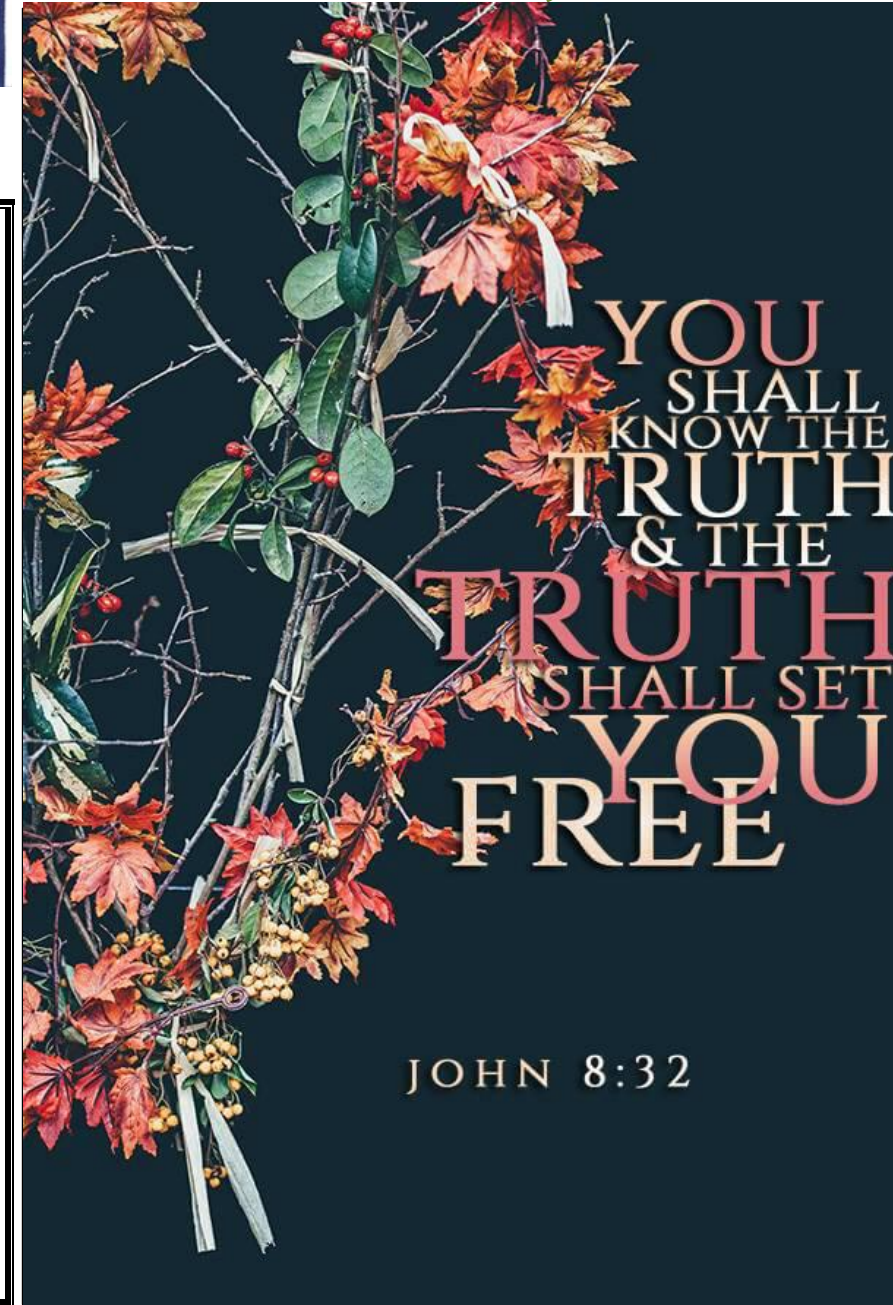


Covington Family News

December 14, 2025



SHEPHERDS
Wayne Dalrymple 901- 573-3908
David Keith 901- 430-3940
Andy Whaley 901- 626-2911
Mike Rogers 901- 229-4305

