

Covington Family News

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*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 3/22/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (all services): Brandon Matlock
Song Leader: John Combs
Opening Prayer: LeRoy Finto
Sermon: Mike Rogers
Closing Prayer: Ron Teems

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Wayne Dalrymple
Andy Whaley, Landon Bringle, Robert Charnock, Matt Moody,
Breck Beasley, Beau Phillips, Chris Huggins, Cody Strickland

Attendance Card Collectors (3/22)

Tyler Bringle, Dayton Maness, Henry Kinningham

March Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Ron & Judy Teems
Auditorium Entrance: Robert & Debra Brownlee

Lobby Management (3/22 & 3/25)

Security: Charles Wolfe

Worship Coordinator: Jeff Coughlan

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Ben Evans

Nursery Worker: Kathy McMahan

Bus Driver (3/22 & 3/25)

Beau Phillips

Evening Worship Service

Song Leader: Robert Brownlee
Opening Prayer: Clint Stacks
Sermon: Mike Rogers
Closing Prayer: Jerry Gatlin

Mid-Week Service in Song: March 25

Opening Prayer: Ken Bringle Jr.
Closing Prayer: Robert Trimm

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	
Worship AM	186
PM	101
Wednesday Bible Study	122

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg Atoka 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

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25

Elder on call for March: David Keith

Motivational Message

Each day when I leave my home, I don't get too far down the road before I start missing my wife and children. As we age, we all are going our separate ways, but each time I leave my family, I can't wait to see them again! Upon departure, I anxiously want to see their faces and hear their voices because of the love we have for one another and the support we enjoy. I transfer these feelings to the church when we are in each other's presence for worship, class, or work we are doing together. When Sundays are over, I'm ready to see everyone again. When Wednesday is complete, I can finish the week strong because of feeding on God's Word and the comfort I have in knowing I have brothers and sisters in Christ that I can lean on.

"Church attendance" is one of those topics that can stir emotion and create challenging conversations. The good news is, scripture has much to say about the "assembling of the saints." When this topic comes up, we as Bible students turn to Hebrews 10:24-25. This text says, "Let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." Wayne Jackson in his article "Is Church Attendance Required?" reminds us of the motivation of the book of Hebrews. Jackson says, "This inspired document was a warning to Jewish Christians. Some of these saints were being encouraged by Hebrew false teachers to abandon Christianity and revert to Judaism. The sacred writer thus seeks to inoculate against this danger. The disciples were cautioned against drifting from the truth (Heb. 2:1) and developing 'an evil heart of unbelief in falling away from the living God' (Heb. 3:12). They were admonished to throw off their 'dullness of hearing' (Heb. 5:11) and to hold on to their boldness and patience to the very end (Heb. 10:35-36)." The point is this: When we talk about the importance of "attending," and we point to Hebrews 10:24-25, we must understand what we are to take away from the Scripture and why it is so important for us stay plugged in. If we slowly develop the mindset that we do not have to attend worship services or engage in Bible classes or participate in the works of the church, we are not only displeasing God, but we are in danger—in danger of drifting away from God and developing a dullness of hearing which equates a refusal to have a right relationship with Jesus.

When I desire to be in my family's presence, my motivation is not because "I have to," but because "I want to." We must seek every opportunity to worship, study, and fellowship with God and each other. The Day is approaching. May we seek to be committed to Christ and the church. — Allen Jones via Bulletin Digest

Prayer List

Ginger Sallee – surgery on Wednesday 3/18
Phillip Scrip – health issues
Kathy Townsend – chemotherapy; surgery has been postponed until the fall

Members with ongoing needs: David Fulks, Bear Phillips, Bobby White, Laverne Baxter, Katie Merritt, Ann Huggins, Heath Billings, Larry Coughlan, Pat Gatlin, Judy Merritt, Bonita Rogers, Donna Sonwineski, Paulette Watkins, Larry Whaley II, Jimmy Willis

Loved ones to remember: Ricky Hatcher, Kathleen Brown, Kyle Hanks, Jenny Garcia, Jason Elliott, Tony Hobbs, and Richie Spann

NURSING HOME

Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

MILITARY

Noah Liles, Tanner Mason, Chris Nowak, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart

MEMORIALS

Donations were given to the Covington Church of Christ in the month of February in honor of *Marlene Brown, Kay Gatlin, Tim Gatlin, Amber Kramer, and Mike Simpson.*

Calendar of Events

MARCH

23 – Monday Night for the Master, group 3
28 – Senior Adult Rally @Henderson Church of Christ
29 – Fifth Sunday schedule w/Potluck Lunch
30 – Monday Night for the Master, group 4

YOUTH – APRIL

1 – Lads To Leaders Dress Rehearsal
3-5 – Lads To Leaders Convention
17-19 – Spring Youth Retreat
24 – Senior Graduation Celebration





BIRTHDAYS: March 22-28

3/25 – Mandy Billings

ANNIVERSARIES: March 22-28

3/25 – Heath & Ellie Hoffman



*Ladies' Bible Class -
Tuesdays @10:00AM
AND*

*Men's Prayer Breakfast -
Wednesdays @5:30AM*

Carpenter's Apprentice

There may come a time when you can do nothing right. Every action taken, every word spoken, even breathing, seems to have negative effects. To make matters worse, the light at the end of the tunnel looks like one of George H.W. Bush's thousand points of light – way, way off, unattainable. *I traveled down a lonely road, and no one seemed to care.* Problems mount and solutions fade away. *The burden on my weary back had bowed me to despair.* Hope seems lost and the focus shifts from the positive to the negative. No one understands. Even prayer seems to have failed. *I oft complained to Jesus how folks were treating me.* In 1 Kings 19:12, Elijah heard a still small voice. Be still and listen. *My feet were also weary, upon that Calvary Road, the cross became so heavy, I fell beneath the load.* He has been there too. Lord, you said, "Seek Ye first! Consider the lilies!" I've done that Lord! I work hard for you. I do what is right. I gave up a lot for you, and I've considered the lilies and sometimes I think they have it better than I do! *I left the throne of glory, and counted it but loss, my hands were nailed in anger upon the cruel cross.* For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin (Hebrews 4:15). He understands. *If just a cup of water, I place within your hand then just a cup of water is all that I demand.* He asks for no more than He's given us, but He asks for all of it. *Be faithful weary pilgrim, the morning I can see.* I'm glad you can see the light Lord. I am still having trouble. *Now we'll make the journey with your hand safe in mine.* I am the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6). *Be faithful weary pilgrim ...* Just take my hand, abide in me, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light (Matthew 11:30). Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; casting all your anxiety upon him, because he cares for you (1 Peter 5:6-7). "Lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:1-2). *Just lift your cross and follow close to me.* The italicized words in this article come from the song Follow Me, written by Ira F. Stamphill in 1953 and they remind us we have a savior who is not unfamiliar with the trials and temptations of living in a sinful world. Don't quit trying.