

# Covington Family News

## March 1, 2026

We are  
**SAVED**  
  
**to**  
**SERVE**

We invite you to our motivational weekend where we hope to inspire service in the hearts of God's people, through which God can change the world!

Covington Church of Christ

Saturday, March 7—Lessons 2:50 & 7:00

with a dessert fellowship 2:00

Sunday, March 8—Lessons 2:00 & 10:00

With speaker Austin Johnson from Florence, AL



*Serving Our Community  
for the Glory of God*

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 Benny Collins  
 Brad Evins  
 Brandon Matlock  
 Jon McCain  
 Alan Otts  
 Craig Robinson  
 David Stewart  
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### SERVING THIS WEEK: 3/1/26 AM Worship Service

**Announcements (all services):** Brandon Matlock  
**Song Leader:** John Combs  
**Opening Prayer:** Bill Murray  
**Closing Prayer:** Jeff Phillips

### 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 (3/1)

Houston Davis, Kyle McCain, Jaxton Carter

### March Door Greeters:

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

### Lobby Management (3/1 & 3/4)

**Security:** Rick Stavrum

**Worship Coordinator:** David Higgins

**Welcome Desk/Lobby Service:** Bruce Hazlerig

**Nursery Worker:** Teresa Stacks

### Bus Driver (3/1 & 3/4)

Terry Wall

### Evening Worship Service

**Opening Prayer:** Robert Charnock  
**Song Leader:** John Combs  
**Closing Prayer:** Brad Evins

### Mid-Week Service: March 4

**Song Leader:** John Combs  
**Devotional Thought:** Jon McCain  
**Closing Prayer:** Landon Bringle

### Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	175
Worship AM	247
PM	142
Wednesday Bible Study	147

### VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Alina Pickard	Brownsville, TN
Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Cody Smith	Covington, TN
JoAnn Jenkins	Millington, TN
Michael Plemmons' family	Drummonds, 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

## New Members & Baptistry – Alan Otts

### New Members' Ministry

This ministry is responsible for meeting new members of our congregation and making sure each one feels welcome and is informed of activities and opportunities for service. When someone joins our congregation, we provide an information packet which gives a brief overview of the congregation: information about our existing leadership (ministers, elders, deacons, and staff), our different areas of work, and different activities in which they can take part. The packet also includes a page for them to fill out to give us information about their family and to indicate how they would like to participate in the different ministries of the church. It also allows them to more easily join in and take part by being able to reach out to the deacon in charge of each ministry and other members to learn exactly what that ministry provides and the opportunities for serving in the congregation.

Not everyone prefers to be visible with their service, so we have several opportunities for those who would rather be "behind the scenes." Some of the ways that you can help with the new members' ministry work are:

- help to update the new member packets
- make copies for distribution
- deliver packets to new members
- follow up with new members

### Baptistry Ministry

This ministry maintains the baptistry located in the main auditorium, making sure there is always water and that it is accessible at all times. We try to keep the water around 85° for comfort and the water is checked several times a week for cleanliness. Some of the ways that you can help with this work are:

- helping maintain the electrical, heating, and plumbing items as required
- looking for items in the baptistry tub (yes, we have found coins and various items)
- adding clarifier and chlorine every couple of weeks
- helping keep the changing rooms stocked and in order
- washing dressing gowns and other items after each baptism

We need people to serve with all of these tasks, and I would love to entertain new ideas about how to improve these two areas of work. Are you interested in helping? Please call me at (901)413-4115 or talk with me before or after services.

## Prayer List

Joyce Whaley – hospitalized for health issues  
 Kathleen Brown – Frank Brown's daughter-in-law; diagnosed with cancer  
 Linda Heathcock – Judy Teems' niece; recovering from surgery  
 Wesley Fowler – upcoming surgery  
 Bobby White – treatment at Vanderbilt

*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



*There are no words that can express the way Bonita and I felt when we pulled into the parking lot and saw the number of cars there on that bad-weather night. Then, when we stepped into the fellowship room and saw how beautifully it was decorated, and every table filled almost to capacity, well—we cannot tell you the emotion that overcame us. The dinner was delicious and special. The comments were so touching. To say thank you seems so inadequate. We love every member of this congregation and pray that the next preacher and his wife get the same love you have shown us.*

*With love and appreciation,*  
 Mike & Bonita



## Calendar of Events

### MARCH

- 1 – Guest Speaker; Potluck Lunch
- 2 – Monday Night for the Master, group 1
- 7/8 – Gospel Meeting with Austin Johnson
- 9 – Monday Night for the Master, group 2
- 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



**Potluck Lunch this Sunday (3/1)**  
**Bring your best dish, and plan to stay and fellowship!**

### YOUTH

- 8 – Devo
- 13 – Kids' Movie Night; 7:00
- 13/14 – Midnight Bowling (HS)



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

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### BIRTHDAYS: March 1-7

- 3/1 – Delores Whaley
- 3/4 – Anna Kate Dalrymple
- 3/5 – Brayley Brown
- 3/6 – Breck Beasley

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**Make me a servant,  
-Lord-  
make me like you**

## Carpenter's Apprentice

The wheel made its appearance in Mesopotamia around 3500 BC, according to a Sumerian pictograph dated about then. Interestingly, it appears wheels may have been used for pottery and irrigation before someone thought about using them in transportation. It is likely the very first "wheels" were probably logs used as rollers before someone finally came up with the idea of slicing a section off the log to make a wheel. According to Encyclopedia Britannica, though, "the oldest known wheels were wooden disks consisting of three carved planks clamped together by transverse struts." After that came spoked wheels with hubs mounted on greased axles. Iron hubs appeared on chariots as early as 2000 BC, followed by iron wheels. Then, eventually, came wheels capped with rubber, followed by rubber filled with air mounted on lightweight and colorful alloys. The wheel has come a long way, and while its composition, design, and strength have changed, the wheel is still round. It is a marvelous invention, and there is no doubt the wheel transformed transportation like nothing else ever invented. While improvements to wheels will forever be researched and tested, it is highly unlikely roundness will ever be abandoned for another shape. The next technological advancement to transportation most likely won't involve a new wheel. In fact, it likely will be more like something seen in Hanna-Barbara's space age cartoon from 1963, *The Jetsons!*

The shape of the wheel is as fundamental as any scientific law, yet I am sure there are and always will be those who argue the facts. There will also be those who defend and support those who challenge the wheel's round design, describing them as creative, idealistic and inventive; hence, the idiomatic expression, "Why reinvent the wheel?" No matter what the context of the expression, the question always points to spending unnecessary time and effort in areas where proven and preexisting methods exist. The phrase always makes me think of Romans 15:4, "For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." I wonder how many times God wants to say, "Why are you trying to reinvent the wheel? I have given you everything pertaining to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3). Don't you remember, "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16) and "since you have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding you" (Hebrews 12:1), why are you not using what I have given you? Why do you persist in trying to do it YOUR way when I have given you people My Word to help and show you the way?"

The next time you're moving something without the use of a wheel or have a flat tire, remember life is easier and more efficient doing it God's way. After all, He is the original designer and creator.