

Covington Family News

October 11, 2026



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 10/11/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (ALL services): Brandon Matlock
Song Leader (Sunday services): Michael Wyatt
Opening Prayer: Robert Charnock
Sermon: Josh Manning
Closing Prayer: Ron Sutton

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: John Evans
John Combs, Robert Brownlee, Beau Phillips, Gordon Cartwright,
Heath Hoffman, Wesley Fowler, Craig Robinson, Hadley Mason

Attendance Card Collectors (10/11)

Kyle McCain, Jaxton Carter, Nolan Carter

October Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Richard & Elaine Shankle
Auditorium Entrance: Michael & Susie Wyatt

Lobby Management (10/11)

Security: Logan Wall

Worship Coordinator: Bruce Hazlerig

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Jeff Coughlan

Nursery Worker: Karen Wall

Bus Driver (10/11 & 10/14)

Robert Charnock

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Robert Trimm
Sermon: Josh Manning
Closing Prayer: Brock McMahan

Mid-Week Service: October 14

Song Leader: Ricky Stavrum
Devotional Thought: Hadley Mason
Closing Prayer: Wayne Dalrymple

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	155
Worship AM	207
PM	124
Wednesday Bible Study	143

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Tommie Young	Covington, TN
Kathy Friend	Covington, TN
Robert & Carla Usoff	Millington, TN
Megan Becker	Searcy, AR
Cade & Aubrey Alston	Walnut, MS
Benjamin King	Covington, TN
Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN

