

Covington Family News

January 18, 2026



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 1/18/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (all services): Craig Robinson
Song Leader: Beau Phillips
Opening Prayer: Breck Beasley
Sermon: Wayne Dalrymple
Closing Prayer: Donnie Benjamin

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 (1/18)

Levi Teems, Houston Davis, Kyle McCain

December Door Greeters:

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

Lobby Management (1/18 & 1/21)

Security: David Higgins

Worship Coordinator: Jeff Coughlan

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Bruce Hazlerig

Nursery Worker: Leann Maness

Bus Driver (1/18 & 1/21)

Luke McMahan

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Jimmy McMahan
Closing Prayer: Reid McMahan
Sermon: Wayne Dalrymple

Mid-Week Service: January 21

Song Leader: Jeff Phillips
Devotional Thought: Will Thomason
Closing Prayer: Cody Strickland

Sunday Bible Classes	172
Worship AM	252
PM	136
Wednesday Bible Study	142

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Dianne Scott	Covington, TN
Glinda Hayman	Covington, TN

Elder on call for January: Wayne Dalrymple

Covington Church of Christ
1690 Highway 51 South – PO Box 9
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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

Building and Grounds – Craig Robinson & David Stewart

The work of a deacon in the Lord’s church is an important role that involves many opportunities to serve. Our work is to take care of the property and building we have been blessed with here in the city of Covington. We have a great piece of land, and our location right on Highway 51 makes us a high-profile congregation - especially with our digital sign that garners so many positive comments from the community. God has blessed us richly, and our community notices us, so we need to be sure we take great care of our property.

The building and grounds area of work includes so many things. Recently, we have repaired leaking water pipes, cared for the large yard, adjusted doors that wouldn’t close properly, and worked out a solution for an ice machine that needs replacing. When any issue is reported to the deacons, it needs to be fixed as soon as possible to avoid further damage to the item or surrounding property, such as damage caused by water leaks. This might mean doing the work ourselves, delegating that work to another member of the church, or hiring a contractor to complete that work. When another member of the church is utilized, we must consider their skillset and their schedule. Can they successfully complete that work with their talents and time? When using a contractor, we have other considerations. What is their availability? Is the contractor affordable and within our budget? What is their reputation?

The best method is to utilize church members and their talents. This saves money and provides opportunities for members to live in the light of this year’s churchwide theme - Make Me a Servant. For example, we’ve had a problematic HVAC unit which has leaked twice in the last two years and caused damage in front of the fellowship hall. In each instance, members have jumped into action by cleaning up the mess, meeting technicians at the building for repair work, or doing some great carpentry work. The finished work is very nice and was done correctly by church members with great talents who were willing to step up and be servants.

Do you have talents and abilities in maintenance and repair? Would you like to be put to work in this area? If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please let Craig or David know, or talk to one of the elders. Any of these men can inform you of what is needed and answer your questions - and put you to work serving the church! Also, be listening for congregational workdays where we can all work together to accomplish tasks of all sizes. We appreciate all of your efforts in maintaining this great property. Thanks!

Craig Robinson, 731-780-2919 David Stewart, 901-275-4299

Prayer List

Cammy Evans – upcoming oral surgery
Joe Venable – Crystal Edmonds’ dad; health problems
Linda Wood – Teresa Stacks’ mom; hospitalized

Members with ongoing needs: Delores Whaley, Katie Merritt, David Fuls, 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: Adriana Wolfe, Jean Goodwin, Richard Fowler, Larry Osbourn, Jenny Garcia, Jason Eliott, Tony Hobbs

NURSING HOME
Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

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

SYMPATHY
We extend our deepest sympathies to the Stavrum family in the loss of their cousin, *Diane Boling*, and to Susan Mason and family in the death of her uncle, *Norris McDivitt*.

DIRECTORY ADDITIONS
Thomas Starck: 329 Edgewood Drive
Atoka, TN 38004
901-275-9743

Rick, Mindy & Ricky Stavrum:
151 Betty Boyd Lane
Atoka, TN 38004
901-483-0872 (Rick)
901-483-0871 (Mindy)
901-317-0660 (Ricky)

Logan & Lauren Wall
(John Oliver, Maddon & Kirby):
455 Ralph Road
Covington, TN 38019
901-356-1023 (Logan)
901-493-2178 (Lauren)

Ladies’ Bible Class: Tuesdays @10AM

Calendar of Events

JANUARY
17 – Birthday Party @Magnolia Creek; 2:00
18 – Devotional @Covington Care; 3:00
23 – Banquet for Mike & Bonita; 6:00
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
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 18 - 24


	1/19 – Joyce Scott
	1/21 – Landon Bringle, Susie Wyatt
	1/23 – Tracy Speight
	1/24 – Cynthia Wilson

 The church office will be closed on
Monday, January 19 in observance of
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



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

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



Carpenter’s Apprentice

While attending her daughter’s junior high school dance in 1949, Malvina Reynolds was inspired to write the song, *Magic Penny*. Fully copyrighted in 1955, the song compared love to a magic penny. “Hold it tight and you won’t have any. Give it away and you’ll have plenty - you’ll end up having more!” Classified as a children’s folk song, it was not intended to be a children’s song; neither was it meant to be religious. I was surprised to learn this is the song we sang at day camp and VBS as kids, but we sang, “Love is like a lucky penny” and “Love is better if you give it away.” I suppose the word magic was deemed a bit unbiblical for a church song, so it was changed to lucky by the borrowers, but the message is the same: love is best when you share it. Now, I am not really a believer in luck any more than I am magic, but I do believe we can put ourselves in positions for good things to happen, and when good things do happen, people say things like, “You are so lucky!” Most of the time, luck has nothing to do with it. They only see the moment, not what you put in before the moment. “Love is better if you give it away.” Seriously, what good is it if you hold on to it? James 2:15-16 says, “If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?” When Jesus describes judgement day in Matthew 25:31-46, he tells one group to come in and one to depart. He tells the latter in verses 44 and 45, “Then they themselves also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?’ Then He will answer them, ‘Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’” In both instances, it appears as though love is being withheld. At the very least, someone is holding tight to the pennies! James would later say, “Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin” (James 4:17). The Proverb says, “There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more, and there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want” (Proverbs 11:24). Paul said, “he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully” (2 Corinthians 9:6) and “for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap” (Galatians 6:7). Love is better if you give it away, and it comes back in abundance! That is not lucky – it is Biblical!

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