

# Covington Family News

## September 14, 2025

*Thank you for sending forms and fixing files*

*Poring through the paper piles*

*Completing tasks with time to spare*

*Keeping track of what goes where*

*Placing orders for supplies*

*Staying calm when tensions rise*

*Typing emails and reports*

*Handling crises of all sorts*

*Taking calls throughout the day*

*And being great in every way*

**Thank you, Bonita, for your years of service to the church in Covington! Your unwavering love and care for the members here has made all of our lives better. You are so loved and appreciated. Enjoy your retirement!!**



*Serving Our Community  
for the Glory of God*

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### SERVING THIS WEEK 9/14/25 AM Worship Service

**Announcements** Brandon Matlock  
**Song Leader:** Michael Wyatt  
**Sermon** Mike Rogers

### Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Robert Charnock  
Jimmy McMahan, Brad Evins, Alan Otts, Nick Maness,  
Clint Stacks, Will Thomason, Chris Maness, Caleb Smith  
**Opening Prayer:** Beau Phillips  
**Closing Prayer:** Jimmy McMahan

**Nursery Worker:** Brandy Brown

**Attendance Card Collectors:** (9/14)  
Levi Teems, Houston Davis, Kyle McCain

**Bus Driver** (9/14 & 9/17)

Brad Evins

**September Door Greeters:**

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

### PM Worship Service

**Song Leader:** Michael Wyatt  
**Opening Prayer:** David Stewart  
**Closing Prayer:** Clint Stacks  
**Sermon:** Mike Rogers

### Mid-Week Bible Study September 17

**Announcements:** Brandon Matlock  
**Song Leader:** Michael Wyatt  
**Prayer:** Leroy Finto

Sunday Bible Classes	136
Worship AM	193
PM	110
Wednesday Bible Study	155

### VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Thomas Starck	Atoka, TN
Lamar Chason	Covington, TN
Cody Smith family	Covington, TN
Alexis Armstrong	Atoka, TN
Emily Harper	
Autumn, Colt & Cash Beyer	

**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

# Mike’s Message

## Godly Parenting Ephesians 6:1-3

In this text, Paul addresses children’s responsibility to their parents, saying, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth” (6:1-3).

The word “children” has no specific reference to age. This word is often used to describe all believers as God’s “children” (see Rom. 8:16). However, in Paul’s instruction to the church at Ephesus, he is obviously addressing those in the training stage (see 6:3, 4). This training stage is best presented as the period of life when the parents are responsible for them: to feed them, clothe them, and educate them. There is no set age for maturity. Some children provide for themselves as young as fourteen. Others are still living at home, being cared for by parents, far into adulthood.

Two significant words are provided in the first two verses of this passage that instruct children in their responsibility to their parents. The words are “obey” and “honor.” Obey is a derivative of the Greek word for hear. It is used in this verse to instruct the child to do what he hears from his parents. Indeed, this instruction is for children of Christian parents. However, the principle will apply to children of non-Christian parents unless the parents instruct them to do something that violates God’s will. God’s will must take precedence in all things. So, children in the training stage must do what they are told to do. This is a “commandment” quoted from Moses through the pen of this inspired writer (Eph. 6:2, cf. Ex. 20:12).

The word honor may indicate more about why the children should obey their parents. Children should obey their parents because they respect and love them. The word also shows that the child does what he knows would please the parents, whether there is verbal instruction or not. Therefore, when the child is young, he obeys because of the instruction from his parents, but as he grows, he obeys because he respects God and his parents.

Paul mentions two other reasons for obeying the parents: “that it may be well with you,” and “that you may live long on the earth” (6:3). This is the promise God gave the children of Israel so they would obey him and prosper in the Promised Land. They disobeyed, and that “entire generation” died in the wilderness (Numb. 32:13). The same promise is given to children who obey godly parents. They can also assume the same consequences if they disobey. “Children, obey your parents”!

