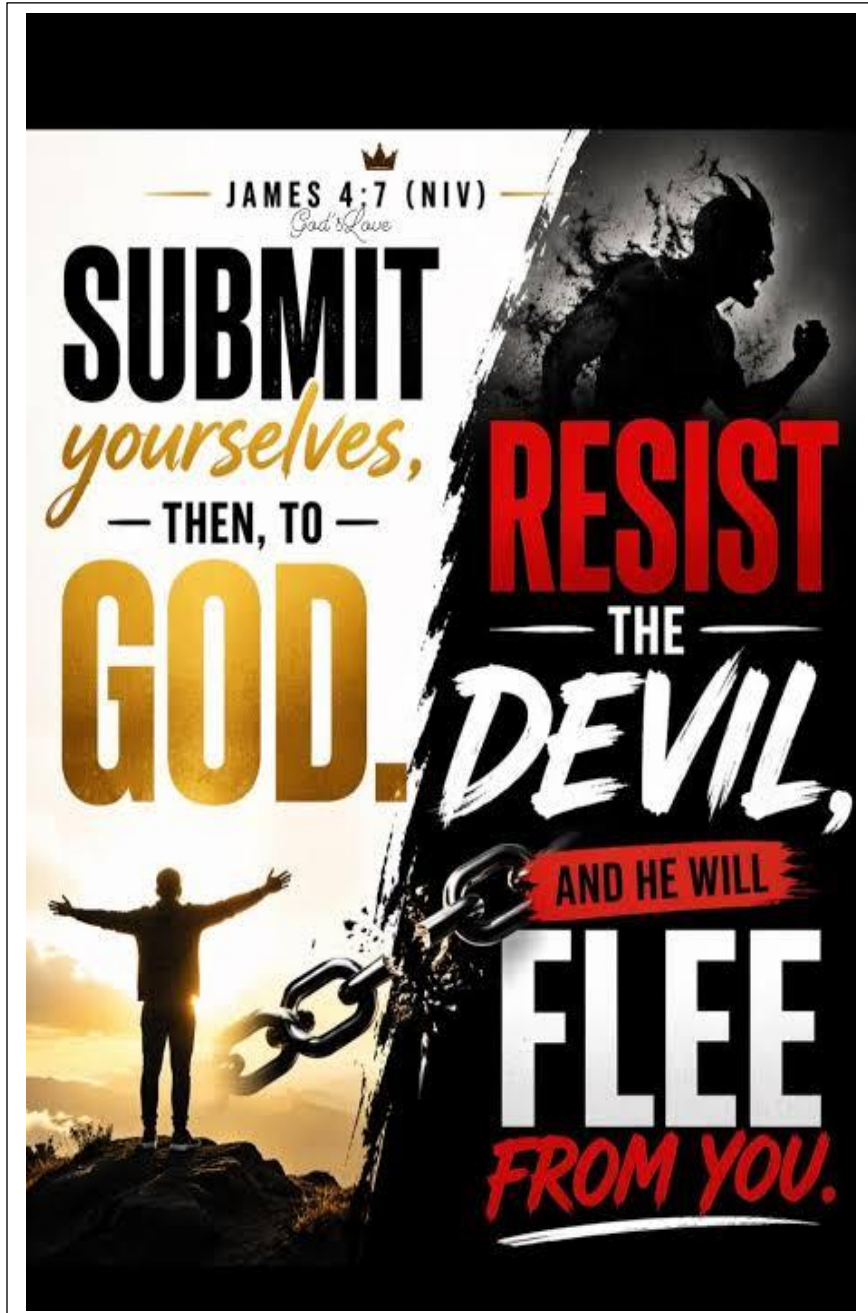


Covington Family News

November 1, 2026



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 11/1/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (ALL services): Brad Evins
Song Leader (Sunday services): John Combs
Opening Prayer: Wayne Dalrymple
Sermon: Josh Manning
Closing Prayer: Donnie Benjamin

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Jerry Gatlin
Jeff Hanks, Logan Wall, Clint Smith, Chris Maness
Reid McMahan, Myles Benjamin, Matt Moody, Chris Huggins

Attendance Card Collectors (11/1)

Tyler Bringle, Dayton Maness, Beau Glidewell

November Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Robert & Debra Brownlee
Auditorium Entrance: Ron & Judy Teems

Lobby Management (11/1)

Security: Brandon Matlock

Worship Coordinator: Bruce Hazlerig

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Richard Shankle

Nursery Worker: Teresa Stacks

Bus Driver (11/1 & 11/4)

Beau Phillips

PM Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Jeff Hanks
Sermon: Josh Manning
Closing Prayer: John Evans

Mid-Week Service: November 4

Song Leader: Robert Brownlee
Devotional Thought: Wayne Dalrymple
Closing Prayer: Josh Manning

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	130
Worship AM	185
PM	131
Wednesday Bible Study	134

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Tommie Young	Covington, TN
Larry Pence	Covington, TN
Kathy Friend	Covington, TN
Benjamin King	Covington, TN
Lesa Clark	Maryland
Phillip & Krystin Rummel	Texas

Elder on call for November: David Keith

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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

“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).

