

Covington Family News

November 9, 2025

Therefore
I SAY TO YOU,
her sins,
which are many,
ARE FORGIVEN,
FOR SHE LOVED MUCH.
But to whom little is forgiven,
the same loves little.

LUKE 7:47 NKJV



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for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK 11/9/25 AM Worship Service

Announcements: John Evans
Song Leader: Michael Wyatt
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Jon McCain
Cody Strickland, Wayne Dalrymple, Will Thomason, David Keith,
Wesley Fowler, Alan Otts, Myles Benjamin, Beau Phillips
Opening Prayer: John Combs
Closing Prayer: Donnie Benjamin
Nursery Worker: Brandy Brown
Attendance Card Collectors (11/9)
Levi Teems, Houston Davis, Kyle McCain

Bus Driver (11/9 & 11/12)

Grant Edmonds

November Door Greeters:

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

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: Michael Wyatt
Opening Prayer: Ken Bringle Jr.
Closing Prayer: Clint Stacks
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Mid-Week Bible Study: November 12

Announcements: John Evans
Song Leader: Michael Wyatt
Closing Prayer: Andy Whaley

Sunday Bible Classes	173
Worship AM	244
PM	119
Wednesday Bible Study	131

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Theresa Terry	Brighton, TN
Dianne Scott	Covington, TN
Glinda Hayman	Covington, TN
Sebastian Wallace	Drummonds, TN
Inez Bennett	Hickory, KY
Rosemary Hadley	Covington, TN
Sandra Terry	Atoka, TN
Misti, Lydia & Isaiah Elliott	Henderson, TN
Brandon & Merdith Beegle	Millington, TN
Bill & Rhonda Dawkins	Millington, 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

Love and Forgiveness, Continued (Luke 7:36-50; Reread last week’s article)

With a condescending expression, Simon thought, “If this man were a prophet, He would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner” (Luke 7:39). According to rabbinic tradition, to be touched by a sinful woman made one ceremonially unclean. Simon did not realize that Jesus knew who she was and what she had been. Jesus also knew who and what Simon was and was about to expose him to everyone present. Knowing Simon’s thoughts, “Jesus answered him, ‘Simon, I have something to say to you’” (Luke 7:40a). One can almost hear the sarcasm as Simon says, “Teacher, say it” (Luke 7:40b). Jesus then told a short and simple parable: “A moneylender had two debtors: one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both” (Luke 7:41, 42a NASB). Jesus then turned to Simon and asked, “So which of them will love him more?” (Luke 7:42b). You can almost hear the contempt as Simon answers, “I suppose the one whom he forgave more” (Luke 7:43a). Jesus said to him, “You have judged correctly” (Luke 7:43b). Turning to the woman, Jesus asked Simon, “Do you see this woman?” (Luke 7:44a). Simon was looking at her but had not seen her. His eyes had been so full of what she had been that he could not see her for what she had become. Jesus continued, “I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet. You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume” (Luke 7:44b-46). Jesus then applied the story He had told: “For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little” (Luke 7:47). The parable does not deal with the amount of sin in a person’s life but the awareness and guilt that sin produces in one’s heart. The woman was keenly aware of her sin. This is evident by her expressions of gratitude. In contrast, Simon had no awareness of his sin and felt no guilt. Christ then spoke directly to the woman for the first time: “Your sins have been forgiven” (7:48). Ignoring the others’ ridicule and unbelief, Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace” (Luke 7:50). Jesus may be telling the woman to enter into a peace of mind she had never known” (cf. Phil. 4:7).

-Mike Rogers

Prayer List

David Fulks – serious health issues
Ellis Conley – Kelly Melton’s great grandson; LeBonheur NICU, recovering from heart surgery
Kay Gatlin – struggling with health issues
Laverne Baxter – moving to in-home rehab; staying with family

Members with ongoing needs: 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: Robbie Renfroe, Tristan Long, Scott Jones, Kathy Townsend, Tony Hobbs, Donald Ray, Pam Glover, Addley Hodge, Heather Bowner, Stan McDevitt, Randy Rhoads

NURSING HOME
Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

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

RESPONSE
Brandon Matlock responded Sunday afternoon asking for the forgiveness of the church and for prayers for himself and his family. Please lift up our dear brother and the entire Matlock family.

