

Covington Family News

January 11, 2026



Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God



YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WERE
CALLED TO BE FREE. BUT DO NOT USE YOUR
FREEDOM TO INDULGE THE FLESH ; RATHER,

serve one another
humbly in love.

Galatians 5:13 NIV

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 1/11/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (all services): Craig Robinson
Song Leader (both services): Ken Bringle Jr.
Opening Prayer: Robert Charnock
Sermon: LeRoy Finto
Closing Prayer: Alan Otts

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Jerry Gatlin
Ken Mason, Chris Maness, Brad Evins, Zach Higgins,
Myles Benjamin, Alan Otts, Luke McMahan, Jon McCain

Attendance Card Collectors (1/11)

Eli Charnock, Noah Charnock, August Charnock

December Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Terry & Karen Wall
Auditorium Entrance: Jimmy & Kathy McMahan

Lobby Management (1/11 & 1/14)

Security: Will Thomason

Worship Coordinator: Richard Shankle

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Jeff Coughlan

Nursery Worker: Brandy Brown

Bus Driver (1/11 & 1/14)

Terry Wall

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Rick Stavrum

Closing Prayer: Landon Bringle

Sermon: LeRoy Finto

Mid-Week Service: January 14

Song Leader: Ken Bringle Jr.

Devotional Thought: David Keith

Closing Prayer: Jon McCain

Sunday Bible Classes

175

Worship AM

237

PM

125

Wednesday Bible Study

122

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Brandi Golding family Covington, TN
Michael, Lorie & Joey Plemmnos Drummonds, TN
JoAnn Jenkins Millington, TN

Elder on call for January: Wayne Dalrymple

SHEPHERDS

Wayne Dalrymple 901- 573-3908
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DEACONS

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Benny Collins
Brad Evins
Brandon Matlock
Jon McCain
Alan Otts
Craig Robinson
David Stewart
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Schedule of Services

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

WEDNESDAY
Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Service Spotlight

Local Outreach – Brad Evans

The Local Outreach Ministry works to provide opportunities for connection and fellowship within the congregation and to connect with and support those outside of the church through encouraging words and compassionate actions. By sharing the love of the Lord, we hope to open doors which will lead to spiritual growth in all those we encounter and encourage. The Monday Night for the Master program helps us meet those needs. Every Monday at 6:00, we share a meal together. Following the meal, we write cards to our visitors and to members and loved ones who need encouragement. We also make phone calls and set up visits to reach out to those contacts. As needs present themselves, we tailor MNFM activities to serve in other ways. You might find us building and delivering gift baskets or bags to those in need, or engaging with the community through programs like Backpacks for Kids, or at area events like the Chocolate Tour on the Covington square, which allow us to make a positive name for the church in the community and share love and kindness with hundreds of people in our area. This year, one of the primary goals for this ministry is to expand the visitation that we do. We would love to build a group who would be willing to conduct short, encouraging visits with our members during the week.

These activities allow us to embody the theme “*Make Me a Servant*” - and there are so many ways you can serve with us: provide contact information for individuals who need encouragement or support; join us on a Monday evening to assist on a cooking team, write cards, or make phone calls; take home a contact sheet and reach out on your own any time of the week; help us build a group to conduct weekly visits; join us in preparing for and working at events as announced throughout the year; or, if you know of outreach opportunities or have ideas you would like to see us try, present those ideas to Brad. If you would like to be more involved in serving through these outreach opportunities, please reach out to Brad at 901-483-2043 or Becky at 901-483-6992.

One of the strongest benefits of being a part of this service effort is the bonds that are built within the group. Many of us have been a part of MNFM for twenty years or more! Come and see why people come out every Monday and why our relationships are so tight in this work.

Prayer List

Members with ongoing needs: John Evans, 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: Jean Goodwin, Richard Fowler, Darryl Kidd, Larry Osbourn, Linda Wood, Jenny Garcia, Jason Elliott, Tony Hobbs

NURSING HOME

Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

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

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Michael Wyatt and family in the death of his sister, *Debra Wyatt*.

MEMORIALS

Donations were given to the Covington Church of Christ in the month of December in honor of *Vicky Blackburn, Teresa Fulks, Kay Gatlin, Shirley Glenn, and Mary Hawkes*.

“Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.”
PSALM 25:5

Ladies' Bible Class: Tuesdays @10AM

Calendar of Events

JANUARY

- 11 – Last day to sign up for fellowship groups
- 11 – Bible Bowl Challenge @12:30
- 11 – Deacons’ Meeting @4:30
- 11 – Secret Sister Reveal Party after PM service
- 12 – Monday Night for the Master, group 2
- 17 – Birthday Party @Magnolia Creek; 2:00
- 18 – Devotional @Covington Care; 3:00
- 23 – Banquet for Mike & Bonita
- 26 – Monday Night for the Master, groups 3&4

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

YOUTH

- 11 – Devo (5th - 12th grades)
- 16-18 – Evangelism University
- 25 - Devo



If you would like to host a devo in your home in 2026, please see Jeff to pick your date.

BIRTHDAYS: JANUARY 11-17

- 1/11 – Gale Sutton
- 1/17 – Jimmy Weir

Sign up now at the Welcome Desk to attend the banquet honoring Mike & Bonita Rogers on January 23rd at 6:00.

If you would like to help in any way with this event, please see Heather to get plugged in.

Carpenter's Apprentice

The walk up did not go exactly as planned, mostly because I had never planned for it. Sassy loved to retrieve, and I thought that was the goal: to bring the bird back. We were supposed to be walking side by side, and when the bird was thrown and the thrower hollered, “There goes one!” I was to tell her to sit, shoulder and shoot a blank at the already dead bird, then wait for the judge to tell me to send her to retrieve the bird. What happened? Sassy caught the bird on the first bounce. She caught the movement of the bird boy as he stepped up to make his best throw and left my side before he let go of the bird. She never heard me say sit, no, or heel, because as they say, ignorance is bliss. I never said a word. I am not even sure I fired the blank shell. I just stood there in my ignorance, smiling proudly as my retriever executed what I *thought* was a perfect retrieve. The judge called me over and replaced some of my ignorance with disappointment as he explained again what had been expected and that I had failed the test. But I was not through with my ignorance - not by a long shot. Mr. Jimmy came over and said, “No worries. You have a fine retriever, and we can fix that!” Discouragement began to go away as Mr. Jimmy took me around the trucks away from the crowd and demonstrated what needed to happen. Now you must understand, Sassy was not an old dog, but she had been around for a while and was pretty set in her ways. Mr. Jimmy knew this and was ready for her push back, but I was not. My ignorance took control as I confessed, “If that is what it takes to have a good retriever, I guess I won’t have one.” Looking back, I am reminded of the Proverb, “Train up a child in the way he should go ...” (Proverbs 22:6), but I change the end to “and it won’t be so hard to show them when they get older.” I am not changing the Scripture; I am just combining a proverb with a Proverb. You have heard, “You can’t teach an old dog a new trick.” Well, you can teach new tricks and change old habits, but it is much harder. I never taught Sassy to stay until I said “go” and remained ignorant until the day I pulled her limp, seemingly lifeless body from the icy waters after an unsuccessful retrieve. That was the moment I learned the importance of “man’s best friend” learning obedience to his master. Correction is a part of education and “no” is possibly more valuable than “yes.” In fact, “Whom the LORD loves He reproves, even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights” (Proverbs 3:12). Let’s not lose sight of the goal and what it takes to get there. (Ecclesiastes 12:13; 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:2-4). -jeff