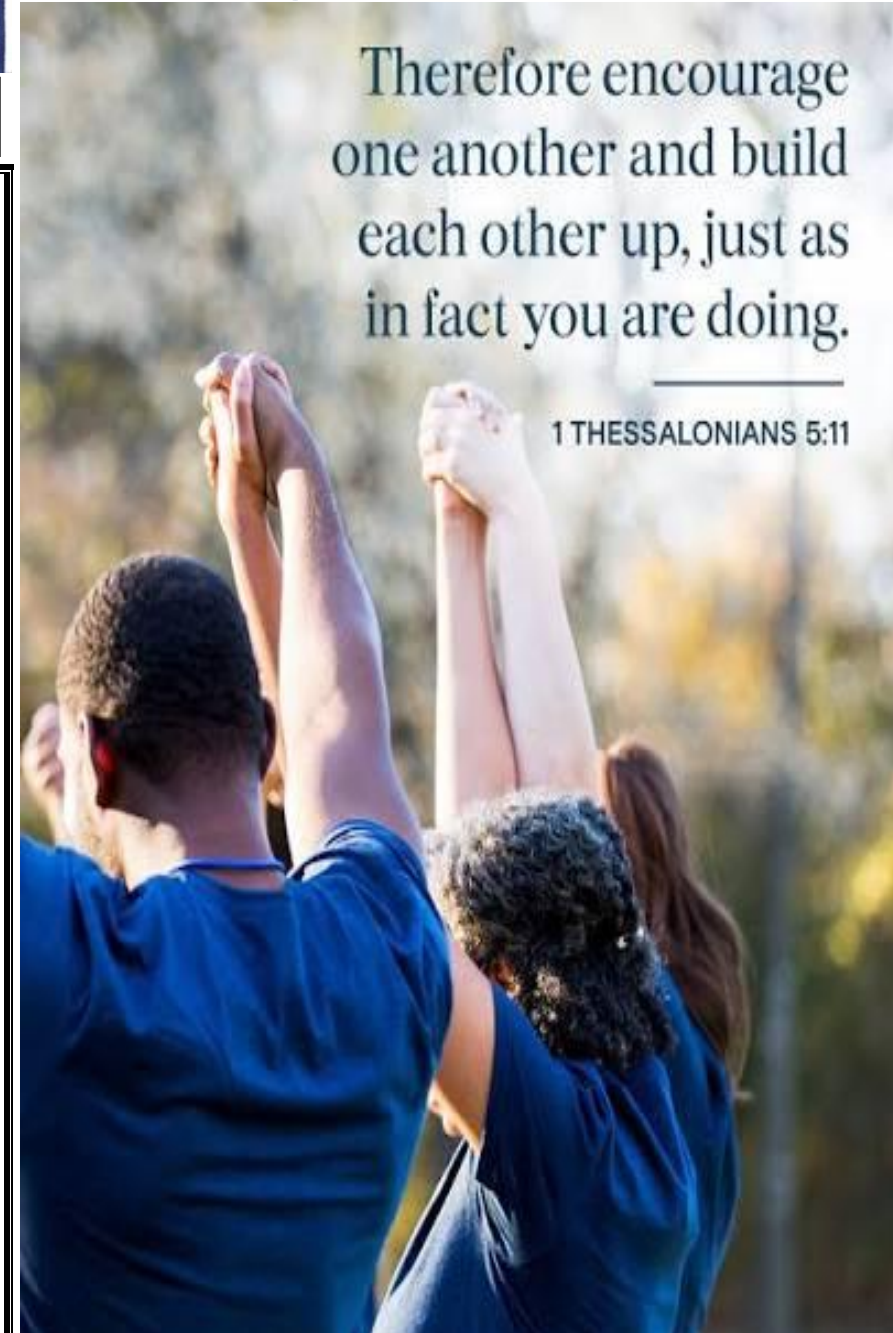


Covington Family News

August 23, 2026

Therefore encourage
one another and build
each other up, just as
in fact you are doing.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:11



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 8/23/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (Sunday services):	David Keith
Song Leader (Sunday services):	Michael Wyatt
Opening Prayer:	Beau Phillips
Sermon:	Josh Manning
Closing Prayer:	Brock McMahan

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 (8/23)

Noah Charnock, August Charnock, Levi Teems

August Door Greeters:

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

Lobby Management (8/23 & 8/26)

Security: Will Thomason

Worship Coordinator: Bruce Hazlerig

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Jeff Coughlan

Nursery Worker: Jan Hanks

Bus Driver (8/23 & 8/26)

Robert Charnock

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer:	Jeff Hanks
Sermon:	Josh Manning
Closing Prayer:	Brad Evins

Mid-Week Service in Song: August 26

Opening Prayer:	Wayne Dalrymple
Closing Prayer:	Jeff Phillips

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	136
Worship AM	209
PM	121
Wednesday Bible Study	148

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Alberta West & Gabrielle Fisher	Covington, TN
Robert & Carla Usoff	Millington, TN
Ian Keith	Fort Smith, AR
Greg Benjamin family	Atoka, TN
Judy Holcomb	Batesville, MS
Gary & Missy Steele	Paris, 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

“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. For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established—that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me” (Romans 1:9-12).

