

Covington Family News

August 16, 2026

I always thank my God
as I remember you in
my prayers

PHILEMON 1:4



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 8/16/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (Sunday services): John Combs
Song Leader (Sunday services): Ken Bringle Jr.
Opening Prayer: LeRoy Finto
Sermon: Josh Manning
Closing Prayer: Ron Teems

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Craig Robinson
Brad Evins, Luke McMahan, David Keith, Jon McCain
Ron Sutton, Hadley Mason, Brandon Hanks, Jeff Phillips

Attendance Card Collectors (8/16)

Dayton Maness, Beau Glidewell, Eli Charnock

August Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: David & Heather Keith
Auditorium Entrance: Breck & Stephanie Beasley

Lobby Management (8/16 & 8/19)

Security: Brandon Matlock

Worship Coordinator: Rick Stavrum

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Bruce Hazlerig

Nursery Worker: Teri Robinson

Bus Driver (8/16 & 8/19)

Terry Wall

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Robert Brownlee
Sermon: Josh Manning
Closing Prayer: David Stewart

Mid-Week Service: August 19

Opening Prayer: Robert Trimm
Song Leader: Hadley Mason
Speaker: Tim Alsup
Closing Prayer: Will Thomason

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	152
Worship AM	238
PM	140
Wednesday Bible Study	146

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Tommie Young	Covington, TN
Robert & Carla Usoff	Millington, TN
Ron & Mike Phillips	Grove City, OH
Ian Keith	Fort Smith, AR
Greg Benjamin family	Atoka, TN

Elder on call for August: Mike Rogers

Covington Church of Christ
1690 Highway 51 South – PO Box 9
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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

Bible Classes 9:00AM

Worship 10:00AM & 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 7:00 PM

Motivational Message

“First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers, making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you” (Romans 1:8–10). Paul’s letter to the Roman church begins in two very personal ways. According to verse 8, he starts with a note of gratitude as he informs them that he gives thanks to God in his prayers for them: “First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all.” This language of thanksgiving is classic Paul. It sounds like how he wrote to the churches in Corinth (1Cor. 1:4), Ephesus (1:15–16), Philippi (1:3–4), Colosse (1:3–4), and Thessalonica (1Thess. 1:2–3; 2Thess. 1:3). It also reminds us of his more personal correspondences with Timothy (2Tim. 1:3–4) and Philemon (1:4–5). Paul was expressive of his deep feelings toward his brethren, and he often communicated this affection by telling his Christian family that he was praying for them. One of the wonderful things that my family and I keep hearing from you, our Covington family, is that you have been praying for us. For these prayers and expressions of kindness, we are so thankful - and you need to know that you are also regularly in our prayers. As Paul would say, “We give thanks to God for you!”

When we return to Romans 1, we find that Paul continues in what I’ll call godly gossip. He tells them that people have been talking about them—specifically their faith—and he desires for them to know of their reputation: “your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.” This again is something that Paul happily pointed out to his brethren (cf. Eph. 1:15; Phil. 1:27; Col. 1:4; 1Thess. 1:3–10; 2Thess. 1:3–4; Phm. 1:4–7). It is easy to see that by doing so he was both encouraging them to continue to let their faith shine as well as praising them for their faithfulness. I believe that this form of edification is an important part of our Christian fellowship. God’s people need to be in the habit of encouraging one another in word and through lives directed by the word.

-Josh

Prayer List

Glenda Bramblett – Jimmy Blackburn’s sister; health concerns
Ken & Judy McCool – physical therapy via in-patient rehab; NO VISITORS please

Members with ongoing needs: Bill Murray, Joyce Scott, Andrew Evans, Hope Collins, Pat Gatlin, Larry Coughlan, Katie Merritt, Judy Merritt, Donna Sonwineski, Paulette Watkins, Larry Whaley II, Jimmy Willis

Loved ones to remember: Kaci Billings, Mike Utley, Ellyana Bowden, Heather Bowmer, Barbara Pool, Scott Lindley, Jason Elliott

NURSING HOME
Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

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

MEMORIALS
Donations have been given to the Covington Church of Christ in honor of Amber Kramer and Ricky Hatcher.

Area-Wide Gospel Meeting
“Give Me the Bible”
September 14-17, 7:00
Brighton Middle School



Calendar of Events

AUGUST
14-20 – PTP Sevierville
15 – Birthday Party @Magnolia Creek; 2:00
16 – Devo @Covington Care; 3:00
19 – Summer Series w/Tim Alsup; 7:00
21&22 – Men’s Conference @Quince Church of Christ
24 – Monday Night for the Master, groups 3&4
25 – Tuesday Ladies’ Bible Class resumes
26 – Singing Night
30 – Fifth Sunday Worship/Fellowship Schedule

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

YOUTH
29 – Float the Buffalo; leaving the building @7:00AM; see flyer in foyer for more details and pricing information
30 – DEVO



LOOKING AHEAD
September 11&12 – FHU Leadership Seminar
September 11-13 – Transform Women’s Conference
September 14-17 – Area Wide Gospel Meeting
speakers & topics are posted on the church website
October 2&3 – Leadership Retreat
October 17&18 – Friends and Family Weekend

BIRTHDAYS: August 16 – 22
8/16 – Chesley Hoffman, Kyle McCain
8/17 – Donnie Benjamin
8/19 – Marley Maness, Eli Moody
8/21 – Kaitlin McCain

ANNIVERSARIES: August 16 – 22
8/22 – Tracy & Tricia Speight



Men’s Breakfast –
Wednesdays @5:30AM

Carpenter’s Apprentice

There were two outs in the bottom of the eighth with men on first and second, and the home team was down one. Anticipating something great, the crowd was on its feet. A pass ball moved the runners to second and third, both in scoring position; the tying and winning runs! The crowd became more frenzied as the team’s MVP stepped into the batter’s box one more time. When the pitch was delivered, it was low on the outside corner of the plate, and the hitter drove it high and deep into the left centerfield gap. The ball left the bat at 106 miles per hour with a launch angle of 32 degrees and everyone in the ballpark knew at the crack of the bat it had a chance to go all the way. When the ball bounced out of the glove of a fan sitting in the first row of bleachers in left center field, the crowd went crazy! HOMERUN! Game over, we win! The guy in front of me who’d been sitting there for six innings with his mother, gave me a high five and even threatened a hug! I could feel the stadium shaking under my feet as the crowd jumped and cheered. I stopped for just a moment to take it all in; to feel the stadium shake, hear the crowd in mass celebration, and see the smiles, the laughter, the high fives, and the congratulations shared first with family and friends and then complete strangers- all united around a common cause: a baseball game. Of the 37,000 in attendance, at that moment, there were no differences of opinion. There was no racism or jealousy; there was no hatred of anyone. Everyone recognized the greatness and the rarity of what we had just witnessed. As I see the scene replay in my memory, I can’t help but recall a scripture found in Luke 15. This is a chapter dealing with things that were once lost and then found. In verses 4-7 it was a sheep; 8-10 a coin, and in 11-32 it was a son and brother. In verse six the shepherd says, “Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.” Jesus said,” I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance” (Luke 15:7). He also said, “there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents” (Luke 15:10) and closes the chapter saying, “It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost and is found” (Luke 15:32). I can’t seem to shake the question that keeps popping into my mind. Do I get as excited about sharing the gospel and seeing the gospel change lives as I do when I watch my team? Am I as passionate about and know God’s word the same as my team’s stats?

-jeff