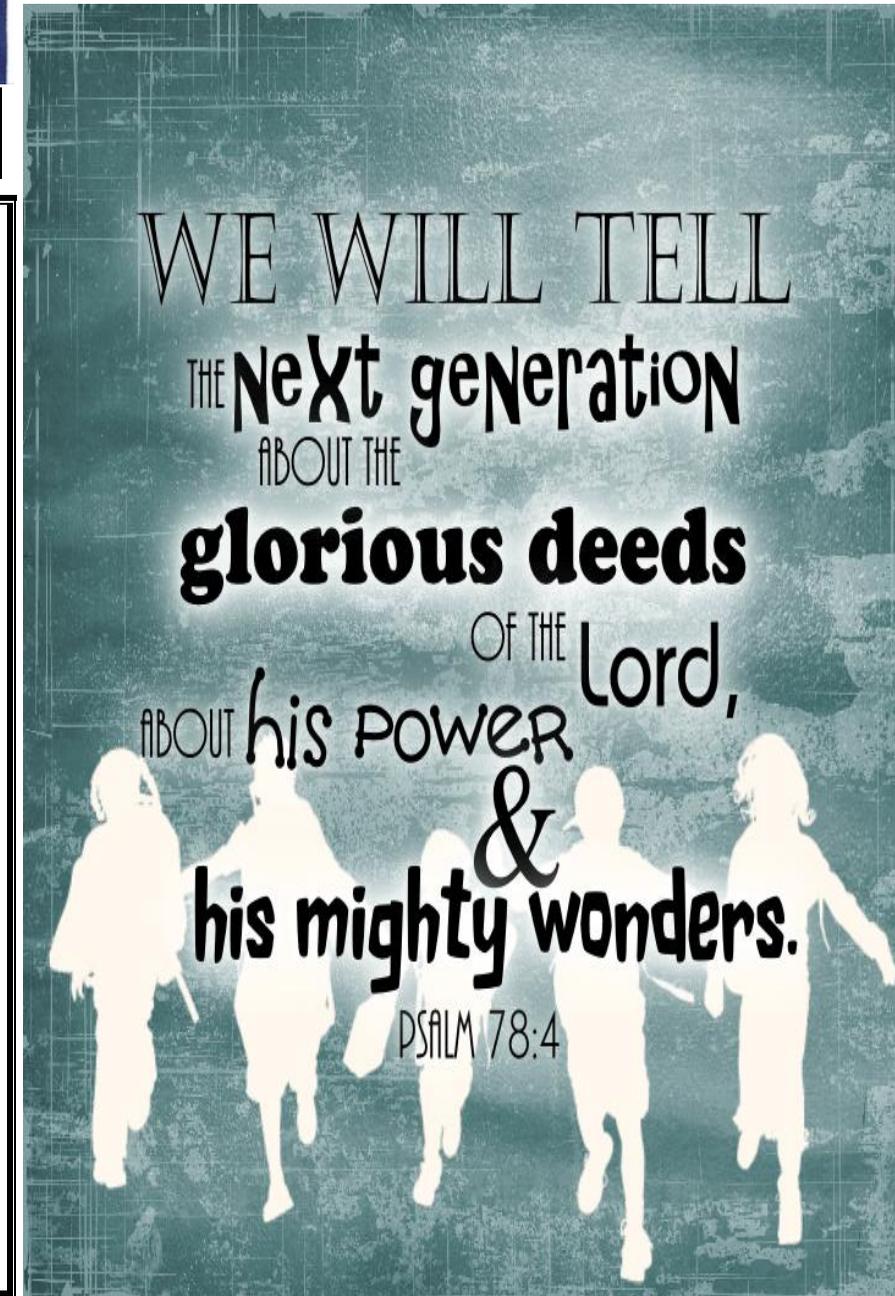


# Covington Family News

## February 8, 2026



### SERVING THIS WEEK: 2/8/26 AM Worship Service

**Announcements (all services):** Brad Evins  
**Song Leader:** Hadley Mason  
**Opening Prayer:** Jerry Gatlin  
**Sermon:** John Evans  
**Closing Prayer:** Donnie Benjamin

### Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

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

### Attendance Card Collectors (2/8)

Davis McMahan, Henry Kinningham, Tyler Bringle

### February Door Greeters:

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

### Lobby Management (2/8 & 2/11)

**Security:** Logan Wall  
**Worship Coordinator:** Jeff Coughlan  
**Welcome Desk/Lobby Service:** David Higgins  
**Nursery Worker:** Karen Wall

### Bus Driver (2/8 & 2/11)

Robert Charnock

### Evening Worship Service

**Opening Prayer:** Ken Bringle Jr.  
**Song Leader:** Hadley Mason  
**Closing Prayer:** Robert Charnock  
**Sermon:** John Evans

### Mid-Week Service: February 11

**Song Leader:** Hadley Mason  
**Devotional Thought:** Landon Bringle  
**Closing Prayer:** Craig Robinson

### Attendance – Sunday, February 1

Worship AM	131
PM	73

### VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Brandon & Kristie Pickard                      Stanton, TN

### SHEPHERDS

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

### DEACONS

Ken Bringle Jr.  
J.J. Brown  
Benny Collins  
Brad Evins  
Brandon Matlock  
Jon McCain  
Alan Otts  
Craig Robinson  
David Stewart  
Robert Trimm

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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

## VBS – Ken Bringle Jr.

VBS is a great time for us to break down Bible lessons for our children and teach them in interactive ways. It is a fun time filled with activities: singing, bible lessons, puppet shows, games, and even a time machine! Our very own Dr. Clock operates our time machine and usually manages to bring characters to visit us from Bible times.

