

Covington Family News

September 7, 2025

Your Child Deserves...

...to hear you pray earnestly and often.

...to go to worship and Bible classes with you faithfully.

...to see you sacrifice for the Lord.

...to hear you talk to others about becoming a Christian.

...to go with you to visit the sick and bereaved.

...to hear you praise the church and her leaders.

...to be encouraged by you to seek and obey the truth.

...to see you putting the Lord first in your giving.

...to know the Christ living in you.

Via Bulletin Digest



train up a child in the way he
should go: and when he is old,
he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK 9/7/25 AM Worship Service

Announcements: Brandon Matlock
Song Leader: Wayne Dalrymple
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: Andy Whaley
Closing Prayer: Ron Teems

Nursery Worker: Teresa Stacks

Attendance Card Collectors: (9/7)

Eli Charnock, Noah Charnock, August Charnock

Bus Driver (9/7 & 9/10)

Beau Phillips

September Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Richard & Elaine Shankle

Auditorium Entrance: Michael & Susie Wyatt

PM Worship Service

Song Leader: Wayne Dalrymple
Opening Prayer: Landon Bringle
Closing Prayer: Reid McMahan
Sermon: Mike Rogers

Mid-Week Bible Study September 10

Announcements: Brandon Matlock
Song Leader: Wayne Dalrymple
Prayer: Caleb Smith

Sunday Bible Classes	135
Worship AM	205
PM	110
Wednesday Bible Study	109

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Neil Bringle family	Collinsville, TX
Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
John Nails	Covington, TN
Landon & Christina Miller	Bowling Green, KY
Gary & Missy Steele	Paris, 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

Make Me a Servant

As I write this, we are looking forward to our annual *Leadership Retreat*. The theme for 2026 will be determined at the retreat, but it has been decided that it will have something to do with service. It is from that perspective that I write this article.

As Jesus assembled with His disciples in the upper room for His last supper before His crucifixion, they all reclined at the table, then “*Jesus*, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come forth from God and was going back to God, got up from supper, and laid aside His garments; and taking a towel, He girded Himself. Then He poured water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded” (John 13:3-5).

When you think of leadership, what do you envision? Leadership is not about position, power, or skill. Leadership is about working with others to make a goal a reality, but mostly it is about attitude or heart. Some people in leadership positions cannot work with others because they have poor attitudes. They may think everyone has to do things their way. They may think they are responsible for doing it without asking for help. They may even believe that no one can do it better.

However, a good leader engages the ideas and help of others to ensure that a specific work is done and a goal is accomplished. He does not have a boss's attitude, but a servant's heart.

The truth is that the best leaders desire to be servants to everyone. Jesus teaches, “Whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant” (Mark 10:43).

- True servant leaders are never motivated by self-promotion or gratitude.
- True servant leaders serve with the heart, not from obligation or for reward.
- True servant leaders are always ready to do their best.
- True servant leaders do their work joyfully.
- True servant leaders always maintain a positive attitude.

As we plan for 2026, may we all decide to be servant leaders, with hearts for God and His church, always determined to do our best, maintaining a positive attitude in everything we do.

“For you were called to freedom, brethren; only *do not turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another” (Gal. 5:13). --Mike Rogers

Prayer List

Bear Phillips—LeBonheur Children’s Hospital

Ron Teems – upcoming tests

Robert Brownlee—Surgery, September 10

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—Recovering from surgery

Jimmy Willis—Health problems

Laura Craft—Recovering from surgery

Brandon Scott—Son of Joyce Scott

Shirley Glenn—Sister of Mary Isome-Newman, recovering from surgery

Underwood family in the loss of their loved one, *Ernest Underwood*; Blankenship family in the loss of their loved one, *Julian Blankenship*. 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

DIAPER SHOWER



In lieu of a baby boy shower, a table has been set up in the foyer for diapers/wipes honoring *Robert & P.J.*

Charnock.

DIAPER SHOWER



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Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

3—Fall Quarter Bible classes begin

5,6 – Leadership Retreat, Pinson Mounds

8—Monday Night for the Master, Group 1

9, 16, 23, 30—Ladies’ Bible Class, 10AM

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

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 or to help prepare the meal, or see Becky Evins or Judy Dunaway.

SEPTEMBER YOUTH EVENTS

14 – Devo. night

20—Redbirds game, 3:05PM: Cost: \$20.00

28 – Singing Devo

BIRTHDAYS SEPTEMBER 7-13



8 – Lauren Benjamin

10 – Chris Maness

11 – Cody Strickland

12 – Shirley Laxton, Ken Mason, Kristie Maxwell

13 – Dayton Maness

ANNIVERSARIES

9 – Robert & Jacque Trimm

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE: SEPTEMBER 7-13

September 7 – Jeremiah 40-42

September 8 – Jeremiah 43-45

September 9 – Jeremiah 46-48

September 10 – Jeremiah 49-52

September 11 – Lamentations 1-3

September 12 – Lam. 4-Ezekiel 1

September 13 – Ezekiel 2-4

Carpenter’s Apprentice

In Matthew 23 we find the seven “woes to the scribes and Pharisees”. Even without knowing the exact definition of ‘woe unto you’, it is clear from the context, these woes are to be taken as warnings of dire consequences if the actions of the scribes and Pharisees did not change. The fifth woe, found in verses 25 and 26 reads in the ESV like this: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.” It is important that we understand the people Jesus is talking about when he says “scribes and Pharisees” are a religious people. In fact, they are known for their scriptural knowledge and were actually teachers of the old law, well versed in the words of Moses. On the outside, people saw them as religious. Highly recognizable, the scribes and Pharisees were different, and with their difference came a certain expectation of behavior as well as the assumption of vast learning. In verse 25, Jesus points out to them just how they stand out. He points out, using a cup and plate as an example, how they look the part, but underneath the fancy clothes, they really are nothing but a huge mess “full of greed and self-indulgence”. They had forgotten the reason behind what they lived and preached. I can come to church and act the part, dress the part, sing the part, preach the part, pray the part and give the part, but still not love Jesus. Look at what God told Samuel when he was sent to anoint Saul’s replacement from the house of Jesse: “Do not look on his appearance For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7). Yet the description of David is not one of ugliness. He is described in verse 12 as being ruddy with beautiful eyes and handsome. Still, God saw what was within. Verse 26 explains, “first clean the inside of the cup, that the outside may also be clean.” If you get caught up in dirt here, you miss the point entirely. He is talking of the actions of the heart. “For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness” (Mark 7:21). The truth is this: you can dress the part and not be a part. On the other hand, it is difficult, if not impossible to be a part and not look the part. “By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35). This includes not just the clothes I wear but the words I speak, the gestures I make, the activities I participate in - the life I live. -jeff