One of the ways that the New Testament calls us to be followers of Jesus is through the use of servant language—we are invited to voluntarily enslave ourselves to God. Now historically, the word “slave” has some serious baggage in the United States of America. As we understand slavery from our cultural perspective, it is an institution of oppression perpetuated by one group of people against another distinctly different group of people. We think about slavery in terms of white and black. However, in the first century world, slavery was a far more universal and (dare I say) normal institution. Not that I believe that the institution of slavery has ever been a morally good or righteous system. It might interest you to know that there is actually a New Testament book that is all about slavery: Philemon.

Jesus once said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:25–28). In that passage, notice that the Lord used two different servant-type words: (v. 26) “servant” and (v. 27) “slave”. What is shocking is that Jesus, the Son of God and Creator of all, uses those words to speak of Himself. Paul said of Jesus, “but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men” (Philippians 2:7). Our Master lived the life of a servant. Isn’t it appropriate then that Jesus would use words like “servant” and “slave” to describe His followers? It should come as no surprise that years after Jesus taught His disciples these things that when Peter was writing to Christians, he encouraged them to live lives of submission. Being a servant is part of being like Jesus.

Josh

News You Need

SYMPATHY

Our deepest condolences go out to Joyce Whaley in the loss of her uncle, **David Holman**.

PRAYER LIST

Kathy Townsend, Judy McCool’s daughter, is recovering from surgery.

Let your voice be heard! Turn in your submissions for Elders and Deacons to any of our Elders or into the submission box on the welcome desk.

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

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



Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

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

2 – Monday Night for the Master, group 1

5 – Seasoned Saints lunch, bus leaves at 10:30, Grecian Steakhouse

9 – Monday Night for the Master, group 2

14 – Area Wide Singing and Dessert Potluck; 6:00

15 – Devo @ Covington Care; 3:00

16 – Monday Night for the Master, group 3

21 – Birthday Party @ Magnolia Creek; 2:00

24 – Mid-week service change

30– Monday Night for the Master, group 4

YOUTH

8 – Camp Fire Singing

21 – A Day at the Park, Ft Pillow

20 – Devo Day; bring sack lunch and old clothes



Ladies' Bible Class – Tuesday @10:00AM and

Men's Breakfast – Wednesday @5:30AM

BIRTHDAYS: November 1 – 7

11/3 – Deborah Cates & Phillip Scrip

11/5 – Terry Wall

11/6 – Jerry Gatlin



Carpenter’s Apprentice

The term snake oil salesman is primarily derogatory these days but has its roots in an ancient Chinese remedy made from the snake oil of a Chinese water snake. Brought to America by the Chinese in the late 1800s as thousands came to work on the Transcontinental Railroad, the oils were rich in omega-3 acids and helped reduce inflammation and was found to be effective in treating arthritis and bursitis. Not having the correct Chinese water snake in the American west, various entrepreneurs experimented with rattlesnake oil – or sometimes no snake oil at all; as in the case of the “Rattle-snake King,” Charles Stanley. At the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair, Stanley slit it open and placed it in a pot of boiling water in front of a live audience. Skimming the fat off the top, he produced a fresh batch of Stanley’s Snake Oil on the spot, which was immediately scooped up by onlookers. Many bottles of liniment later in 1917, one of his shipments was intercepted and seized. Federal investigators found mineral oil, an oil believed to be beef fat, red pepper and turpentine as the ingredients. Zero presence of snake oil! The term snake oil salesman now applies not just to fake medicines, but anyone selling worthless products and ideas.

In 2 Corinthians 2:17, the NASB records Paul’s words in this way, “For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God.” The term “peddling” refers to someone traveling around selling something and, in this passage, implies there are those who amount to nothing more than religious snake oil salesmen. These peddlers capitalize on partial truths and buyers with incomplete knowledge. Paul is making a distinction between someone “selling” the Gospel and someone living the Gospel. Paul would also warn the churches of Galatia in Galatians 1:6ff to stay away from those who teach a “different gospel.” It is somewhat natural to take the path of least resistance or the easiest way and in a results-oriented society where we must wait for almost nothing, it is not surprising how many quick remedies we now use without regard to their long-term consequences. For just a moment, let’s imagine a miracle cure is developed. It takes care of all cancers. It will dissolve excess fat, lower blood pressure and cure diabetes. Remember we are imagining. What good would it do for the patient that got a bottle, put it in the medicine cabinet and never opened it. Oh, they would show it to guests, brag about the deal they got on it and even tell others they should get a bottle listing all of its benefits and cures, but never, ever, broke the seal on their own bottle of healing. You see where I am going? How can “Thy Word” be a “lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (Psalm 119:105) if I never open my Bible?

-jeff