

Covington Family News

August 2, 2026

welcome

Josh, Laura, Maggie, Caleb & Eli

MANNING

to the family at Covington

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

Romans 15:5-7



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 8/2/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (Sunday services): John Combs
Song Leader (Sunday services): Beau Phillips
Opening Prayer: Brandon Matlock
Sermon: Josh Manning
Closing Prayer: Landon Bringle

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 (8/2)

J.O. Wall, Madden Wall, Kirby Wall

July Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Jimmy & Kathy McMahan
Auditorium Entrance: Breck & Stephanie Beasley

Lobby Management (8/2 & 8/5)

Security: Rick Stavrum

Worship Coordinator: Richard Shankle

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Jeff Coughlan

Nursery Worker: Elaine Shankle

Bus Driver (8/2 & 8/5)

Beau Phillips

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Robert Charnock
Sermon: Josh Manning
Closing Prayer: Nick Maness

Mid-Week Service: August 5

Opening Prayer: Jon McCain
Song Leader: Drew Kinningham
Speaker: Dave Phillips
Closing Prayer: Reid McMahan

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	123
Worship AM	195
PM	127
Wednesday Bible Study	127

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Jerry & Betty Blevins	Memphis, TN
Megan Becker	Jackson, TN
Dianne Scott & Glinda Hayman	Covington, 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

Get Involved!

On the first day of basketball practice, the coach handed a ball to each player. He said, “I want you to practice shooting from the spots you might expect to be in during the game.” One of the boys immediately sat down on the bench and began shooting the ball from there. You might say that boy didn’t expect to get to play much.

There are many people who never strive to do much more than that in life because they don’t believe in themselves enough to put in the extra effort to change their status. Because of that, they are always going to sit the bench.

Are you sitting on the bench in the kingdom of God? Have you made Christianity into a spectator sport? Do you just sit back in church and listen to the singing and the sermons and never really get involved? It’s time to get off the bench and get to work for the Lord’s kingdom!

Ask yourself this question – “What am I doing to make sure I am involved in kingdom work?” Paul tells us that we are all members individually, but together we make up one body of Christ. If a few people are doing most of the work, then we will get nowhere fast. However, if everyone volunteers to do their part, we can start moving forward with momentum and confidence. It’s time we start getting involved.

Making the effort is sometimes hard to do, but I guarantee that you will not regret getting involved, you will not regret working for the Lord, and God will be proud of the work you do. It’s time to get off the bench.

Bobby Rawson

Via the Alamo Church of Christ

Bulletin

Prayer List

Bill Murray – health problems
Thomas Starck – recovering from outpatient surgery
Ken McCool – hospitalized

Members with ongoing needs: 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: Linda Kimbrough, Millie Deems, Marcia Bargery, Mike Utley, Ellyana Bowden, Heather Bowmer, Linda Simpson, 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
 Praise God and welcome our new brother, *Houston Davis*, into the body of Christ! Houston was baptized for the forgiveness of his sins after class last Wednesday evening, July 22. Keep this new brother in your prayers as he begins his walk with the Lord.

DIRECTORY UPDATE
Bill & Carolyn Murray have moved into their new home in Memphis! Their new address is:

1020 Humphrey Oaks Circle
Memphis, TN 38120

 **BIRTHDAYS: August 2 – 8**
8/2 – Paulette Pennington, Caleb Smith
8/4 – Ken Bringle, Jon McCain
8/5 – Zach Higgins
8/6 – J.J. Brown, Michael Howard, Reid McMahan
8/7 – Jaxton Carter
8/8 – Jimmy Blackburn, Benny Collins

Calendar of Events

AUGUST
1&2 – 24 Hours of Prayer
2 – Josh Manning’s first Sunday with us! Potluck lunch
2 – Wednesday Night Meal Planning Meeting; after evening services in classroom 2
5 – Summer Series w/Dave Phillips; 7:00
9 – Bridal Shower for Chloe Coughlan; 2:00
10 – Monday Night for the Master, groups 1&2
12 – Summer Series w/Doug Burleson; 7:00
14-20 – PTP Sevierville
15- WKYC Open House; noon
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
27 – Apologetics Press Benefit Dinner; 6:00
30 – Fifth Sunday Worship/Fellowship Schedule

YOUTH
Aug. 1 – MS/HS Prayer Hour; 7:00PM
Aug. 9 – Devo
Aug. 10 – First day of school



LOOKING AHEAD
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

We are currently collecting school supplies for Charger Academy. Please bring your donations to the building by August 9. For a complete list of what is needed, pick up a list in the foyer.

WEDDING SHOWER
 Ladies – you are invited to a bridal shower honoring our bride-to-be, *Chloe Coughlan*. The shower will be held here at the building on Sunday, August 9 at 2:00PM. The couple is registered at Something Special, Dillards, and Amazon.

Carpenter’s Apprentice

Did you know the Sea of Galilee is not a saltwater sea, but actually a lake? At 700 ft. below sea level, the Sea of Galilee is the lowest freshwater lake in the world. The drop down to the coastline of Lake Gennesaret (another name for the Sea of Galilee) is not gradual. The Golan Heights, rising to 2500 ft. about sea level, border the lake to the east and the hills to the west of Lake Tiberias (another name) and rise quickly to 1400 feet above sea level. The unique topography surrounding the sea is responsible for legendary storms where the water goes from smooth and calm to waves reaching 8-10 ft. in a matter of minutes as the cooler air falling from up high collides with warmer moist air rising off the lake. The relatively shallow depth of the lake contributes to the sudden fierceness of the pop-up storms. Even with modern advances in weather prediction and technology, captains on the Sea of Galilee today are still ever watchful and careful during their excursions on the lake. We read of one of these storms in Matthew 8:23-27. Mark and Luke also record this same event in chapters 4:36-41 and 8:22-25 respectively. One day, Jesus and His disciples got in a boat to cross the sea. The story is about the boat Jesus was in, but Mark’s account indicates there were other boats that joined in on the crossing. During the trip, Jesus fell asleep in the back of the boat and one of these fierce storms descended upon the lake. The boat began taking on water and while an exact time frame is not mentioned, it was clear to everyone in the boat that they were not going to make it. Through it all, Jesus slept. When he was awakened by the frightened disciples, they, probably frantic, informed the Lord that they were “perishing.” That is not a word we use much anymore, but it means, “we are fixin’ to die!” This is when Jesus got up from his sleeping place and “rebuked” the storm saying, “Peace! Be still.” Immediately, the “wind ceased and there was a great calm” (Mark 4:39). This is most likely a familiar story, although unless you have visited the Sea of Galilee, you may not have been aware of some of the specific information about the lake.

I know that I have asked in the past, “Who is riding in your boat?” Today, however, operating on the assumption you would say Jesus rides with you, I ask, “How long before you decide to wake Him up for advice or to save you from the storm?” How many waves must come over the side of your boat before you appeal to the Savior? Wouldn’t it be more faithful if we consulted Him at the first sign of trouble? Jesus demonstrates His power over nature in this impressive miracle, but He also demonstrates His love for those who love Him.

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