Romans 1:8-16 is an extremely personal introduction for the apostle Paul. A good way to see this is by noting how many times you find the word “I” throughout the passage (it appears around thirteen times). Why did Paul speak about himself so many times in the beginning of Romans? It appears that unlike many other Pauline letters of the New Testament, this letter was sent to a church that he did not have a hand in starting.

His mention of desiring to, “impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established” (1:11) makes many think that no apostle was personally responsible for bringing the gospel to Rome. In places like Acts 8, when Philip went to Samaria and began establishing the church in that region, news of his success traveled back to Jerusalem where the apostles were ministering. Verses 14-17 record that when the apostles Peter and John came, they brought with them the spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit—what we call the miraculous gifts (cf. I Corinthians 12:1-11). Places like Romans 5:5 and 8:9 make it apparent that the Christians in Rome had the Spirit, but perhaps they were not blessed with the miraculous powers of the Spirit since they had not been established by one of the Lord’s apostles.

Paul, as an apostle of Jesus Christ, had the ability to pass on great blessings. However, notice the language of Paul in Romans 1:9-12: though Paul knew that he had a special role to play in the spreading and establishment of the early church, he also knew that if he had the opportunity to meet the Roman Christians, then he too would be blessed. One of the greatest gifts Christians have is the ability to share their love and fellowship. We don’t have to be apostles to be a powerful source of godly encouragement to those around us. We just need to be together in order for God to use us to strengthen His church.

-Josh

Prayer List

Bobby White – recovering from surgery
Judy Merritt – Baptist East with health problems; no visitors please
Judy McCool – home and recovering; please call before visiting
Ken McCool – home on hospice care
Joyce Scott – recovering from a procedure
Carston Burks – Wayne Dalrymple’s relative; St. Jude fighting Burkitt lymphoma
Braxton Seward – friend of Brandon & Kaiden Hanks; St. Jude fighting lymphoma
Joyce Scott – recovering from a procedure

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

Loved ones to remember: Glenda Bramblett, 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

BAPTISM
 Rejoice in the Lord and welcome our new sister, *Melissa Troye*, into the body of Christ! Melissa was baptized for the forgiveness of her sins last Saturday evening, August 15. Melissa is our new sister Brittany Mitchum’s mother. Keep Melissa, Brittany, and their whole family in your prayers and walk alongside them as they learn to live in the light and walk with the Lord.

Ladies’ Bible Class begins
again this Tuesday @10:00AM
and

Men’s Breakfast continues on
Wednesdays @5:30AM

Calendar of Events

AUGUST
21&22 – Men’s Conference @Quince Church of Christ; see Wayne if you would like to attend either day
24 – Monday Night for the Master, groups 3&4
25 – Tuesday Ladies’ Bible Class resumes
26 – Singing Night
29 – Float the Buffalo family outing; 7:00AM; see the info flyer and sign up to go at the Welcome Desk
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
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

Serve
One another in
love 
Galatians 5:13

 BIRTHDAYS: August 23 – 29
8/27 – Brad Evins, Pat Gatlin, Fay Hazlerig, Kip Hoffman
8/30 – Hannah Phillips

ANNIVERSARIES: August 23 – 29
8/23 – Alan & Debbie Otts



Carpenter’s Apprentice

In 1979, the Oak Ridge Boys released their album, *The Oak Ridge Boys Have Arrived*, and on the album was a song titled *Dig a Little Deeper in the Well*. It is a song that encourages the pursuit of deeper understanding and discourages complacency. I have been humming the tune since Joe Wells began his lesson with an illustration of two wells dug by neighboring farmers. The same company dug both wells and charged by the foot. The first farmer stopped at thirty feet. There was water, but the last few years had seen good rain and the water table was fairly high. He didn’t see the need to go deeper. The second farmer pushed on to over one hundred feet. His investment was more than triple that of his neighbors. For several years, both farmers flourished. Water was plentiful. Then came a period of drought. At first, it was no big deal. Both farmers had wells that supplied the needs of their homesteads, but as the drought lingered on, the shallow well dried up. It was essentially a water table well and as the water table fell, so did the well’s supply. Across the street, however, the second farmer and his deep well remained unaffected because his well was deep.

Spiritually speaking, it is important – vital - that our wells are deep. Daily Bible reading is great, but if we are simply checking the box of chapters read, our well remains shallow. Church attendance is wonderful and always uplifting and refreshing, but if my involvement stops at attendance, my well is not very deep. Truthfully, when we only meet the “minimum requirements” of worship, involvement, service, giving or, dare I say, *love*, it is a sure sign our well is not very deep. It works - when there is water. It looks good from the outside – when there is water. It feels sufficient – when there is water. When the water dries up, though, life begins to fall apart. Without water things don’t work right, they don’t look right, and they don’t feel right. People may notice as we spend less time in the Word and, gradually, we begin to disappear from assemblies and opportunities to gather as we try to hold our lives together without water. People may not notice, though, especially if their wells are shallow too. There is a solution. The Oak Ridge Boys nail it in their song, “If you want a cool drink of water, you’ve got to dig a little deeper in the well.” All we have to do is go deeper! We don’t have to settle for shallow. We don’t have to stay where we are. Dig deeper in God’s word through meditation and more study; deeper in prayer, opening our hearts to God and holding nothing back; deeper in worship, fellowship, and involvement, putting Jesus first and others next as we follow the two greatest commands: love God with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself. I have my own shovel if you need help digging. I might need help in my well one day too.

-jeff