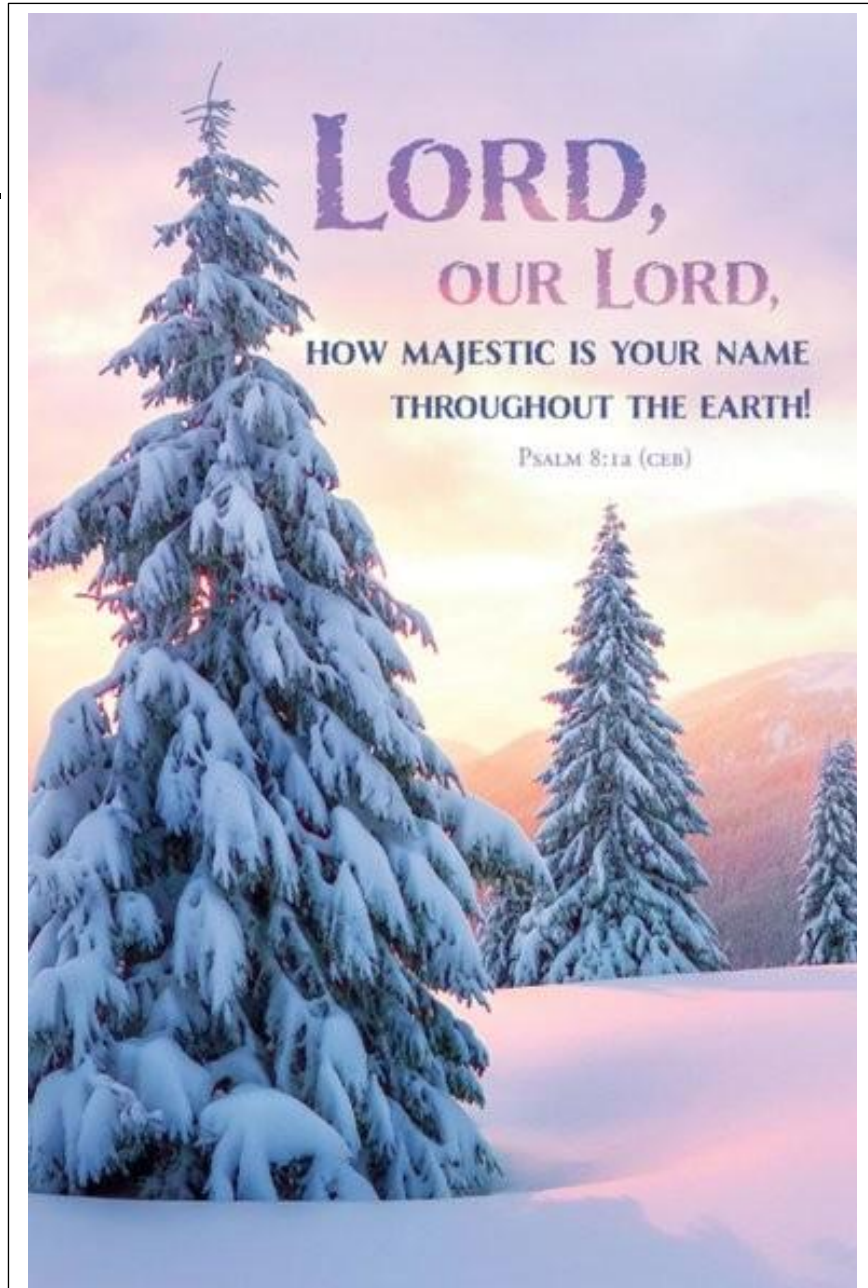


Covington Family News

January 25, 2026



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 1/25/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (all services): Craig Robinson
Song Leader: John Combs
Opening Prayer: Wayne Dalrymple
Sermon: Robert Charnock
Closing Prayer: Robert Trimm

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 (1/25)

Jaxton Carter, Nolan Carter, Ethan Matlock

December Door Greeters:

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

Lobby Management (1/25 & 1/28)

Security: Charles Wolfe

Worship Coordinator: Richard Shankle

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Ben Evans

Nursery Worker: Kathy McMahan

Bus Driver (1/25 & 1/28)

Brad Evins

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: David Keith
Song Leader: Robert Brownlee
Closing Prayer: Hadley Mason
Sermon: Robert Charnock

Mid-Week Service in Song: January 28

Opening Prayer: Nick Maness
Closing Prayer: LeRoy Finto

Sunday Bible Classes	138
Worship AM	200
PM	110
Wednesday Bible Study	145

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Brandon & Kristie Pickard	Stanton, TN
Cindy Randle	Antioch, TN
Jamison McIntyre	Covington, TN
Tessa Stacks & Erik	Colonial Beach, VA

