

Covington Family News

February 22, 2026

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Psalm 133:1



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 2/22/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (all services): Brad Evins
Song Leader: Wayne Dalrymple
Opening Prayer: Michael Wyatt
Closing Prayer: Brock McMahan

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 (2/22)

Noah Charnock, August Charnock, Levi Teems

February Door Greeters:

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

Lobby Management (2/22 & 2/25)

Security: Jeff Hanks

Worship Coordinator: Ben Evans

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Richard Shankle

Nursery Worker: Jan Hanks

Bus Driver (2/22 & 2/25)

Brandon Hanks

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Mike Rogers
Song Leader: Wayne Dalrymple
Closing Prayer: Will Thomason

Mid-Week Service in Song: February 25

Opening Prayer: John Evans
Closing Prayer: David Keith

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	149
Worship AM	214
PM	132
Wednesday Bible Study	141

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Brittany Mitchem	Covington, TN
Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Cody Smith family	Covington, TN

Elder on call for February: Andy Whaley

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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

Fellowship – J.J. Brown

As deacon of fellowship, my primary responsibility is to help cultivate a welcoming, connected church family by creating opportunities for members to gather, build relationships, and grow together. One of the most visible aspects of this role is coordinating and overseeing fellowship meals throughout the year. These meals provide a relaxed setting for conversation, encouragement, and unity beyond our regular worship services. I help organize and support several key events, including our annual Super Bowl party, the Back-to-School Bash, and Family Day. Each of these gatherings serves a unique purpose, but all are designed to strengthen relationships and create meaningful memories within our church community. In addition, whenever the calendar allows, we come together to share a meal on every fifth Sunday, giving our congregation another chance to connect across generations and backgrounds.

Beyond meals and special events, I also direct our fellowship groups. These small groups are an essential part of church life, offering members a chance to meet outside the church building in a more personal setting. Fellowship groups encourage deeper relationships as participants share life experiences, support one another, and learn from each other. Through conversation, shared activities, and mutual care, these groups help members grow both spiritually and relationally. Overall, my duties as deacon of fellowship focus on fostering unity, hospitality, and genuine Christian community, ensuring that our church is not just a place to worship, but a family that grows together in faith and love.

Church members can serve and support the fellowship ministry in many simple but meaningful ways that help build connection and care within the church family. For example, they might volunteer to greet people at events, help organize shared meals, or assist with setting up before and cleaning up after gatherings. Others can reach out to new members or coordinate small group activities that bring people together. Even offering to check in on members who are sick or going through a difficult time strengthens the sense of community. When many people contribute with small acts of service, the church becomes a welcoming space where everyone feels valued and connected.

If you would like to serve more intentionally with the fellowship work, please contact JJ Brown.

Prayer List

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: Kyle Hanks, Ricky Hatcher, Jenny Garcia, Jason Elliott, Tony Hobbs

NURSING HOME

Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

MILITARY

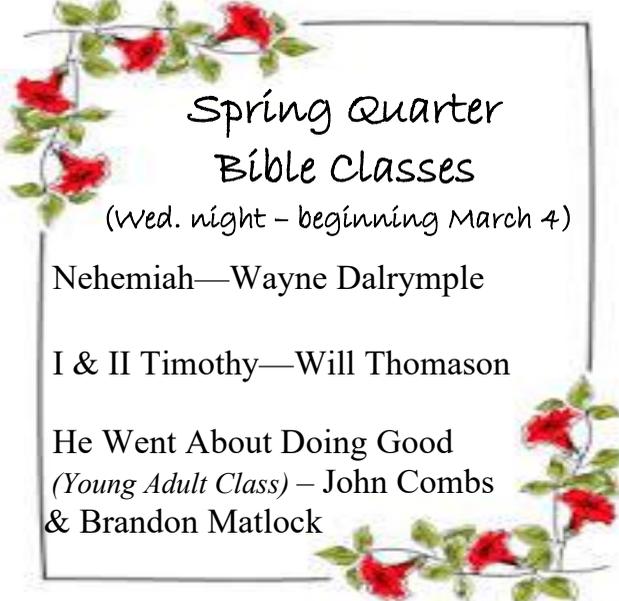
Noah Liles, Tanner Mason, Chris Nowak, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Debbie Blackburn and family in the death of her brother, *Mike Simpson*.

