

Covington Family News

February 15, 2026



SERVING THIS WEEK: 2/15/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (all services): Brad Evins
Song Leader: Beau Phillips
Opening Prayer: LeRoy Finto
Sermon: Robert Charnock
Closing Prayer: Ron Teems

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Hadley Mason
Wayne Dalrymple, John Combs, David Keith, Ricky Stavrum,
Mike Rogers, Rick Stavrum, Robert Brownlee, Clint Stacks

Attendance Card Collectors (2/15)

Dayton Maness, Beau Glidewell, Eli Charnock

February Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Alan & Debbie Otts
Auditorium Entrance: Breck & Stephanie Beasley

Lobby Management (2/15 & 2/18)

Security: Brandon Hanks
Worship Coordinator: Bruce Hazlerig
Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Jeff Coughlan
Nursery Worker: Teri Robinson

Bus Driver (2/15 & 2/18)

Grant Edmonds

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Rick Stavrum
Song Leader: Beau Phillips
Closing Prayer: Robert Brownlee
Sermon: Robert Charnock

Mid-Week Service: February 18

Song Leader: Beau Phillips
Devotional Thought: Jerry Gatlin
Closing Prayer: Cody Strickland

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	140
Worship AM	225
PM	130
Wednesday Bible Study	149

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Brandon & Kristie Pickard Stanton, TN
Arlen & Edna Winzenried Covington, TN
Dianne Scott & Glinda Hayman Covington, TN

Elder on call for February: Andy Whaley

SHEPHERDS

Wayne Dalrymple 901- 573-3908
David Keith 901- 430-3940
Andy Whaley 901- 626-2911
Mike Rogers 901- 229-4305

DEACONS

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Benny Collins
Brad Evins
Brandon Matlock
Jon McCain
Alan Otts
Craig Robinson
David Stewart
Robert Trimm

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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

Worship Team – Benny Collins

Fundamental to our *service* to God is our *worship*. The New Testament worship service is a gathering of believers for the purpose of honoring, praising, and glorifying God. Our worship is a central part of our lives in Christ and reflects the biblical teaching requiring worship. Jesus emphasized the importance of worshipping when he said, “But a time is coming and has now come when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father is seeking such as these to worship Him.” (John 4:23). The worship ministry team recruits, encourages, and engages all who are willing and able to participate in one or more areas of our worship services.

Prayer is a vital element of our worship. The apostle Paul gives guidance and encouragement on prayer in Philippians 4:6. It has been my personal experience that men have been more hesitant to lead public prayers than any other area of responsibility that the worship team handles. We should be reminded that public prayers are not public speeches, and that *longer* prayers are not necessarily *better* prayers (Matthew 6:7), so let me encourage more men of our congregation to think about serving in this manner.

A precious part of our worship is our singing. In Ephesians 5:19-20, we are instructed to “sing and make music to the Lord,” and we need song leaders to help us fulfill this command. John Combs organizes our schedule of service in song, so please see him if you would like to serve in this way.

The ministry team is responsible for serving the Lord’s Supper. This involves having men serve the communion trays to members of the congregation as well as in presenting a devotional message regarding the significance of the Lord’s Supper. The communion cannot be passed unless it is prepared, and we are thankful for those men and women who clean and prepare the trays before services. Each of these tasks are vitally important to our worship each week.

Finally, the ministry team schedules members to serve in the lobby before and during worship services. Door greeters, welcome desk attendants, and nursery workers help everyone feel welcome and ready to worship. While some of these are newer works in the congregation, we have quickly seen how they serve as crucial elements to our service for both our members and our visitors.

Our prayer is that everyone will be uplifted and encouraged from our worship to God each week. I encourage all to serve in some way as we worship. If you can serve in any capacity of the services mentioned, contact Benny Collins at 901-299-5478.

Prayer List

Kyle Hanks – Jeff Hanks’ dad; recovering from surgery
Robbie Renfroe – Genie’s husband; recovering from a heart procedure
Mike Simpson – Debbie Blackburn’s brother; hospitalized
Chris & Alex – Crews’ family members; having difficulties

Members with ongoing needs: 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: Ricky Hatcher, Jenny Garcia, Jason Elliott, Tony Hobbs

NURSING HOME

Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

MILITARY

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

MEMORIALS

Donations were given to the Covington Church of Christ in the month of January in honor of *Kay Gatlin, Jackie Gatlin, Tim Gatlin, Mildred Johnson, Amber Kramer, Melvin Wall, and Debra Wyatt.*

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to *Crystal & Helen Gonzalez!* The Gonzalez family recently placed membership with our congregation and are happy to join in the work of the church here at Covington. Please meet this family and make them feel at home with our church family.



