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

SERVING THIS WEEK: 10/18/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements *(ALL services):*	Brandon Matlock
Song Leader *(Sunday services):*	Ken Bringle Jr.
Opening Prayer:	Bill Murray
Sermon:	Dr. Jeff Miller
Closing Prayer:	David Stewart

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* (10/18)**
Ethan Matlock, J.O. Wall, Madden Wall

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

***Lobby Management* (10/18)**
Security: Jeff Hanks
Worship Coordinator: Bruce Hazlerig
Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Rick Stavrum
Nursery Worker: Teri Robinson

***Bus Driver* (10/18 & 10/21)**
Brandon Hanks

Afternoon Worship Service

Opening Prayer:	LeRoy Finto
Sermon:	Dr. Jeff Miller
Closing Prayer:	Jerry Gatlin

Mid-Week Service: October 21

Song Leader:	J.O. Wall
Devotional Thought:	Jimmy McMahan
Closing Prayer:	Brad Evins

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	143
Worship AM	187
PM	105
Wednesday Bible Study	149

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Jay & Anna Phillips family	Atoka, TN
Tommie Young	Covington, TN
Kathy Friend	Covington, TN
Robert & Carla Usoff	Millington, TN
Katherine Roundy	Millington, TN
Benjamin King	Covington, TN
Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN

Elder on call for October: Andy Whaley

Covington
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Serving Our Community for the Glory of God

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Covington Family News
October 18, 2026

Motivational Message

"*Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men"* (1Peter 2:13–15).

Our theme for the year 2026 is fantastic: *"Make Me A Servant."* As we have been learning throughout the year, the Bible has an enormous amount of material dealing with this idea. In the New Testament specifically, the call to be a servant of the Lord is a call to emulate our Master, Jesus. Now, what that looks like practically is sometimes difficult to articulate and then act upon. However, we are blessed by the teachings of individuals who had firsthand experience with living a life of emulating Jesus the Christ. One such individual is the apostle Peter. For a few weeks we are going to look at how he taught the early church to become servants of God by emulating the Son of God.

In I Peter, there is a great 'servant word' that describes how Christians should approach their various life relationships as they strive to become servants. The word is ὑποτάσσω (pronounced *hupo-tassō*). It is a word that Peter believes is situated at the heart of the servant discussion. We find it in a number of verses throughout the book (1Peter 2:13, 18; 3:1, 5, 22; 5:5). In English, it is traditionally translated as "submit" (though in more modern translations like the NRSV we find the language of, "accept the authority of"). When you look at ὑποτάσσω you'll find that it has two parts. There is the ὑπο (*hupo*) part: a preposition meaning *by* or *under* (to illustrate, think about how we use the prefix "sub" in words like *submarine*). Then there's the τάσσω (*tassō*) part: meaning *to arrange* or *put in order*. When these two parts are put together, we can crudely describe our word as meaning, "to put in order beneath" (with an understood, "beneath someone's or something's authority") With this word, Peter talks about what Christian servanthood looks like in relationship to the world around us.

According to I Peter 2:13–17 we "arrange ourselves beneath the authority of government." In I Peter 2:18–25, slaves "arrange themselves beneath the authority of masters." Next, in I Peter 3:1–7 wives "arrange themselves beneath the authority of their husbands." And, in I Peter 5:5 the Christian community is called to "arrange themselves humbly beneath the authority of one another." I want to explore what this means and looks like.

Josh

News You Need

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to *Alan and Rachel Rezach*, their daughter *Danielle Forrest* and Danielle's daughter *Lacey Dupuis*. These families have been visiting with us for some time and recently placed membership here at Covington. They are happy to now join in the work of the church here. If you have not already done so, please meet these great people and help them feel at home with the church family.

SEMINAR

Don't forget this weekend's seminar with Dr. Jeff Miller! *Dinosaur Day* activities for all ages will begin at 9:30 Saturday morning. Lunch will be provided. We'll continue on Sunday with our annual *Friends & Family Day*. Bring your best dishes for a potluck lunch and plan on staying for the afternoon service @1:00. There will **not** be a 5:30pm service on Sunday evening.

SYMPATHY

Our deepest condolences go out to Bobby White and family in the death of his brother-in-law *T.J. Brown*.

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

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PRAYER LIST

Andrew Evans – recovering from surgery
Beverly Keith – Methodist North with serious health issues
Rick Burrow – son of Judy Burrow; shoulder surgery
David Holman – uncle of Joyce Whaley; hospice care

Members with ongoing needs: Joyce Scott, 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

Calendar of Events

Feed the Team:
October 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

YOUTH

25 – Devo

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

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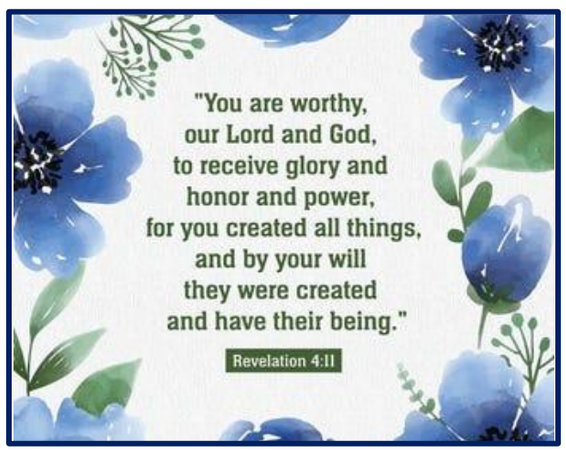
BIRTHDAYS: October 18 – 24

10/18 – Aiva Teems
10/20 – Wayne Dalrymple, Baker Moody
10/21 – Remington Maness



Carpenter's Apprentice

"Tis the Season!" It's here again - the time of year to be jolly, to give, to celebrate and anticipate; to congratulate, to gather, to remember and to love. I am talking about hunting season and fall, but retailers have begun their misdirection and exploitation! In Ecclesiastes, the preacher talks about seasons too. Ecc. 3:1-8 says, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace." Interestingly, after you get past "a time to be born and a time to die" in verse 2, everything else in the list is a choice. You have no choice as to your being born and you have no choice but to die someday. "Death and taxes", as the old saying goes, are the only two guarantees in life. In between these two bookends of our beginning and end on earth, there are a myriad of seasons, and in each season we have a choice. We have a choice as to whether we want to participate or not and we choose how long we participate in a particular season. For instance, there is a season for planting, but you don't have to plant in that season if you don't want too. Furthermore, you can plant out of season, but your harvest will be affected adversely if you get a harvest at all. Similarly, harvesting out of season will have negative effects on the yield. Times and seasons change. Change is often difficult. When we ignore the seasons, we are asking for trouble. Ask the poacher who hunts out of season. We are entering into a season to spread joy and glad tidings; a season to remember and be together. What we remember and who we are with is our choice. If you think you have no place to go during any season, you are mistaken! You are always welcome in my home. Mi casa es su casa! After all, as Christians, we are heirs to the throne; brothers and sisters in Christ. That makes us family!

I hope this season is wonderful and that you choose to be happy, rejoice, and celebrate as seasons change. As always, if there is a way I can help – let me know!

-jeff