DEACONS
Ken Bringle Jr.
J.J. Brown
Benny Collins
Brad Evins
Brandon Matlock
Jon McCain
Alan Otts
Craig Robinson
David Stewart
Robert Trimm

PULPIT MINISTER
Mike Rogers 901-476-9269
Cell # 901-229-4305
E-mail
mrogers@covingtoncofc.com

ASSOCIATE MINISTER
Jeff Phillips
Cell # 901-233-9495
E-mail
rjphillips@covingtoncofc.com

OFFICE
901-476-8278
E-mail
covingtoncofc@gmail.com
Website
www.covingtoncofc.com
Office hours: M-F, 9AM-2PM

SERVING THIS WEEK 12/14/25 AM Worship Service

Announcements: Brad Evins
Song Leader: Robert Charnock
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Bill Murray
John Combs, Chris Huggins, Cody Strickland, Reid McMahan,
Ken Mason, Will Thomason, Landon Bringle, Ken Bringle Jr.

Opening Prayer: Michael Wyatt
Closing Prayer: Jimmy McMahan

Nursery Worker: Leslie Howard
Attendance Card Collectors (12/14)
Jaxton Carter, Nolan Carter, Ethan Matlock

Bus Driver (12/14 & 12/17)
Beau Phillips

November Door Greeters:
Main Lobby Entrance: Richard & Elaine Shankle
Auditorium Entrance: Michael & Susie Wyatt

Evening Worship Service

Song Leader: Robert Charnock
Opening Prayer: Wayne Dalrymple
Closing Prayer: Clint Stacks
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Mid-Week Bible Study December 17

Announcements: Brad Evins
Song Leader: Nick Maness
Closing Prayer: David Keith

Sunday Bible Classes	159
Worship AM	222
PM	112
Wednesday Bible Study	145

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Roethlisberg family	Atoka, TN
Stavrum family	Atoka, TN
Dianne Scott	Covington, TN
Glinda Hayman	Covington, TN

Covington Church of Christ
1690 Highway 51 South – PO Box 9
Covington, TN 38019

Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

Bible Classes 9:00AM
Worship 10:00AM & 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Mike's Message

Sins That Crucified Jesus

As a Christian studies the crucifixion of Christ and the events that surround it, he sees many sins worthy of punishment, but Jesus was guilty of none of them. There was the sin of hatred—“They hated Me without cause” (John 15:25). There was the sin of envy—“For envy they had delivered Him” (Matt. 27:18). There was the sin of lying—“For many were giving false testimony against Him” (Mark 14:56). There was the sin of the love of money—“Judas Iscariot went to the chief priests and said, ‘What are you willing to give me to betray Him to you’” (Matt. 26:14b, 15a).

Additionally, there were the sins of ignorance and indifference. The sin of ignorance is noted when Peter charged the people on Pentecost, “And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers did also” (Acts 3:17). Paul further charges, “For had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory” (1 Cor. 2:8). Jesus confirms their ignorance, saying, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing” (Luke 23:34). Ignorance is not an excuse for disobedience because Paul declared, “In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent” (Acts 17:30 NIV). Furthermore, Jesus said, “If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin” (John 15:22). No one can be justified when standing before the judgment seat of Christ, saying, “I didn’t know” (see 2 Cor. 5:10).

Herod was guilty of the sin of indifference. He only wanted to see a miracle (Luke 23:8). He cared nothing about the guilt or innocence of Jesus. Pilate only wanted to avoid a riot. The truth was not important to him (John 18:38). Jesus tells us that truth is essential because only truth can sanctify us (John 17:17). Further, Jesus says, “the truth will make you free” (John 8:32b). Jesus also tells us that God’s “word is truth” (John 17:17). Therefore, it matters how one is saved. It also matters how one worships because the word of God says, “God is Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). Do not let the sin of indifference rob you of salvation.

Many sins crucified Christ, and most of them are apparent, but the two we concentrated on are often overlooked even today. We sometimes become content in our ignorance and allow someone else to tell us what God desires of us. But Jesus says, “The word I spoke will judge you in the last day” (John 12:48). We sometimes become settled in our indifference and neglect the truth. Jesus has plainly stated, “truth will set you free” (John 8:32).