ATTENTION CHURCH FAMILY:

Please mark February 22 & March 1 on your calendar and make plans to be here for Bible class, morning, and evening services as we have applicants for the preaching position join us to speak and teach. On both of those Sundays, we will also have a potluck lunch so that everyone can meet and talk with these two men and their families, and we can show our Covington hospitality to our guests. Plan now to attend, get your best dishes ready, and continue to keep our preacher search in your prayers as we take these steps forward.

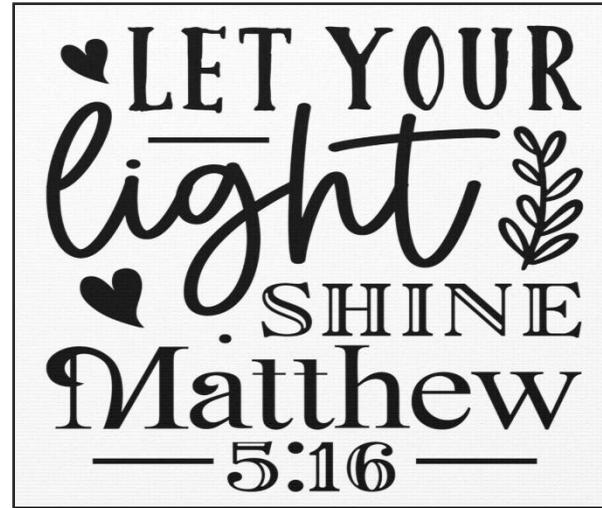
Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

14 – Birthday Party @Magnolia Creek; 2:00
15 – Devotional @Covington Care; 3:00
16 – Monday Night for the Master, group 3
22 – Guest Speaker; Potluck Lunch
23 – Monday Night for the Master, group 4

MARCH

1 – Guest Speaker; Potluck Lunch
6-8 – Gospel Meeting with Austin Johnson



YOUTH

15 – Youth led devo at Covington Care; 3:00
20/21 – Lock In; 7:00PM to 7:00AM
22 – Dairy Queen & Singing Devo



BIRTHDAYS: FEBRUARY 15-21

2/15 – Teresa Stacks
2/18 – Andrea Newman



Ladies’ Bible Class - Tuesdays @10AM

AND

Men’s Prayer Breakfast - Wednesdays @5:30AM

Carpenter’s Apprentice

Did your grandparents have a picture in their house that seemed to always look at you? No matter where in the room you went, those beady eyes just followed you, staring into the depths of your soul. It is called the Mona Lisa effect and happens when the artist paints a portrait where the eyes look straight ahead. Last Saturday morning, I arose to a similar situation- only it involved the sun and a lake. The sunrise was stunning, as usual, and as the sun rose above the horizon, its reflection on the water was like a spotlight shining across the lake focused directly on me. No matter where I went along the shore, the bright reflection of the sun shone directly on me. I couldn’t help but think, God has me in the spotlight! The realization of God watching you can have different effects, from something akin to what Manoah, the father of Samson said to his wife in Judges 13:22, “We will surely die, for we have seen God,” to Psalm 121, which reminds us that our help comes from the God who never forgets us, never sleeps, and always keeps us, guards us, and protects us. I suppose it could also bring about a feeling of great guilt, but for me, I couldn’t help but think of the God who has not forgotten me. In Isaiah 44, the prophet reminds Israel how they have been chosen by God and will be blessed by God. He warns them of the dangers of idolatry and then reminds them He will not forget them. “Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are My servant; I have formed you, you are My servant, O Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me” (Isaiah 44:21). Unlike the cold, creepy eyes at grandma’s house, knowing the Lord is with me fills me with warmth and joy. Standing on the banks of Kentucky Lake, or whatever body of water you get to see the sun rise across, wouldn’t it be awesome if we could adopt the feeling and the attitude and an overwhelming sense of being loved as we stood in the spotlight of the sun’s rays? “*Ladies and Gentlemen, standing before you this morning is my child at the beginning of a brand-new day! I wish you could know him the way I know him. Today is his day and a multitude of opportunities to reflect my love are coming his way, because I know what he can handle and I know what he can do. Oh, I love him so much. Like all of you, I sent my son to die for him too! I hope you get a chance to meet him. I love him so much and this morning, I am spotlighting him to remind him- I have not forgotten him, and I will never leave or forsake him.*” I know the sun’s rays are not a spotlight for God, but I also know, “The eyes of the LORD are in every place, watching the evil and the good” (Proverbs 15:3) and he wants us to succeed (2 Peter 3:9).

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