

Covington Family News

August 31, 2025

On Sunday, August 31, following the morning worship service, we will share a potluck meal followed by our PM service starting at 12:30. Plan now to stay for food and fellowship and the afternoon worship!

Fall Quarter Bible Classes begin Wednesday, September 3.

Beginning, Wednesday, September 3 everyone will meet in the auditorium for announcements, a song, and a prayer before going to class.

FIVE EVERYDAY EVANGELISM TIPS

1. Look at other people as those for whom Jesus died.
2. Pray for three specific people by name, asking God to use you to draw them to Christ.
3. Tell them how being a Christian gives your life meaning and purpose.
4. Relax. God is in charge.
5. Build friendships with non-Christians. Watch for opportunities to help them.

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The Fulton Evangelist
Fulton Mississippi



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SERVING THIS WEEK 8/31/25 AM Worship Service

Announcements Ken Bringle Jr.
Song Leader: Beau Phillips
Sermon Mike Rogers

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Cody Strickland

Garrett Howard, Jon McCain, Craig Robinson, Robert Brownlee, Donnie Benjamin, Ken Mason, Myles Benjamin, Gordon Cartwright

Opening Prayer: Alan Otts
Closing Prayer: David Keith

Nursery Worker: Kristine Bringle

Attendance Card Collectors: (8/31)

Tyler Bringle, Dayton Maness, Beau Glidwell

Bus Driver (8/31 & 9/7)

Robert Charnock

August Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Alan & Debbie Otts

Auditorium Entrance: Brad & Becky Evins

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: Beau Phillips
Opening Prayer: Craig Robinson
Closing Prayer: John Evans
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Mid-Week Bible Study September 3

Announcements: Brandon Matlock
Song Leader: Beau Phillips
Prayer: Brad Evins

MEMORIALS FOR JULY

Donations to Covington church of Christ have been given in memory of *Melvin Wall* and *Byrl Smith*.

Sunday Bible Classes	141
Worship AM	210
PM	115
Wednesday Bible Study	152

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Bennie & Earline Currie	Covington, TN
Cody Smith	Covington, TN
Debbie Beasley	Covington, TN
Rosemary Hadley	Covington, TN
Alexis Armstrong	Atoka, TN
E. Cecil Jones Jr.	Atoka, TN
Thomas Starck	Atoka, TN
Ruby Doyle	Munford, TN
Cyril & Jamie Roesthlisberg	Atoka, TN
Judy Holcomb	Batesville, MS
Austin & Kensleigh Phillips	
Jayce Roberts	

Covington Church of Christ

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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

Bible Classes 9:00AM

Worship 10:00AM & 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Have a safe and Happy Labor Day!

Mike’s Message

Are You Faithful?

In this lesson, I will ask questions to which we should respond honestly. First, do you believe the Bible is from God? If your answer is no or, I am not sure, we should talk. Second, do you believe the Bible is truth? Also, if you answer no or, I am not sure, we should talk. Another question is, do you believe the Bible reveals the only way to be saved from sin? Likewise, if your answer is no or, I am not sure, we should talk. A fourth question is whether sin will separate you from God? Again, if your answer is no, or I am not sure, you should read Isaiah 59:2, and then let’s talk. When we have answered all these questions, the final question is, how can we be sure we will never be separate from God? The answer is “Be faithful until death” (Rev. 2:10). A man’s definition of faithful is to be somewhat regular in church attendance. God’s idea of faithful is a life characterized by complete trust, confidence, and obedience to Him. If you believe the Bible is the word of God and reveals the only way you can escape the penalty of separation from God, then you must agree that the Bible reveals how to trust God and be obedient to Him. Let us look at faithfulness in action:

Faithful means putting complete trust in God’s word. Paul confirms the Bible is God’s word, saying, “All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Peter also confirms this, saying, “But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God” (2 Peter 1:20-21). Jesus declares that the word of God is truth (John 17:17). Jesus also declares that the word of God reveals the only way to be saved from sin (John 8:31-32).

Faithful means pleasing God. The Hebrews writer declares that one cannot please God without faith (Heb. 11:6). To please God, we must do what God reveals in His word. Jesus confirmed that doing what God says pleases Him, “And He who sent Me is with Me; He has not left Me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to Him” (John 8:29).

Third, faithful means that we love (Mark 12:30). We obey because we love (John 14:15). We obey from the heart (Rom. 6:17; Prov. 3:1-5; Matt. 6:19-21, 33). Jesus said, “But so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me” (John 14:31). Finally, faithful means that everything we do and say is by the authority of the Lord (Col. 3:17). --Mike Rogers

Prayer List


Bear Phillips—LeBonheur Children’s Hospital
Lauren Mosley—Recovering from surgery
Jan Hanks—Recovering from surgery
Mary Isome-Newman—Recovering from surgery
Brandon Matlock—Recovering from surgery
James Watkins—Recovering from surgery
John Evans--Surgery, August 29
Jimmy Willis—Methodist North
Robert Brownlee—Surgery
Shirley Glenn—Sister of Mary Isome-Newman, surgery
Julian Blankenship—The Med., recovering from a motorcycle accident
Laura Craft
Also remember Our Country, Our Missionaries, LaVerne Baxter, Heath Billings, Joseph Little, Heather Bowner, Debbie Beasley, Captain Mike Shipley, Georgia Cook, Steve Cook, Jeff Cooper, Larry Coughlan, Kenneth Coulston, Alan Davis, Jason Elliott, Malissa Garner, Kay Gatlin, Pat Gatlin, K.C. Haynes, Kathy McMahan, Stan McDevitt, Phyllis McLillie, Judy Merritt, Gigi Miller, Patsy Moore, Dorothy Morris, Sophie Nolan, Larry Osbourne, Randy Rhoads, Bonita Rogers, Upton Shelton, Donna Sonwineski, David South, Clint Stacks, Paulette Watkins, Larry Whaley II

