

Covington Family News

August 30, 2026

Adult Fall Bible Classes begin Wednesday, September 2. Please sign up for your Sunday and Wednesday classes, and plan to be at every Bible class meeting!

Wednesday

I & II Thessalonians

Teacher: Josh Manning (Auditorium)

Romans

Teacher: Hadley Mason

Gospel of John

Teacher: Brad Evins

Sunday

Outline of the Bible

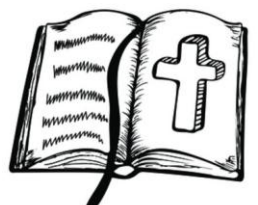
Teacher: Michael Wyatt (Auditorium)

Developing a Servant Heart

Teacher: David Keith

Ecclesiastes

Teacher: Cody Strickland



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for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 8/30/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (Sunday services): John Combs
Song Leader (Sunday services): Jeff Phillips
Opening Prayer: Robert Charnock
Sermon: Josh Manning
Closing Prayer: Breck Beasley

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 (8/30)

Houston Davis, Kyle McCain, Nolan Carter

August Door Greeters:

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

Lobby Management (8/30 & 9/2)

Security: Jeff Hanks

Worship Coordinator: Jeff Coughlan

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Richard Shankle

Nursery Worker: Kristine Bringle

Bus Driver (8/30 & 9/2)

Brandon Hanks

Afternoon Worship Service

Opening Prayer: David Keith
Sermon: Jeff Phillips
Closing Prayer: Clint Stacks

Mid-Week Service: September 2

Song Leader: Brad Evins
Devotional Thought: Mike Rogers
Closing Prayer: John Evans

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	139
Worship AM	207
PM	147
Wednesday Bible Study	133

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Robert & Carla Usoff	Millington, TN
Ryan & Danielle Sullins family	Brighton, 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

“But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:22–23).

Every now and again, when you’re reading through the scriptures, you find these amazing passages that are somehow able to summarize the entire message of the Bible with what seems like barely any effort at all. Paul’s conclusion to Romans 6 is one of those places. In only 45 words (in English), Paul presents the core message of all divine revelation. And what is the central and most essential message of God’s word? There are three parts to the message of the Bible.

First, the message of the Bible is all about revealing the true master of the universe. It is no accident that Genesis is a book of beginnings, and that the very first chapter in Genesis shows us that God is the Creator of all things. We need to know that God is sovereign over His creation. We also need to know that from the beginning humanity has wrestled with remaining true to God as our Lord. We have a consistent problem with faithfully obeying God. This brings us to our next point.

Second, the message of the Bible is explicit about what happens when you serve anything other than the Lord God. The act of obeying anything other than God and His will is simply called sin, and sin brings with it separation from God who is the source of life and all that is good. Isaiah famously wrote, “But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear” (Isaiah 59:2). This is why death is intimately connected to sin in the scriptures. To be separated from God - who is life - is to be cut off from that which sustains life. Or, as Paul puts it, “the wages of sin is death.” However, thankfully, there is a third part to this story.

Third, the message of the Bible finds its culmination in the redeeming person of Jesus. In contrast to “the wages of sin” we find these words: “but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” The invitation to follow Jesus is the invitation to follow the only one to ever wholly regard God as master. It is also an invitation to follow the one who has willingly accepted the wages of our sins as His own and offered to us in their stead the gift of eternal life.

-Josh

Prayer List

Jaxton Carter – in LeBonheur with health problems

Members with ongoing needs: Joyce Scott, Judy McCool, Judy Merritt, Bobby White, 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: Carston Burks, Braxton Seward, 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

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to our dear sister Judy McCool in the death of her beloved husband, Ken McCool. Mr. Ken passed away at home this past weekend. Visitation with the family is Thursday, August 27, from 10:30-12:00 with the funeral to follow at noon at the First Methodist Church in Covington. Please keep Ms. Judy and the entire McCool family in your prayers in this time of loss.

DIAPER SHOWER

Please join Marilyn Blevins, Craig & Kim Clay, and Coltin & Jayden Clay in celebrating the upcoming arrival of a baby girl! Let’s bless Coltin & Jayden with diapers and wipes as they get ready to greet their daughter. A table is set up in the foyer for these gifts.

Ladies' Bible Class
Tuesday @10:00AM
and
Men's Breakfast
Wednesday @5:30AM

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

- 26 – Singing Night
- 29 – Float the Buffalo family outing; 6:30AM
- 29 – Set up the auditorium; 9:00AM
- 30 – Fifth Sunday Worship/Fellowship Schedule
- 30 – Deacons’ Meeting immediately following second service

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

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 30 – September 5

- 9/1 – Judy Burrow, Andrew Evans, Jeff Hanks, Leah Max, David Watkins
- 9/2 – LeRoy Finto, Tony Sonwineski
- 9/3 – Cindy Scott, Tim Scott
- 9/4 – Wesley Fowler

ANNIVERSARIES: August 30 – September 5

- 8/31 – Wayne & Charlene Dalrymple
- 9/1 – Rusty & Denise Cartwright



This Sunday, August 30, we will follow our 5th Sunday worship & fellowship schedule:

- ⇒ 9:00 Bible Class
- ⇒ 10:00 Morning Worship
- ⇒ 11:00 Potluck Lunch
- ⇒ 12:30 Afternoon Worship

Carpenter’s Apprentice

She wanted recess cans added to her back porch, so the boss sent his two top men to her 1930’s-era house to see what it was going to take. Immediately, it was apparent the back porch was not just an add-on but was a series of add-ons over a 75-year period that likely began with a concrete patio. While not impossible, the job was going to be hard, tedious, expensive, and loaded with the risk of thousands of extra unseen expenses. So, we told her it just couldn’t be done, and we left. Before we got to our next job, the boss called and told us to forget it and come back to the shop. Upon arrival, he met us on the dock, walked us to his office, and shut the door. In summary, because I will not write the actual words, he proceeded to tell us we were the 7th company to tell her it couldn’t be done. She’d called us because we had the reputation of getting things done when others couldn’t. Pointing out the job would have taken 5 times as long and 10 times the money didn’t help. My boss told us, you have the time and she has the money – it’s what she wants. He did not have to tell us he was disappointed; that was implied throughout the one-sided conversation. What hit me the hardest were these words, “She already knew the reasons it couldn’t be done. I sent you to show her the way it could be done because you two are the best, but today, you were no different than everyone else.” Since then, there have been many days and situations where I question myself - impossible or just lazy? Can’t or won’t? Are you making excuses? Are you giving up or giving all? Is because “everyone else does it (or doesn’t do it)” good enough? As Christians, it is important that we examine ourselves. Paul wrote, “Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? —unless indeed you fail to meet the test” (2 Corinthians 13:5)! Are we as Christians different than the rest of the world? Jesus told His disciples, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God” (Mark 10:27). I fully understand there are instances where we need to ‘back up and punt,’ reassess, get help, or forward it on to more capable groups or individuals, but I also think sometimes we give up too soon on the possibilities of our involvement and ability. While professing to “walk by faith and not by sight” and that “God never puts on us more than we can handle,” we often forget those professions limiting not only our own ability to serve but God’s ability to work through us. So – let’s begin with this: what CAN you do for the kingdom today?

-jeff