

Covington Family News

March 15, 2026

Be diligent to
present yourself
approved to
God,
a worker who does
not need to be
ashamed,
rightly dividing
the word of
truth

2 Timothy 2:15



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 3/15/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (all services): Brandon Matlock
Song Leader (all services): Wayne Dalrymple
Opening Prayer: John Evans
Sermon: Jeff Phillips
Closing Prayer: Rick Stavrum

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Mike Rogers
Andy Whaley, Landon Bringle, Robert Charnock, Matt Moody,
Breck Beasley, Beau Phillips, Chris Huggins, Cody Strickland

Attendance Card Collectors (3/15)

Madden Wall, Kirby Wall, Davis McMahan

March Door Greeters:

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

Lobby Management (3/15 & 3/18)

Security: David Higgins
Worship Coordinator: Richard Shankle
Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Bruce Hazlerig
Nursery Worker: Leann Maness

Bus Driver (3/15 & 3/18)

Robert Charnock

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Robert Brownlee
Sermon: Jeff Phillips
Closing Prayer: Cody Strickland

Mid-Week Service: March 18

Devotional Thought: Brad Evins
Closing Prayer: Wayne Dalrymple

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	150
Worship AM	226
PM	143
Wednesday Bible Study	149

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Jennifer & Caelan Canning	Burlison, TN
Paul & Diana Garrett	Munford, TN
Chris Fowler	Covington, TN
Levi Tidwell	Covington, TN

Elder on call for March: 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



Service Spotlight

Adult Education - Robert Trimm

As deacon over adult education, I design the plan for the adult Bible class rotation each quarter. It is the hope that in the class offerings, each adult member of the congregation will find some text or topic of study that interests them and encourages them to attend and engage in the Bible class hour. To hold a class, one must have a teacher, so I also recruit and guide our teachers – well intentioned, energetic souls who occasionally need encouragement or direction – in leading a variety of Bible classes. My task, simply put, is to convince grown men and women—folks who have already survived mortgages, marriages, and the headstrong nature of their own children—that there is still a page or two of the Good Book they haven’t quite mastered, and find a willing soul to help them master it! It is a delicate business, this improving of the adult mind. It has been said that children will believe anything if you offer a story and a cookie. Adults, however, arrive armed with opinions, ready to defend them with the enthusiasm of a rooster greeting the dawn. It is my job to help teachers navigate these “choppy waters” without capsizing, mutinying, or sprinting for the parking lot.

At its core, teaching is an act of service focused on bringing knowledge to students. While not all feel like they possess the talent or skills to provide this service, it is my job to help in the development of teachers and help individuals see their undiscovered talents. I try to help our teachers – seasoned and those new to the challenge – develop the art of teaching while finding the necessary balance in their presentations: to be one who possesses enough grace to be holy, but enough grit to keep a room full of adults from checking their watches every three minutes; to help curate a curriculum that balances the profound mysteries of the universe with the practical necessity of getting everyone to the fellowship hall on time; to help teachers provide just enough truth to make students curious, and just enough room to find the rest of it on their own. The job isn’t to cram a man’s head with dusty dates and names until he can’t see straight. Rather, it is to wash the windows of the soul so the light can get in.

Do you want to serve in this way? Are you ready to try your hand at leading a class and building curiosity in a group of students? There is no greater way to be made a servant like the Lord than in trying to teach truths as the master teacher did – but you don’t have to do it alone! Come talk to me, and I will gladly help guide you through the “choppy waters” of teaching – keeping your head above water while keeping your students safely afloat as well.