Elder on call for October: Andy Whaley

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Schedule of Services

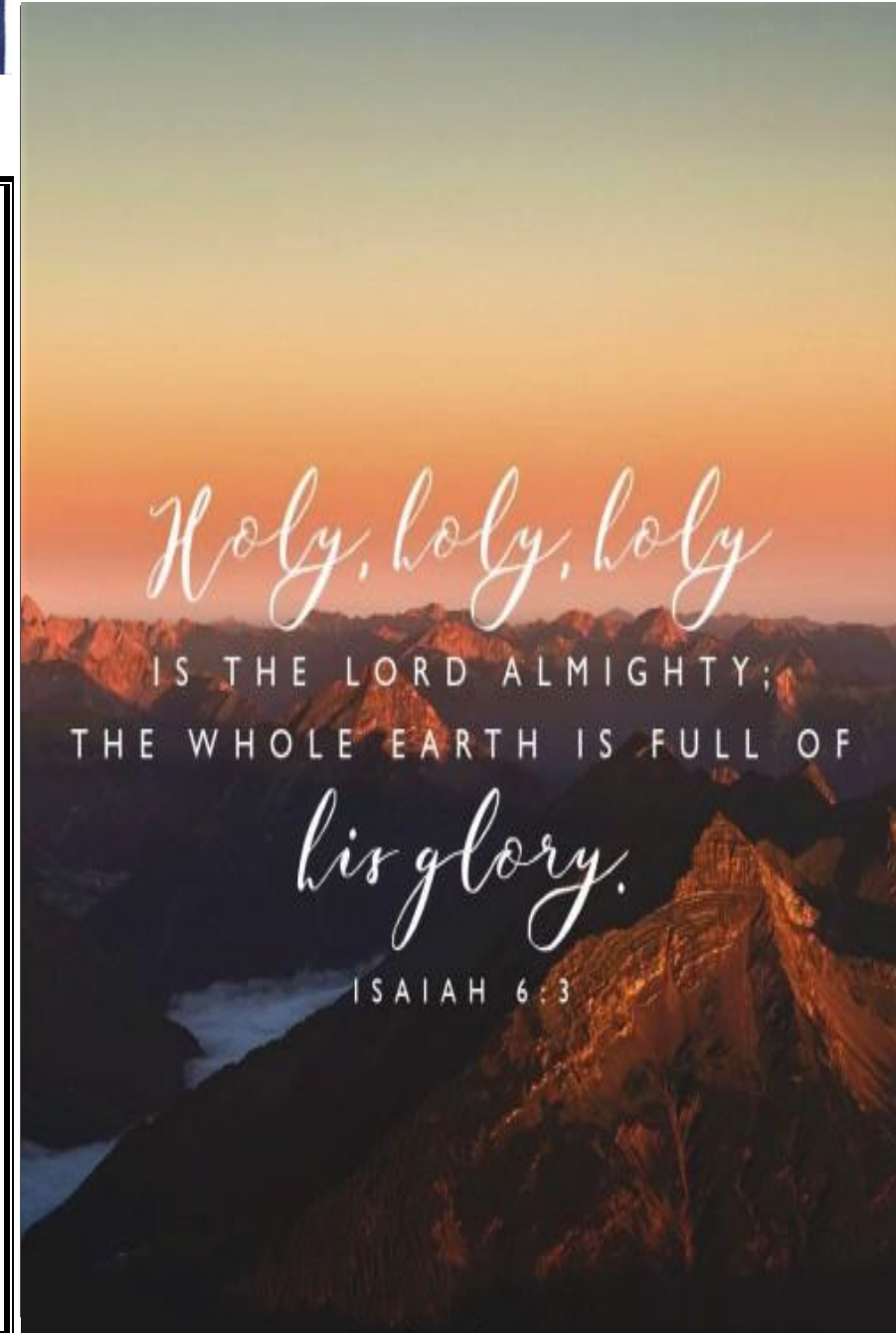
SUNDAY

Bible Classes 9:00AM

Worship 10:00AM & 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 7:00 PM



Motivational Message

“In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!’” (Isaiah 6:1–3).

If we go to the scriptures with the desire to know who God is, what do we find? Paul says in Romans 1:20, “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.” Notice that God has invisible attributes and eternal power that Paul believed we could know. There are things about God and His nature that have been revealed to us.

So far, we have looked at four of these divine attributes. We have seen that God is an all-knowing (omniscient) and all-powerful (omnipotent) being. He is also eternal and all-loving. These four attributes are sometimes referred to as God’s superlative characteristics (superlative meaning, *of the highest degree or quality*)—His attributes are the ultimate expressions of what can be: His power, knowledge, love, and existence are to the infinite degree.

The next attribute of God to study is found in Isaiah 6:1–3 and is the holiness of God. The song that the seraphim sing above the Lord’s throne is a song of praise which focuses on the holiness of God. Biblically, the concept of holy is often tied to *separation* or *other* (remember how the Law of Moses made separation between clean and unclean, or consider how unique God’s people were supposed to be from the nations around them). When we think about things of this world that are supposed to be holy, a thing’s holiness has to do with its being dedicated to a work that honors the Lord God (like the tribe of Levi or the items found within the tabernacle).

But when we talk about God’s holiness, we are directed to think about how *other* He is from His creation. In Isaiah 6 the way we find this *otherness* expressed is through the language of, “*I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up.*” God being above all things is a key message of Isaiah (cf. 57:17; 52:13). God is exalted. God is higher. God is Holy. His existence of “higher” becomes the goal or standard for people of faith to pursue. We are called to be unlike the things of this world because we are living in pursuit of that which is Higher - our God (Leviticus 11:45; I Peter 1:14–6).

-Josh

Prayer List

April Williams – friend of Whaley family; serious health issues
Mary Cass Stewart – friend of many here; cancer treatments in Nashville
Scott Shields – McKennah Cook Shield’s husband (Grant Edmonds’ niece); surgery following lymphoma diagnosis

Members with ongoing needs: Joyce Scott, Bobby White, Lang Taylor, Judy McCool, Judy Merritt, Hope Collins, Pat Gatlin, Larry Coughlan, Katie Merritt, Donna Sonwineski, Paulette Watkins, Larry Whaley II, Jimmy Willis

Loved ones to remember: Asher Gibson, many who are battling cancer, Jason Elliott

NURSING HOME

Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

MILITARY

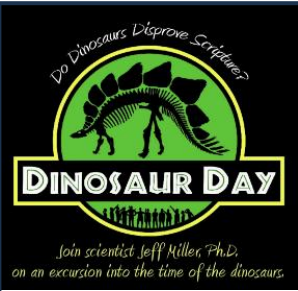
Noah Liles, Tanner Mason, Chris Nowak, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart

MEMORIALS

Donations have been given to the Covington Church of Christ in honor of *Glenda Bramblett* and *Barbara Coulston*.