NEW ARRIVAL

 Congratulations to Jeff & Christie Coughlan on the birth of a new granddaughter, *Ella Carter Coughlan*! Ella was born to Carter and Haley on Friday, February 13, weighing in at 6lb 8oz and was 20 inches long. Mama and baby are home and doing well. Welcome to the world, Ella!



Spring Quarter Bible Classes

(Wed. night – beginning March 4)

Nehemiah—Wayne Dalrymple

I & II Timothy—Will Thomason

He Went About Doing Good (Young Adult Class) – John Combs & Brandon Matlock

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

- 21 – Clean-up day @the building; 9:00
- 21 – Birthday Party @Magnolia Creek; 2:00
- 22 – Guest Speaker; Potluck Lunch
- 22 – Bible Bowl Challenge; 12:30
- 23 – Monday Night for the Master, group 4

MARCH

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



Potluck Lunch this Sunday (2/22) and next Sunday (3/1). Bring your best dish and plan to stay and fellowship!

YOUTH

- 20/21 – Lock In (5th grade and up); 7:00PM to 7:00AM
- 22 – Dairy Queen & Singing Devo
- March 8 – Devo
- March 13 – Kids’ Movie Night; 7:00
- March 13 – Midnight Bowling (HS)



Sign up on the church Facebook page to attend the Wednesday night fellowship meal. See you Wed. night @ 6:00!

BIRTHDAYS: FEBRUARY 22-28

-  2/22 – Heath Billings
- 2/25 – Judy Teems, Carolyn Murray, Sydney Trimm
- 2/27 – John Evans
- 2/28 – Kim Clay

ANNIVERSARIES: FEBRUARY 22-28

- 2/26 – David & Debra Foshee



Ladies’ Bible Class - Tuesdays @10:00AM AND Men’s Prayer Breakfast - Wednesdays @5:30AM

Carpenter’s Apprentice

In Luke chapter 7 there is a story about Jesus being invited to the house of a Pharisee named Simon for a meal. While He was there, a woman described as “a sinner” (Luke 7:37,39) entered the home and, weeping, began kissing the feet of Jesus, covering them in her tears and wiping the wetness off with her hair. Furthermore, she anointed Jesus’ feet with expensive perfume. As Simon watched this scene unfold, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner” (Luke 7:39). Several questions come to mind. To begin with, it is clear the woman knows who Jesus is and comes with a heart desiring mercy, forgiveness, understanding, and patience. From the text, it is clear Jesus and Simon were not the only ones at this meal, so she humbles herself (and some might even suggest she humiliates herself) in front of these guests to make her heart known to Jesus. My first question is, why doesn’t anyone else notice her penitence? As religious people, wouldn’t this be an answer to prayer? Next, if Simon finds this woman to be so repulsive in her sin, how did she get all the way to the table where Jesus was reclined? It is difficult for me to believe this attitude of superiority and revulsion just developed when Simon looked up and saw the scene unfold before him. It is my guess the woman had to work up some nerve to even enter the house when she learned of Jesus’ presence there, but it appears she arrived unhindered. It makes me wonder if maybe she was tipped off as to Jesus’ whereabouts, thereby giving her “permission” to enter into a home she would not normally be welcome because of her “uncleanness.” In other words, was this a set up to see how Jesus would respond? While we may never know the answer to that question, Simon’s doubt as to whether Jesus was a prophet was removed quickly as Jesus spoke to his thought with a parable about two debtors (Luke 7:40-50).

My last question has more to do with me/us than with the story itself. Do we consciously or subconsciously foster an attitude of superiority when we assemble as the Lord’s church? Are sinners/immoral people welcomed into the assembly of God’s people, and do we believe the blood of Christ really does remove sin and change lives? Jesus points out to Simon and the Pharisees there that this woman is guilty – of a lot! Her sins are many (Luke 7:47) but those sins are also forgiven (Luke 7:48). I love Paul’s words to the Corinthians in I Corinthians 6:11. After listing a rather extensive and heinous group of unrighteous folks in verses 9-10, he reminds them that “Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.” There is clearly hope for all who would come to Jesus.

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