BAPTISMS
Praise God! *Eason Robinson* was baptized on Thursday, October 30, and on Sunday, November 2, *Lauren Wall* was also baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of sins. Please welcome our new brother and sister in Christ and help them along the way as they begin their new walk with the Lord.

CONGRATULATIONS

 Best wishes and much love to *Ron Teems and Judy Dunaway* who were united in marriage on Monday, November 3!
May you share a joyous life together!

Ladies’ Bible Class: Tuesdays @10AM

Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER
8 – Young adult game night @ the home of David & Heather Keith; 5:30; Bring finger foods and snacks - babysitting provided by the HS youth group at the home of Jeff & Jennifer Phillips! (*drop-off any time after 5:00*)
10 - Monday Night for the Master, Group 2
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*)

YOUTH EVENTS
November 8 – High School Service Project; babysitting
November 30 – Singing Devo @ the McMahan’s home

BIRTHDAYS: NOVEMBER 9 - 15

 11/9 – Faye Shankle
11/10 – Debbie Otts
11/11 – Brock McMahan
11/12 – Frank Brown
11/13 – Heath Hoffman
11/14 – Joyce Finto
11/15 – Ben Evans, Barbara Johnson, Michelle Nowak

ANNIVERSARIES: NOVEMBER 9 – 15 

11/9 – Chris & Trudy Max

BABY SHOWER

 Ladies – you are invited to a baby girl shower honoring *Ben and Chelsea Evans* in the church foyer on Sunday, November 9 @2:00. The family is registered at Amazon.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE: NOV. 9 - 15
November 9 – Luke 21-24
November 10 – John 1-4
November 11 – John 5-8
November 12 – John 9-12
November 13 – John 13-16
November 14 – John 17-21
November 15 – Acts 1-4

Carpenter’s Apprentice

In archery we teach “Eleven Steps to Archery Success.” It is a process. Much like a successful business model, if an archer follows and masters each step of the process, he will find himself a competent shooter. No step is more important than another. The most important step is the one you are currently engaged in, but every step is important. Some archers, as they grow in the sport, will add steps to their shot process and others might combine a few steps, but all great archers complete their own individual process each time they release an arrow. You may have heard the definition of insanity described as, “Doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” In archery, we say it a little differently- “You can’t expect the same result on every shot if you are doing something different every time.” Great scores don’t happen by accident; they are the result of carefully repeating the same process throughout a tournament. They are intentional.

The Bible describes a process for living throughout its pages. The Ten Commandments did a pretty good job of summing up the process for Godly living and in Deuteronomy, Moses told the people not to forget God, and talk of him constantly to their children (Deuteronomy 6). In other words, teach them the process. Model the process by putting into practice the principles taught. Daniel demonstrated how to put God first even in captivity (Daniel 1:8-12). Jesus himself showed us how to resist temptation with the use of scripture in Matthew 4. Again, in Matthew, Jesus repeats the Old Testament command to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind, adding we should also love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:37-40). Paul in his letters lists several pitfalls and unrepentant sins that would keep us out of heaven (1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19) and then gives a pretty good process to follow to withstand Satan and his minions as we put on the full armor of God (Ephesians 6:10ff). Peter adds to the process of Chrisitan living in 2 Peter 1:5-10, going so far as to say if we practice the things he listed, we would “never stumble.” But there are so many things pulling our attention away from the process. It is important to remember, despite the storm brewing around us, actually or metaphorically, the process is the same. A strong foundation is still necessary. Proper hand placement is still required. We anchor in the same spot regardless, but too often we are distracted by the peripheral. Steps are skipped or half-heartedly completed, failing to get our full attention and focus. Not surprisingly, we miss our target. We often change one step in an effort to improve, rather than concentrating on the whole process. But life is really just a collection of processes and the Word of God gives us guidance in each (2 Peter 1:3). No matter the situation, or the circumstance surrounding it, the Bible shows us how to be straight shooters.

-jeff