---Mike Rogers

# Prayer List

Bear Phillips—LeBonheur Children’s Hospital  
Makayla Bishop – Joyce Scott’s granddaughter; Recovering from kidney surgery  
Kathy Townsend – Judy McCool’s daughter; breast cancer  
Debbie Otts & Robert Brownlee – recovering from eye surgery  
Ginger Sallee – Health problems  
James Watkins—Health problems  
Jimmy Willis—Health problems  
Ron Teems – upcoming tests  
Recovering from surgery: Lauren Mosley, Jan Hanks, Mary Isome-Newman, John Evans

*Members with ongoing needs:* LaVerne Baxter, Heath Billings, Larry Coughlan, Kay Gatlin, Pat Gatlin, Kathy McMahan, Judy Merritt, Patsy Moore, Bonita Rogers, Donna Sonwineski, Clint Stacks, Paulette Watkins, Larry Whaley II

*Loved ones to remember:* Brandon Scott, Heather Bowner, Debbie Beasley, Jason Elliott, Stan McDevitt, Randy Rhoads, David South, Shirley Glenn

## NURSING HOME

**Covington Care:** Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson  
**Ripley Healthcare & Rehab Center:** Vicki Mayfield

**MILITARY:** Brad Evins, Tanner Mason, Chris Nowak, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart

## SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Bonita Rogers in the death of her uncle, *Upton Shelton*.

## DIAPER SHOWERS

In lieu of baby showers, tables have been set up in the foyer for diapers/wipes honoring *Robert & P.J. Charnock and Nick & Leann Maness*.

## BABY SHOWER



All ladies are invited to a baby boy shower honoring *Matt & Mallory Moody* on Sunday, September 21 at 2PM in the foyer. They are registered at Amazon.

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*Ladies’ Bible Class. Tuesdays @10AM*

# Calendar of Events

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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  
30—Monday Night for the Master, Group 4

*Door-Knocking Day: Saturday, September 13.*

*Meet @9:30 AM here at the building.*

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

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## SEPTEMBER YOUTH EVENTS

14 – Devo night  
20—Redbirds game, 3:05PM  
28 – Singing Devo

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## *Take Me Out to the Ball Game...*

Last call for Redbirds’ tickets! Let Jeff know by the end of the day Wednesday, Sept. 10 if you are going to the game. Tickets are \$20.

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*Happy belated birthday to Adisyn Whaley (9/8) and Andy Whaley (9/9)!!*

## BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER 14-20

14 – Christy Coughlan  
16 – Addison Vujicic, Adeline Rimmer  
17 – Chloe Coughlan  
18 – Eli Charnock  
19 – Chris Huggins  
20 – Hope Collins

## ANNIVERSARIES

17 – Matt & Mallory Moody

## BIBLE READING SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER 14-20

September 14 – Ezekiel 5-7  
September 15 – Ezekiel 8-10  
September 16 – Ezekiel 11-13  
September 17 – Ezekiel 14-16  
September 18 – Ezekiel 17-19  
September 19 – Ezekiel 20-22  
September 20 – Ezekiel 23-25

# Carpenter’s Apprentice

Without a doubt, this has been, and is, the most anticipated week of my life. Bear came early and continues to improve. He gets stronger and cuter every day! His original due date was September 11. On the tenth, we will go to the airport to pick up Jedidiah, Chasse, and the girls. He is out of the Army and they are coming home! My fourth grandchild, a girl, was due September 9, but she is apparently still primping and getting ready for her grand entrance. Frankly, I am beside myself with excitement. I can still function, but I smile – a lot. Bear is holdable now, his bed finally has more baby in it than equipment, and he is not attached to so much stuff. Right on schedule, it seems he has finally gotten to a more normal new baby status (outside of still being in the hospital, of course). We will leave the airport Wednesday and go straight to the hospital so Jedidiah and Chasse can meet him. Depending on what Sassy Sally does, we may go from one hospital to another! It is almost too exciting. Amid my anticipation and excitement, I keep thinking of heaven. Specifically, I have thought about my anticipation of heaven compared to my anticipation of this week. The Bible tells us in many ways what heaven will be like. It is a place where God resides, and within it there is a place prepared for us (John 14:1-3). John attempts to describe its beauty and living in the presence of God in Revelation 21, but Paul reminded the church at Corinth of the word of Isaiah: “Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him” (1 Cor. 2:9). This means, despite the beautiful inspired descriptions and the promise of heaven, it will be a place far greater than our imagination can take us and the incredible awesomeness of being in the presence of God for eternity is ultimately unfathomable and will only be realized when we get there. In spite of this knowledge, I know I have never been as excited about heaven as I have been about this week. I reread Paul’s words to the Philippians, “For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better;” (Phil. 1:21-23). I think Paul understood what I have a hard time putting into words. His love for the brethren of the church is obvious. Loving and being excited about what God has blessed us with is not wrong, but we must guard against loving our blessings so much, we forget about God and the ultimate end of our journey.

-jeff