NURSING HOME: Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

Ripley Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center: Vicki Mayfield


MILITARY: Killian Bridgeman, Logan Bridgeman, Major Creel, Brad Evins, Dayana Fendley, Tanner Mason, Chris Nowak, Jedidiah Phillips, Jacob Sampson, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart

NEW ARRIVAL



Congratulations to John & Hannah Moody on the birth of a son, *Eli John Moody* born Tuesday, August 19. *Eli* weighed 6lbs. 8ozs.. Parker Moody is the proud new sister, Matt & Mallory Moody, proud new uncle & aunt!

BABY SHOWER



All ladies are invited to a baby boy shower honoring *Beau, Hannah, & Bear Phillips*, Sunday, August 31 immediately following the afternoon Worship Service. They are registered at my.babylist.com

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE: AUG. 31-SEPT. 6

August 31 – Jeremiah 19-21

September 1 – Jeremiah 22-24

September 2 – Jeremiah 25-27

September 3 – Jeremiah 28-30

September 4 – Jeremiah 31-33

September 5 – Jeremiah 34-36

September 6 – Jeremiah 37-39

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

30—Beach Day, 2PM at the Phillip’s home. This is a family fellowship, and everyone of all ages is welcome to attend.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS:

Every Wednesday Night we will have a dinner @ 6:00. Sign up on the church Facebook page if you will be attending; See Becky Evins or Judy Dunaway if you want to help prepare the meal.

- 1—Labor Day; the church office will be closed
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30—Ladies Bible Class, 10AM
- 3—Fall Quarter Bible classes begin
- 8—Monday Night for the Master, Group 1
- 15—Monday Night for the Master, Group 2
- 20—Birthday Party at Magnolia Creek Nursing Home
- 21—Devotional at Covington Care, 3PM
- 23—Monday Night for the Master, Group 3
- 24—Devotional/Worship in song
- 30—Monday Night for the Master, Group 4

Leadership Retreat!

Who? All Elders, Deacons & Ministers

When? September 5&6

Where? Pinson Mounds State Archaeological Park
Pinson, TN

Why? This important time together will focus on sharing and reviewing church work from 2025, prayerfully planning & goal setting for the year to come, and devotional time together to build up and encourage the leadership team

NEW ADDRESS *Hollie Countess*; 1224 Burnett Lane, Covington, TN. 38019

SYMPATHY We extend our deepest sympathy to Kaiden Hanks in the death of her dad, *Greg Delaney*; to Joyce Scott in the death of her aunt, *Maureen Flake*; and to Faye Shankle & family in the death of her brother, *James Kindrick*.

SEPTEMBER YOUTH EVENTS

- 14 – Devo. night
- 20—Redbirds game, 3:05PM, Cost: \$20.00
- 26-27—LOCK-IN, 4th-12th grades, 7PM-7AM

BIRTHDAYS - AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 6



- 1---Judy Burrow, Jeff Hanks, Leah Max, Andrew Evans, David Watkins
 - 2—LeRoy Finto, Tony Sonwineski
 - 3—Tim Scott, Cindy Scott
 - 4—Wesley Fowler
- ANNIVERSARIES**
- 31—Wayne & Charlene Dalrymple
 - 1—Rusty & Denise Cartwright

Carpenter’s Apprentice

Unity in the church is not only important, it is commanded (Romans 12:16, 1 Peter 3:8). There are those who have attempted to stretch the borders of apostolic writing on unity to include unity with denominational churches. While we can and should unite with our communities to fight against the illicit and abusive use of drugs, child abuse, crime and the disrespecting of authority, Biblical teaching on unity is not referring to these situations nor does the Bible teach fellowship with any and all who claim to be religious. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 1:10, “Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment.” Furthermore, Jesus teaches plainly there are some who claim to be God fearing Christians who have done some impressive things in the name of the Lord, that will not enter into heaven (Matthew 7:21-23). It is important we understand their exclusion from heaven is not because their unrighteousness outweighed their righteousness but because they did not do the will of the Father. They did not obey God’s word. Notice in verse 23 it is the Father in heaven who will say, “I never knew you, depart from me” and no one else. That being said, it is also important to understand the passages on unity are not written to unbelievers or believers who are not in the church. The admonishments and appeals for unity are written to the church! These letters were not meant to be read in the parking lot of the first century Walmart, but they were intended for members of the Lord’s body. Paul points out to the church in Rome, “For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another” (Romans 12:4-5). He wrote the same teaching to the church in Corinth in 1Corinthians 12:14-20, this time pointing out the ridiculousness of one body part feeling less fitting or more relevant than other parts. In both passages Paul is talking about the gifts bestowed on members of the church and demonstrated how the gifts were different but designed to help the whole body achieve its purpose which is expressed in Romans 15:6, “that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” It’s high time we started looking at our differences as gifts from God given to us to bring Him glory instead of taking the selfish road and thinking we are better than or worse than another part of the body. God never intended our differences within the church to divide us. He didn’t intend for us to focus on our differences and feel sorry for ourselves either. He intended for us to focus on Him – never self, because we are truly better together.

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