CELEBRATE

A table has been set up in the foyer to honor *Lauren Chaney & Will Hagan* as they prepare for their upcoming wedding. The couple is registered at Something Special and Amazon.



**Dinosaur Days/
Friends & Family
Weekend
October 17-18**
The fun begins Saturday morning @9:30 with activities for everyone!

Lunch will be served @12:15 and teen/adult lessons begin @1:00. Plan now to be here for this time of learning together.
Pick up flyers at the Welcome Desk and spread the word about this great weekend event!

Calendar of Events

**Feed the Team:
October 8, 15, 22**

OCTOBER

17&18 – *Dinosaur Days*; Friends and Family Weekend
18 – Devo @ Covington Care; 3:00
19 – Monday Night for the Master, group 3
24 – Birthday Party @ Magnolia Creek; 2:00
25 – Deacon budget sheets due
26 – Monday Night for the Master, group 4
28 – Lads to Leaders Registration due

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 1 – Outdoor Evening Worship and Fall Festival;
4:00 at the Phillips’ home

*Sign up on the church Facebook page
to attend the Wednesday night fellowship meal*

YOUTH

8 – Food 4 Thought w/SFC for
HS Youth; 4:30
25 – Devo



BIRTHDAYS: October 11 – 17

10/11 – Debra Foshee
10/12 – John Oliver Wall
10/13 – Grant Edmonds, Aaron Speight
10/15 – Ron Chaney, Hadley Mason
10/16 – Cloma Fowler
10/17 – Tess Mosley

ANNIVERSARIES: October 11 – 17

10/13 – Logan & Lauren Wall



*Ladies’ Bible Class – Tuesday @10:00AM
and
Men’s Breakfast – Wednesday @5:30AM*

Carpenter’s Apprentice

Maggie had a splinter. In fact, she had two, and they were causing her some angst. They didn’t look too bad and even looked easy to get out, but as splinters go, despite their small size they cause much larger discomforts. Sometimes, getting them out is the worst part of getting a splinter. Not so much the actual removal but the anticipation of someone using a sharp blade, a needle, or a pair of tweezers to dig into your body and remove the offending intruder. One thing is for sure though- the longer they stay, the more problems they cause. I know this because last night I got a splinter; right in the tip of my index finger that I use all the time. I bit, squeezed, pried, prodded, gouged, and dug at the tip of my finger to no avail. I only slightly empathized with Maggie because I was certain my splinter was much larger and much deeper than hers. I was certain she would not have been able to endure the agony of my experience. Finally, I got mine to let go, exit my body, and end my torture. As I looked at the splinter, I realized Maggie’s splinter was almost the exact same size as mine. I tried to rationalize why mine hurt worse, why it consumed so much more of my thoughts, but couldn’t really explain it. I did, however, come up with a few other observations. Splinters are a lot like sin. First, size doesn’t matter. One sin forms a gap or separation from God (Isaiah 59:2). Second, sin causes pain; sometimes immediate pain and other times it takes a while for it to fester. David wrote this in Psalm 38, “For my iniquities are gone over my head; As a heavy burden they weigh too much for me. My wounds grow foul and fester because of my folly. I am bent over and greatly bowed down; I go mourning all day long” (Psalms 38:4-6). Finally, sometimes the thought of confronting and removing sin from our lives is almost as bad as the sin itself – especially if we must let someone else use the “tweezers” to get it out. A psychologist might talk about the implosion of self-image, or the armor of persona. They might go into a long explanation of shame vs. guilt, but they would also warn about the danger of leaving it alone and unaddressed. The Bible says the truth will set us free (John 8:32) and explains confession is good for the soul in a number of ways that includes forgiveness (I John 1:9), healing (James 5:16), and mercy (Proverbs 28:13). Sin, like a splinter, leaves a mark, but once removed heals right up! No one wants a splinter or sin, but Jesus reminds us in John 8:7 that we all get stuck sometimes. Jesus hung on the wooden cross (think about His splinters!) so we could come, not to be exalted or to display our greatness, but to be forgiven, healed, and live abundantly in Him (John 10:10).

-jeff