

Covington Family News

May 10, 2026

Her children
rise up and
call her blessed.

Proverbs 31:28



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 5/10/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (all services): Brad Evins
Song Leader (all services): Robert Charnock
Opening Prayer: Jerry Gatlin
Sermon: Jeff Phillips
Closing Prayer: Donnie Benjamin

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: David Keith
Conrad Scherffius, Ron Sutton, Jeff Hanks, Brock McMahan,
Bill Murray, Wesley Fowler, Brandon Matlock, Reid McMahan

Attendance Card Collectors (5/10)

Eli Charnock, Noah Charnock, Augst Charnock

May Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Alan & Debbie Otts
Auditorium Entrance: Terry & Karen Wall

Lobby Management (5/10& 5/13)

Security: David Higgins

Worship Coordinator: Jeff Coughlan

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Bruce Hazlerig

Nursery Worker: Brandy Brown

Bus Driver (5/10 & 5/13)

Beau Phillips

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Ken Bringle Jr.
Sermon: Landon Bringle &
Caleb Smith
Closing Prayer: Clint Stacks

Mid-Week Service: May 13

Devotional Thought: Andy Whaley
Closing Prayer: Hadley Mason

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	133
Worship AM	200
PM	115
Wednesday Bible Study	125

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Natalynn Golding	Covington, TN
Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Miracle Lockett	Covington, TN
Megan Becker	Jackson, TN
Andrea McAtee family	Poplar Bluff, MO

Elder on call for May: Wayne Dalrymple

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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

Bible Classes 9:00AM
Worship 10:00AM & 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Class of 2026



Landon Cole Bringle (Brighton High School)



Landon is an active member of the National Honor Society and Brighton FFA Chapter. He regularly participates in FFA competitive events and recently earned the FFA State Degree at the Tennessee State FFA Convention in Gatlinburg. In fall 2026, he plans to attend the University of Tennessee at Martin and pursue a degree in Agricultural Engineering. His favorite church memories include participating in Lads to Leaders, many summers spent at Mid-South Youth Camp, and spending time with his two good friends, Caleb and Eason.

Mary Brayley Brown (Munford High School)



Brayley is an award-winning volleyball player, playing for MHS, Southern Elite, and the Memphis Juniors' teams. She has also been recognized academically as a member of the Spanish Honor Society and the National Honor Society. Brayley was awarded the Tipton County Scholarship and will continue her education at Dyersburg State Community College, after which, she plans to enroll in Methodist's Radiology program. Brayley's favorite memories from growing up in the Covington congregation are from VBS when she was younger.

Kaitlyn Elise McCain (Munford High School)



Kaitlyn has been a dedicated member of the MHS softball team for four years. She is a part of the National Honor Society and Phi Theta Kappa Society. Kaitlyn will continue her education at Dyersburg State Community College, where she will work to obtain her associate's degree in interior architecture and design. She plans to then transfer to the University of Tennessee to complete her bachelor's degree. Kaitlyn's favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Caleb Benjamin Smith (Brighton High School)



Caleb has had many successes in his time at BHS. He has been a member of the BHS soccer team for four years and team captain the past two years. He was recognized as the Male Athlete of the Year for BHS and will continue playing soccer at the collegiate level at Freed-Hardeman University. Academically, Caleb has succeeded as well, finishing as 7th in his class. As a part of our church family, Caleb has been active in Lads to Leaders and spent great summers with friends at MSYC.

Prayer List

Laura Craft – recovering from eye surgery

Members with ongoing needs: Ginger Sallee, LaVerne Baxter, Susie Wyatt, Joyce Scott, Larry Coughlan, Pat Gatlin, Katie Merritt, Judy Merritt, Donna Sonwineski, Paulette Watkins, Larry Whaley II, Jimmy Willis

Loved ones to remember: Barbara Pool, Cindy Clark, Valerie Pierce, Kathy Townsend, Jason Elliott

NURSING HOME

Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

MILITARY

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

MEMORIALS

Donations were given to the Covington Church of Christ in the month of April in honor of *John Richard Fowler*.

CONGRATULATIONS

Best wishes to our college grad, *Melea Edmonds!* Melea is graduating from Freed-Hardeman University on Saturday, May 16. Way to go, Melea!



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

Calendar of Events

MAY

- 11 – Monday Night For the Master, groups 1&2
- 16 – Birthday Party @Magnolia Creek; 2:00
- 17 – Devotional @Covington Care; 3:00
- 18 – Monday Night For the Master, groups 3&4

YOUTH

- 10 – Devo
- 14 – Brighton HS Graduation
- 15 – Munford HS Graduation
- 17 – Youth Led Service at Nursing Home
- 18 – Covington HS Graduation
- 21 – Last Day of School!!
- 22/23 – Ultimate Youth Rally
- 28 – Ignite!



LOOKING AHEAD

- June 3 – Summer Series begins
- June 14-17 – VBS; "Stand Out"
- June 21-26 – WKYC Teen Week
- June 28-July 3 – WKYC 11-13 Week
- July 12-16 – Big Reedy Christian Camp

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

BIRTHDAYS: May 10 – May 16

- 5/12 – Eason Robinson, David Whaley
- 5/13 – LeAnn Stewart
- 5/16 – Amy Hall

ANNIVERSARIES: May 10 – May 16

- 5/16 – John & Cammy Evans



- **If you currently have a key to the church building, please see Brandon Matlock.**
- **After morning service on Sunday, May 17, there will be a Security Team meeting in classroom 2. If you are on the security team or would like to join in with this work, please be at this meeting.**

Carpenter's Apprentice

The wall in my office is 13 feet tall, which leaves a large band of off-white, relatively untouched space above the 8-foot mark. I have often thought about how to "decorate" this space without spending large amounts of, or even any, money. Whatever I choose to do needs to be significant (at least to me!) otherwise, it would just be a waste of time, which is a pun leading to one of my favorite ideas: Clocks. Not just any clocks though. Unique clocks, placed randomly on the wall. One might ask who needs more than one clock, but for decoration purposes, it is no longer about the time. One clock is about time; many clocks are about what time represents. Like most art displays, the collection would bring about different thoughts in every viewer ranging from indifference to downright fascination. Certainly, many people will ask, "Why so many clocks?" thus, opening the door to what the collection means to me. Individual clocks may have special meaning, although in the absence of any clocks at all, I can most assuredly tell you, "none yet." I think mostly, though, what the clocks will represent to me is that time doesn't stop. It may be the most taken-for-granted gift we have, so much so that we fail to recognize it even is a gift. You can spend it, but it is impossible to buy – despite the phrase, "buy some more time." Once it is gone, it is gone. We talk about finding time, making time, even losing track of time, but those are really statements of how we use time. In truth, clocks are just how we have come to measure time, but they really have no bearing on time. They serve as a reminder that no matter what is happening in life, good or bad, time just keeps ticking away.

The preacher says in Ecclesiastes 3 there is an appointed time for everything. That would include the second coming of Jesus. About that time, no one knows the day or hour (Mark 13:32; I Thessalonians 5:2; II Peter 3:10) but the clocks remind me the day is coming "that there should be time no longer" (Revelation 10:6 KJV). That time/day was never intended to be a day of dread, but a day of salvation (I Thessalonians 5:9). In fact, Paul would tell the church at Philippi, "to live is Christ but to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). But we must be found faithful (I Corinthians 4:2) and in the time we have, "Look carefully then how we walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time" (Ephesians 5:15-16). We must also, "let our speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that we may know how we ought to answer each person" (Colossians 4:6). We should, "consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together ... but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:24-25), when it will be our time – to stand before God.