Elder on call for January: Wayne Dalrymple

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



Service
Spotlight

Security – Brandon Matlock

The Security Team at the Covington church of Christ serves quietly and faithfully to help ensure that our congregation remains a safe, welcoming environment for worship, fellowship, and ministry. In keeping with the theme “Make Me a Servant,” this ministry is rooted in humility and care for others. By working behind the scenes, the Security Team allows members and visitors alike to focus on worship, learning, and spiritual growth with peace of mind. Providing safety is not about authority or control, but about service—watching over the congregation with a calm presence and a servant’s heart. The goals of the security team are simple but important. These include maintaining awareness during worship services and church events, assisting with emergency preparedness, supporting the elders in safety planning, and responding appropriately to medical or security-related situations if they arise. The team strives to be prepared without being intrusive, visible without being disruptive, and ready to assist while always reflecting Christian character and compassion. Through training, planning, and teamwork, the security team seeks to create an atmosphere where everyone feels cared for and protected. There are many ways members of the Covington church of Christ can be involved in supporting this ministry. Some choose to serve directly as part of the security team during services or special events. Others contribute by assisting with planning, participating in training opportunities, or providing prayerful support for those who serve. Even simple actions—such as being observant, reporting concerns, and helping maintain an orderly and respectful environment—play a role in reinforcing a culture of care and service within the congregation. If you feel led to serve in this way, we invite you to consider becoming involved with the security team at the Covington church of Christ. Serving in this ministry is a meaningful way to be a servant by protecting, supporting, and caring for others. For more information or to express interest, please contact Brandon Matlock at 901-317-8103.

Prayer List

Ricky Hatcher – Hannah Phillips’ grandfather; recovering from surgery

Members with ongoing needs: Cammy Evans, Delores Whaley, Laverne Baxter, Katie Merritt, David Fulks, 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: Joe Venable, Linda Wood, Adriana Wolfe, Jean Goodwin, Richard Fowler, Larry Osbourn, Jenny Garcia, Jason Elliott, Tony Hobbs

NURSING HOME

Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

MILITARY

Tanner Mason, Chris Nowak, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart



Ladies’ Bible Class - Tuesdays @10AM
AND
Men’s Prayer Breakfast -
Wednesdays @5:30AM

Calendar of Events

JANUARY

23 – Banquet for Mike & Bonita; 6:00
26 – Monday Night for the Master, groups 3&4

FEBRUARY

1-5 – 90th Annual Bible Lectureship @ FHU
2 – Monday Night for the Master, group 1
8 – Super Bowl Party after PM service
9 – Monday Night for the Master, group 2

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


YOUTH


JAN. 25 - Devo
FEB. 1 – Devo @the Bringle’s home



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


BIRTHDAYS: JANUARY 25-31

 1/26 – Libby Click
1/27 – August Charnock
1/28 – Mary Beasley



Super Bowl Party!

Stay after service Sunday evening, February 8, and cheer on your favorite team with your church family. Pizza, wings, and drinks will be provided. Please bring other finger foods, snacks, and desserts.



Carpenter’s Apprentice

Before reading this article, it would be good to get your Bible and reread Luke 19:1-10. This is the story of Zaccheus. As you may recall from the children’s song, “Zaccheus was a wee little man, and a wee little man was he.” Verse three tells us he was short in stature and couldn’t see who Jesus was because of the crowd. As you read the story, we find Jesus passing through Jericho. Crowds of people lined the street along his route hoping to see Him. Zaccheus too was in the crowd. I always assumed Zaccheus couldn’t see Jesus because he was short. After all, that is what the song says. But that is not true. His size was a contributing factor, but if we think about it, what is the harm in putting the short guy in front of us? All we have to do is look over the top of his head! We just came off a season of parades, and short people dominated the front rows, and no one complained. In fact, we put them there – so they could see! But the Bible also reveals to us that Zaccheus was a tax collector. The people’s disdain for him was evident in verse seven: when they saw Zaccheus had thwarted their efforts to keep him away from Jesus, then Jesus invited himself into Zachaeus’ home, they all began to grumble, saying, “He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner” (Luke 19:7). Now, we know all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23) but contextually, it is clear the people of Jericho felt there was no chance of salvation for Zaccheus, or, maybe they just didn’t want him to receive salvation. On several occasions, Jesus spoke to and ate with “tax collectors and sinners,” revealing his purpose in verse 10, “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” While it is true that Zaccheus was short of stature, the real reason he could not see Jesus was because no one in the crowd would let him. No one would give him “ups.” No one wanted him to see Jesus. No one felt he deserved to see Jesus. He was a tax collector! Why would Jesus even want to see him? SO BACK UP ZACH! THERE IS NO HOPE FOR YOU! It is ironic the way the crowd wanting to see Christ behaved so un-Christlike. There are many assumptions we can make and have made about Zaccheus because he was a tax collector, but maybe Jesus was teaching us about the love of God. Who do you despise? Who can you just not stand? Who is your nemesis? Remember, “for God so loved the world” (John 3:16) and “the Lord is ... not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). Jesus saw Zaccheus as a soul, and maybe He was trying to teach us to see everyone as souls too- in spite of what culture, insecurity, and fear want us to believe.

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