May we never allow the sins of ignorance or indifference to cost us our souls. Think about it!

-Mike Rogers

Prayer List

Kathy Townsend; Judy McCool’s daughter; recovering from surgery
Steven Crews – health concerns

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

Loved ones to remember: Anderson Flake, Jenny Garcia, Lyncoln Copeland, Jason Elliott, Tony Hobbs, Addley Hodge

NURSING HOME

Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

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

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of our dear sister, *Kay Gatlin*. Kay passed away at home on December 6. Please keep the Gatlin and Phillips’ families in your prayers in this time of loss.

*The Tuesday morning Ladies’ Bible Class
will take a brief holiday break.*

*The next meeting will be
January 6 @10:00.*



BIBLE READING SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 14-20

December 14 – Titus 1-Philemon

December 15 – Hebrews 1-4

December 16 – Hebrews 5-8

December 17 – Hebrews 9-13

December 18 – James 1-3

December 19 – James 4-5

December 20 – I Peter 1-3

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

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
23 – *Tuesday Night* service
31 – Wednesday Night Service in Song; New Year’s Eve Fellowship

**Sign up on the church Facebook page to attend the
Wednesday night dinner. See you Wed. Night @ 6:00!**

YOUTH EVENTS

12 – Movie & Ornament Night, 6:00

14 – Devo


18 – EU Registration Due

➡ If you would like to host a

youth devo in your home in 2026,

please see Jeff to pick your date.

BIRTHDAYS: DECEMBER 14-20

 12/14 – Allison McCain
12/15 – Mary Isome-Newman
12/17 – Kaiden Hanks, Emma Matlock

ANNIVERSARIES: DECEMBER 14-20

12/15 – Robbie & Genie Renfroe



happy new year

Everyone is invited to stay after the evening service on
Wednesday, December 31 for a New Year’s Eve
night of fellowship! Please bring games and snacks of all
kinds, and stay to ring in the new year together.



Carpenter’s Apprentice

Andy Williams sings, “It’s the most wonderful time of the year!” The fact is, he is telling the truth. Despite the over-commercialization of the season and various religious misconceptions, it cannot be denied. While the media reports stories of Black Friday fights and rampant greed, there is far more benevolence during the Christmas season than any other time of the year. <https://nonprofitssource.com/online-giving-statistics/> reported 30% of annual giving occurs during December - 10% in the last three days of the year. By the way, that is 30% of \$471.44 billion and that doesn’t count unreported contributions. Admittedly, there are reasons for giving at the end of the year other than just spreading good cheer and being nice, but generally, the giving is for charitable not taxable reasons! Furthermore, much of the giving is unreported to the survey takers. For instance, the Lord’s church at Covington made sure 9 kids had Christmas this year. I heard a story of a man who received a \$200 tip and passed it on to a needy person in the Walmart parking lot! It’s not likely the tip would have been given or passed on if it were not for this time of the year. It’s not just money either. How many times have you heard and said, “Merry Christmas”? “Merry Christmas” is synonymous with “Have a good day” and not just one day but the whole Christmas season. Now think back. How many times do you hear, “Good morning! Have a nice day” during the rest of the year? How many times do you say, “Have a nice day”? In general, people are happier this time of year and it shows in their giving. This week I want to encourage you to get in the mood of the season. Say “Merry Christmas” or “Happy Holidays” or whatever it is that brightens people’s day and makes others smile. After you get in the mood of spreading joy and cheer, stay in the mood. Choose happy. We are Christians. James 1:22 says, “But prove yourselves doers of the word and not merely hearers who delude themselves” and verse 25 adds we need to be effectual doers not forgetful hearers. Since there was no Christmas season when James wrote, it could not have meant just during the Christmas season. James will go on to write, “Whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin” (James 4:17). You know it is the right thing to do. Spread the love of Christ. Share the Good News. Let’s be ambassadors for Christ all year long - not just when everyone else is doing it. “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you” (Philippians 4:8-9).

-jeff