Prayer List

David Fulks – hospitalized with pneumonia
 Andrew Evans -health problems
 Mandy Billings – fighting pneumonia
 Bear Phillips – Le Bonheur; observation & regulating medication
 Ricky Hatcher – Hannah Phillips’ grandfather; recovering from surgery
 Richie Spann – Sherri’s husband; health concerns/tests
 Reid McMahan – back problems

Members with ongoing needs: Bobby White, Laverne Baxter, Katie Merritt, 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: Kathleen Brown, Kyle Hanks, 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

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Jeff & Christie Coughlan on the birth of a new grandson, *Brooks Hunter Coughlan!* Brooks was born to Corban & Raygan on Friday, March 6, weighing 8lb 4oz and was 21 inches long. The whole family is home and doing well. Please pray for baby Brooks and all of our new precious little ones!



We have been blessed with many new members and families recently. Have you met our new brothers and sisters?

Have you made them feel welcome? Have you included them in local events and activities?

“Be devoted to one another in love.....”

Romans 12:10



Calendar of Events

MARCH

15 – Devotional @Covington Care; 3:00
 21 – Birthday Party @Magnolia Creek; 2:00
 23 – Monday Night for the Master, group 3
 28 – Senior Adult Rally @Henderson Church of Christ
 29 – Fifth Sunday schedule w/Potluck Lunch
 30 – Monday Night for the Master, group 4

YOUTH

13 – Kids’ Movie Night; 7:00
 13/14 – Midnight Bowling (HS)



LOOKING AHEAD - APRIL

1 – Lads To Leaders Dress Rehearsal
 3-5 – Lads To Leaders Convention
 17-19 – Spring Youth Retreat
 24 – Senior Graduation Celebration

Help with cleanup is needed following the Wednesday night fellowship meals each week. If you attend those dinners, please see Becky Evins to see how you can help with the work.

BIRTHDAYS: March 15-21



3/18 – Nolan Carter
 Alexis Matlock

ANNIVERSARIES: March 15-21

3/21 – Ron & Gale Sutton



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

Carpenter’s Apprentice

“Have you seen Jesus my Lord? He’s here in plain view. Take a look, open your eyes, He’ll show it to you.” Matthew 9:27-30 tells the story of two blind men who came to Jesus to be healed. Jesus asked if they believed He could do this. This question may seem a bit silly to the casual observer, but we know Jesus always has a plan or reason for what he does. It appears from verse 27, they had been following Him and He had not responded to their cries for mercy. They persisted in following Him to a house, finally approaching Him there. Jesus asks, “Do you believe I am able to do this?” The blind men simply said, “Yes Lord.” As Jesus touched their eyes, He said, “According to your faith be it done to you.” Their eyes were opened. The Bible does not tell us how well they could see, but they apparently were pleased. They told everyone! They must have had faith. So why the delay? Why didn’t Jesus just heal them outside while they were following? Wasn’t their faith evident? They were blind and somehow made the effort to follow, navigating what must have been a decent crowd of people. Maybe Jesus was demonstrating a need for persistence in our faith or keeping our faith even through disappointments. Whatever His reasons, a series of questions arise: Can you have a little faith? Are there different levels of faith, or is having faith like being pregnant - you either have it or you don’t? When the blind men could see, one of the first things they saw was Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Even when they are sternly told not to tell, they could not keep from it. We claim God is everywhere, in plain view. He’s in the sky, in the trees and plants. He’s in the birth of a child. Just open your eyes. You can’t miss Him. While that is our claim, do we really see Him? Have we opened our eyes to allow God to reveal to us His will? Have we opened our hearts to accept Jesus? Would the blind men have seen if their faith had been like mine? Matthew 28:19 and Mark 16:15 tell us something different than what Jesus told the blind men. Jesus told them to tell no one. He tells us to tell everyone. The blind men received sight. We receive eternal life. They told everyone, “spreading His fame throughout the land.” Who have we told? Having sight changed these men. How has seeing God in plain view changed me? Can I see Jesus and not tell the world? No amount of work can get us to heaven, for we are saved by grace through faith (Eph 2:8-9), but James 2 tells us faith without works is dead. Have you seen Jesus my Lord? Is He really here in plain view? Have you taken a look? Have you opened your eyes? What has He shown you? Silly questions? Who did you tell?