of God and likely a reason James wrote, “Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.” Obedience does not replace or supersede grace; it is simply evidence of God’s grace. Jesus explained to Nicodemus where obedience begins and thus salvation (John 3:5).

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