

Covington Family News

October 4, 2026



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 10/4/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (ALL services): Brandon Matlock
Song Leader (Sunday services): Wayne Dalrymple
Opening Prayer: Jon McCain
Sermon: Josh Manning
Closing Prayer: Breck Beasley

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 (10/4)

August Charnock, Levi Teems, Houston Davis

October Door Greeters:

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

Lobby Management (10/4)

Security: Brandon Hanks

Worship Coordinator: Bruce Hazlerig

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Rick Stavrum

Nursery Worker: Elaine Shankle

Bus Driver (10/4 & 10/7)

Terry Wall

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Ron Teems
Sermon: Josh Manning
Closing Prayer: Reid McMahan

Mid-Week Service: October 7

Song Leader: Houston Davis
Devotional Thought: John Combs
Closing Prayer: Hadley Mason

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	151
Worship AM	215
PM	107
Wednesday Bible Study	132

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Tommie Young	Covington, TN
Kathy Friend	Covington, TN
Robert & Carla Usoff	Millington, TN
Katherine Roundy	Millington, TN
Emily Hazlerig Mullins	Brighton, TN
Chasse, Alice & Lucy Phillips	Martin, TN

Elder on call for October: Andy Whaley

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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

all my life
You have been faithful.
all my life
You have been so so good.
With every breath
that I am able,
I will sing
of the Goodness
of God.

Motivational Message

“Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day” (Genesis 1:31); “Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, ‘Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?’ So Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God’” (Mark 10:17–18); “Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love” (1John 4:7–8).

When the Bible reveals God to us, what sort of divine person do we see? So far, we have observed several amazing characteristics of God. First, we looked at the omniscience of God and marveled that anyone could know all things. Second, we contemplated what it means to be omnipotent and saw that God is both all-powerful and the sovereign Lord over all. Third, we looked at what I think is the most difficult to understand of all the superlative traits—God’s eternal nature.

The fourth attribute of God that we are going to introduce is the all-loving aspect of God. Some term this the omni-benevolent characteristic since it describes God’s goodness in a way that is bigger than the word love. In the three passages I included at the beginning of this article, you’ll find God’s actions and His character described as “good”. Then John writes that God is Love. God is good; God is love. There are additional positive words that deserve to be grouped together with love and goodness to complete the idea of omni-benevolent, but love and goodness are decent places to start.

Think for a moment about what things would be like if we had a God who was all-knowing, all-powerful, and eternal, but lacked this final all-loving character. To say that life would be different is an understatement, and to say that things would be bad fails to convey the hopelessness that would describe existence. But thankfully the Bible tells us that the architect of our universe is omniscient, omnipotent, eternal, and omni-benevolent. His goodness and love can be found in everything He will ever do. Even in wrath, God’s love and gracious nature guides His every intention. Paul was absolutely right when he stated, “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!” (Romans 11:33).

-Josh

Prayer List

Lee Hunter – Debra Brownlee’s brother; cancer
Asher Gibson – Hanks’ grandson; kidney problems

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: Teresa Hall, Gail Davison, Michaela Cook, Carston Burks, Braxton Seward, Mike Utley, Ellyana Bowden, Heather Bowmer, Barbara Pool, Scott Lindley, Jason Elliott

NURSING HOME

Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

MILITARY

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

SYMPATHY

Our deepest condolences go to Robert Brownlee and Margie Crews in the loss of their aunt Ella Mae Brownlee and to Joyce Scott in the loss of her uncle, Billy Flake. Please keep these families in your prayers in the days ahead.

THANKS

A huge thank you to Mike Rogers and Benny Collins for their many years of service to the congregation as leaders! Mike and Benny have stepped down as elder and deacon. Please pray for these good men and their families as they continue to serve the Lord in new ways.

CELEBRATE

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



Additional cooks are needed for Monday Night For the Master. If you are looking for a way to fellowship and serve, please consider helping with this activity once a month. See **Brad or Becky Evins** for more information or if you have questions about what this involves.

Calendar of Events



Feed the Team:
October 8, 15, 22



OCTOBER

- 2&3 – Leadership Retreat, Chickasaw State Park
- 5 – Monday Night for the Master, group 1
- 12 – Monday Night for the Master, group 2
- 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

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

YOUTH

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



**BIRTHDAYS: October 4 – 10**
10/7 – Asher Charnock

ANNIVERSARIES: October 4 – 10
10/9 – Steven & Margie Crews



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



Dinosaur Days/ Friends & Family Weekend October 17-18
Pick up flyers at the Welcome Desk and spread the word about this great weekend event!

Carpenter’s Apprentice

His job was not so much to make the tackle but to turn the running back inside towards the rest of the defense. Making the tackle was a bonus. When the ball was snapped and the offensive player in front of him cut to his right, he saw clearly the pitch from the quarterback to the tailback and zeroed in on his target. The shortest distance between two points is a straight line – unless that line is bisected by something large and moving at a high rate of speed, known in football circles as a pulling guard. Visions of glory were replaced by little stars orbiting around his helmet and what appeared to be two little birds flitting in and out of his facemask. Adding insult to injury, the play resulted in a 35-yard gain for the offense and his coach calling a timeout so he could march out to the middle of the field and scream at the defense, mainly him, for losing focus and failing to do their job. I could not hear exactly what the coach said, but I caught enough to know he didn’t say, “Good job - you’re all invited over to my house for pizza and hot chocolate after the game.” He was angry and screamed for them to make changes in their game if they wanted to be a part of the team.

It was a well-used timeout, and the “speech” made a difference. The next two plays saw the defense “stuffed”, backed up almost 15 yards, making it third and long. The offense ran their little pitch play. This time, our boy worked his way up field and, turning the running back inside, he avoided the bone-crushing intentions of the oncoming lineman and actually reached out to trip up the ball carrier as he turned and was met by the rest of the defense. No gain on the play. Lessons had been learned, adjustments had been made, and the opposing team was kept from scoring.

As I witnessed this sequence of events, several things popped into my mind- specifically the way the coach talked to his players and their response. Let me be clear; I really could not hear specific words, and while I am pretty sure he did not use foul language, his words cut deep and highlighted their failure. I am certain if a preacher, elder, or other member had used the same tone (or any tone) with a brother or sister who continued to be slack in their Christian walk and allowed Satan’s footholds to make 30-yard gains in their life as we push toward eternity, said erring brother or sister would quit and never return to the fold.

Paul said run to win, exercise discipline and self-control so we can receive the imperishable crown (I Corinthians 9:24-27). Don’t we want to win? Of course, we do! Let us then “press on towards the goal” (Philippians 3:12-16), encouraging and being encouraged (Hebrews 3:13; 10:24)! Sometimes we just need to be reminded: *this “game” is for eternity.*

-jeff