For the past few years, we have been using a VBS curriculum from Families of Faith. This year's theme is *Stand Out*. Christians have been called to stand out from the world and be lights to the world. The key memory verse is Matthew 5:16- "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." In keeping with our theme "Make Me a Servant", this verse is key. We are to let our lights shine and serve others so that when people see our service to them, they will glorify God.

There are so many ways for you to be a servant and help with this big event. Much planning and preparation goes into having a successful VBS for our children – and we need you to be a part of that process and in the execution of those plans during the week of VBS. We need volunteers to help with registration and t-shirts. We need volunteers to lead groups of children around to the different stations. We need volunteers to lead the mini lessons for each age group. We need volunteers to make popcorn and pass out drinks. We need volunteers to be characters that come out of the time machine. We need volunteers to assist with decorating our building. We need volunteers to assist with our games. Our very young children have their own VBS area specifically designed with their age in mind, and this class needs many volunteers to make it run smoothly. Even our babies have their own class, and yes, we need volunteers for that class too! We also offer adult classes each night for those not participating directly with the children. We need men to teach these classes each night. And of course, all of these activities are pointless without having people – kids and adults – attend each night, SO, we need everyone to invite friends and family to come and join us each night of VBS. There is truly something for everyone to do.

TAKE NOTE - This year's VBS is scheduled a little later in the summer than we've had it for the past several years. It will run June 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> instead of the first week of June. This is to give us a little more time to prepare between Lads to Leaders and VBS. Stay tuned for an upcoming planning meeting and be thinking about where you can fit in and be a servant in this good work!

## Prayer List

Beverly Keith – recovering from heart surgery  
Debbie Otts – recovering from eye surgery  
Noah Liles – in boot camp in San Antonio, TX

*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

Tanner Mason, Chris Nowak, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart

### SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Jeff Hanks and family in the death of his cousin *Wyatt Yarbrow*.

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### ATTENTION CHURCH FAMILY:

***\*We have two applicants for the preaching position\* scheduled to come and spend a Sunday with us! Please mark February 22 & March 1 on your calendar and make plans to be here for Bible class, morning, and evening services. 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.***

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

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## Calendar of Events

### FEBRUARY

- 8 – Super Bowl Party after PM service
- 9 – Monday Night for the Master, groups 1&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

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

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### YOUTH

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



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### BIRTHDAYS: FEBRUARY 8-14

- 2/8 – Karen Wall
- 2/9 – Rusty Cartwright
- 2/10 – Stephanie Beasley, Gordon Cartwright, Chris Sanders
- 2/12 – Brandy Brown
- 2/13 – Maddon Wall
- 2/14 – Jeni Chaney

### ANNIVERSARIES: FEBRUARY 8-14

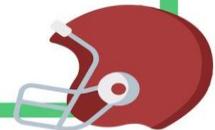
- 2/13 – Ken & Susan Mason
- 2/14 – Jack & Myung Carroll; Craig & Kim Clay

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## Super Bowl Party!

Stay for the big game this Sunday evening, February 8! Pizza, wings, and drinks will be provided. Please bring other finger foods, snacks, and desserts.



## Carpenter's Apprentice

In Matthew 15 Jesus talks about what defiles the body. Defilement is really a nasty word. Some of its synonyms are degrade, desecrate, destroy, dishonor, abuse, contaminate, dirty, disgrace, hurt, mar, poison, ruin, shame, smear, soil, stain, taint, tar, tarnish, trash, and mess up. The chapter begins with the Pharisees and scribes challenging Jesus about his disciples not washing their hands before eating. After some discussion with them, Jesus called the crowds to him and made this announcement in verse 11, "it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person." His statement offended the Pharisees and confused his disciples, prompting Peter to ask for an explanation. Jesus responded to Peter, "Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts: murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person." Previously Jesus had said, "for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks" (Matthew 12:34). That which comes from our mouths indicates much about who we are. A problem with the tongue - the words you say, the jokes you tell, the gossip you spread –are but symptoms of a much greater problem: heart disease. Not the physical form of heart disease we all know as the #1 cause of death in the US, but spiritual heart disease, the #1 killer of churches. So many people go to the doctor and get the wakeup call, "You can't keep living like this. It's time to eat right and exercise. If you keep on this path, you will not see your children graduate high school. You will never meet your grandchildren. You will die young!" As a result, we've witnessed amazing transformations of the body both inside and out as cholesterol is lowered and pounds are shed. Suddenly physical fitness is in. Health must be restored. Life must be extended.

Sometimes I think we worry more about our earthly bodies than we do our souls. Physically, we have surgeries, take pills, subscribe to fad diets, and do anything else we can to lose weight, get healthy and prolong life. But spiritual heart disease has eternal consequences. When Jesus sent the apostles out in Matthew 10, he warned them in verse 28 "Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell." In 2 Samuel 12, David mourns the impending loss of the child conceived in sin with Bathsheba for seven days. When the child died, his demeanor changed, confusing his servants. He responded, "But now he has died; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me" (2 Samuel 12:23). What are we doing to ensure our spot in heaven?