

Covington Family News

February 1, 2026



Come now,

*and let us reason together, saith the Lord:
though your sins be as scarlet,*

they shall be as

*white as
snow.*

Isaiah 1:18

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*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 2/1/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (all services):

Brad Evins

Song Leader:

Jimmy McMahan

Opening Prayer:

Craig Robinson

Sermon:

Jeff Phillips

Closing Prayer:

Alan Otts

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 (2/1)

J.O. Wall, Madden Wall, Kirby Wall

February Door Greeters:

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

Lobby Management (2/1 & 2/4)

Security: Charles Wolfe

Worship Coordinator: Richard Shankle

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Ben Evans

Nursery Worker: Elaine Shankle

Bus Driver (2/1 & 2/4)

Beau Phillips

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Cody Strickland

Song Leader: Jimmy McMahan

Closing Prayer: Robert Trimm

Sermon: Jeff Phillips

Mid-Week Service: February 4

Opening Prayer: Jon McCain

Closing Prayer: Reid McMahan

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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

Lads to Leaders – Ken Bringle Jr.

Lads to Leaders is the oldest and largest leadership training program used by the church today. It is a tool for us to use as we prepare our youth for service as adults in the Kingdom of God and help develop their overall leadership potential. We send our kids to school and try to get them the best education we can so that they will grow up to do great things and become the leaders of tomorrow. Lads to Leaders is a way to educate our kids in spiritual matters and train them to use their skills and knowledge as they develop into the future leaders of the church.

Once a year, we go to a three-day convention where our kids compete against others from around the country. It is always one of my favorite weekends of the year! The idea behind convention is “what gets rewarded, gets repeated.” Each year’s study and convention centers on certain Biblical texts and a theme. This year’s text is James and I&II Peter, and the theme is “*Faith Works.*”

Lads to Leaders is much more than a three-day weekend convention, however. It is a program designed to help develop future leaders year-round. There are many activities that our young people can participate in – not just at convention, but throughout the year. Traditionally at Covington, our kids have taken part in song leading, speech, debate, art, mass communications, memory verse work, Bible reading, and puppet theatre. Areas of study we have taken part in include Bible Bowl, Gifts, Guard, Pearls, and Teach to Teach. There are many other events to participate in when a student shows interest. You can read about all of the event options in the Lads to Leaders’ guidebook online. In thinking of our congregation’s theme “make me a servant”, Jesus shows us in scripture that the ultimate characteristic of a good leader is service to others, so this program goes hand in hand with our theme. One way you can be of service through Lads to Leaders is through mentorship and coaching. If you have a talent, and we have kids that are training and competing in that category, we would love to have you help coach our kids. Are you good at song leading? We would love to have you give our children some pointers! Know how to debate? Maybe you can take an hour out of your week to help coach our debate team. Are you a good public speaker? We could use your skills to teach our kids who find this task daunting how to prepare and calm their nerves.

We hope that you will be able to help us as we develop the church leaders of tomorrow by showing them what it means to live out our theme “*Make Me a Servant.*”

Prayer List

Beverly Keith – heart procedure scheduled for this week
Judah Raley – Kristine Bringle’s nephew; recovering from surgery
Lincoln Copeland – Rita Benjamin’s great niece; health problems

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, Joe Venable, Jenny Garcia, Jason Elliott, Tony Hobbs

NURSING HOME

Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

MILITARY

Tanner Mason, Chris Nowak, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart

Please note – due to the poor road conditions and very low temperatures, we will NOT have our 9:00 AM Bible class this coming Sunday, February 1. For those that are safely able to get out and join us, we will have our 10:00 AM worship service at the building. A decision about the Sunday evening service will be made at a later time.

**Ladies' Bible Class - Tuesdays @10AM
AND
Men's Prayer Breakfast -
Wednesdays @5:30AM**

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

- 2 – Monday Night for the Master, group 1
- 8 – Super Bowl Party after PM service
- 9 – Monday Night for the Master, group 2
- 14 – Birthday Party @Magnolia Creek; 2:00
- 15 – Devotional @Covington Care; 3:00
- 16 – Monday Night for the Master, group 3
- 23 – Monday Night for the Master, group 4

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

YOUTH

- 1 – Devo @the Bringle’s home
- 15 – Youth led devo at Covington Care; 3:00
- 20/21 – Lock In
- 22 – Dairy Queen & Singing Devo



BIRTHDAYS: FEBRUARY 1-7

- 2/2 – Lauren Wall
- 2/4 – Jennifer Phillips
- 2/5 – Marilyn Blevins
- 2/6 – Jackson Whaley
- 2/7 – Becky Evans, Bobby White

ANNIVERSARIES: FEBRUARY 1-7

- 2/2 – Tim & Cindy Scott
- 2/6 – Rick & Mindy Stavrum





Super Bowl Party!

Stay after service Sunday evening, February 8, and cheer on your favorite team with your church family. Pizza, wings, and drinks will be provided. Please bring other finger foods, snacks, and desserts.

Carpenter's Apprentice

It started when she opened the refrigerator door. The egg, one of three left over from the previous dozen, had been stacked precariously atop the new dozen nestled in the slot perfectly made for one dozen eggs that manufacturers had molded into the door. In slow motion, it fell from its perch in free fall until the tip of her fingers altered its trajectory, but not its future. As time resumed to normal, she began to sob as she recalled the lines of the nursery rhyme, “Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall. Humpty Dumpty had a great fall ...” It was the straw that broke the camel’s back. There on the floor lay the perfect picture and representation of her new life. Tears mingled with the broken yolk as it spread yellow through the gooey egg white and shattered shell. There was no solution. There was no way back. *“All the king’s horses and all the king’s men...”*

While I completely fabricated the events above, it very easily could have been true and most likely stirs memories from our lives or the lives of someone we know. Life is cruising along. All is well. In fact, life is better than ever. But sometimes – life just happens. In the blink of an eye, the plan crumbles before us and our whole life takes a punch right in the teeth. It’s possible we, or someone we love, are to blame. It’s also possible life turns upside down for no apparent reason. It happened to Job. In the span of seven verses (Job 1:13-19), Job was left with only his wife and four haggard messengers. He lost it all.

How will your plan survive a punch in the face? I hope you never have to find out. But when our plan takes a hit, let’s make sure we never underestimate the love of God. He has repeatedly said and demonstrated He will not leave us (Hebrews 13:5). He has said nothing can separate us from His love (Romans 8:38-39). As proof we have John 3:16, “For God so loved the world he sent his only son to die ...” and Romans 5:8, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Furthermore, Jesus said, “In my father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again ...” (John 14:2-3). “The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). Never underestimate His love and “let us run with endurance the race before us” (Heb. 12:1), never giving up, knowing “the one who endures to the end will be saved” (Matthew 24:13).

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