

Covington Family News

September 13, 2026

REVIVAL

Give me the Bible

HOSTED BY AREA

CHURCHES OF CHRIST



 **SEPTEMBER 14-17**



SINGING
starts at
6:30PM



SERVICE
from
7:00PM-8:00PM



Located At:
BRIGHTON MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 9/13/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (ALL services): Ken Bringle Jr.
Song Leader (Sunday services): Jimmy McMahan
Opening Prayer: Jerry Gatlin
Sermon: Josh Manning
Closing Prayer: Will Thomason

Presiding Over the Lord's Table:

Head: Bill Murray
Brock McMahan, Mike Rogers, Donnie Benjamin, Ricky Stavrum
Conrad Scherffius, Drew Kinningham, Chris Max, Cody Strickland

Attendance Card Collectors (9/13)

Madden Wall, Kirby Wall, Davis McMahan

September Door Greeters:

Main Lobby Entrance: Brad & Becky Evins
Auditorium Entrance: Brenda & Hadley Mason

Lobby Management (9/13)

Security: Rick Stavrum

Worship Coordinator: Bruce Hazlerig

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Jeff Coughlan

Nursery Worker: Brandy Brown

Bus Driver (9/13 & 9/16)

Beau Phillips

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Beau Phillips
Sermon: Josh Manning
Closing Prayer: David Stewart

Mid-Week Service: September 16

****Area-Wide Gospel Meeting @Brighton Middle School****

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	113
Worship AM	176
PM	82
Wednesday Bible Study	147

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Tommie Young	Covington, TN
Diana Jones	Covington, TN

Elder on call for September: Wayne Dalrymple

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 the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse” (Romans 1:18–20).

In Romans 1, as Paul began to shift from his customarily encouraging salutation (1:1–17) to his much more serious theological discussion (1:18–32), in typical Pauline fashion, he started by thinking about God. When we talk about Romans 1:18–32 we usually talk about these verses as Paul’s way of addressing what the Gentile world had become because of their ancient rejection of the Creator God. In a more general sense, these verses are a description of what humanity becomes when God and His revelation are rejected.

For our thoughts today, we want to zero in on a particular thing Paul says about God in verse 20. He starts off in verse 18 saying that God’s wrath, “is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness.” He continues in verse 19 by saying that the truth of God can be known by humanity because God has revealed it. And then he says in verse 20 that from the beginning (creation), “His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead...” In other words, Paul believed that you could know about God through His works of creation. He references the fact that a God who cannot be seen can be appreciated in His greatness through the things that He did in creation. We know this as the *teleological argument for the existence of God*.

However, notice that Paul connects our appreciation of who God is (His greatness, His amazing attributes) to whether or not we live righteous or unrighteous lives. When humanity rejected the revealed nature of God, they steadily corrupted their own nature and descended into unrighteousness. What does this mean for us today? It means that our theology has a direct bearing on our actions. What we believe *about God* determines everything else. This is an idea that I would like to explore more deeply in the weeks to come by thinking about those things that Paul called, “His invisible attributes.”

Josh

Prayer List

Beverly Keith – health problems
Gail Davison – Teri Robinson’s aunt; cancer

Members with ongoing needs: Bobby White, Lang Taylor, Joyce Scott, Judy McCool, Judy Merritt, Hope Collins, Pat Gatlin, Larry Coughlan, Katie Merritt, Donna Sonwineski, Paulette Watkins, Larry Whaley II, Jimmy Willis

Loved ones to remember: Michaela Cook, Carston Burks, Braxton Seward, Glenda Bramblett, Mike Utley, Ellyana Bowden, Heather Bowmer, Barbara Pool, Scott Lindley, Jason Elliott

NURSING HOME

Covington Care: Shirley Laxton, Cynthia Wilson

MILITARY

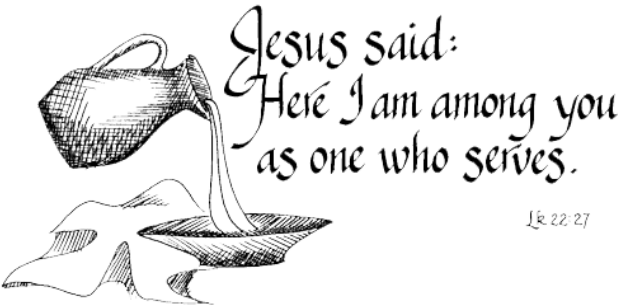
Noah Liles, Tanner Mason, Chris Nowak, Parker Speight, Isaac Stewart

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Coltin & Jayden Clay on the birth of a baby girl, *Murphy Elaine*! Murphy was born on September 1st weighing 5lb 13oz and was 18½ inches long. Please join Craig, Kim, and Marilyn in prayer for and in the joy of this precious baby.

Congrats to Brad & Becky Evins on their new granddaughter, *Micah Jean Miller*! Micah was born to Landon and Christina on September 9, weighing 8lb 7oz and is 19½ inches long. Everyone is doing well.

Welcome to the world Murphy and Micah!!



Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

14-17 – Area Wide Gospel Meeting @BMS
19 – Birthday Party @Magnolia Creek; 2:00
20 – Devo @Covington Care; 3:00
21 – Monday Night for the Master, group 3
28 – Monday Night for the Master, group 4

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

YOUTH

13 – Afternoon Devo
20 – Devo
26 – Day in the Park





Feed the Team
September 17 & 24



LOOKING AHEAD

October 2&3 – Leadership Retreat, Chickasaw State Park
October 17&18 – Friends and Family Weekend



BIRTHDAYS: September 13 – 19

9/13 – Dayton Maness
9/14 – Christie Coughlan, Mindy Stavrum
9/16 – Addison Vujicic
9/17 – Chloe Coughlan
9/18 – Eli Charnock
9/19 – Chris Huggins

ANNIVERSARIES: September 13 – 19

9/17 – Matt & Mallory Moody



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

Carpenter’s Apprentice

Each morning and afternoon on my way to and from the bus, I am privileged to watch the construction of the new Tennessee College of Applied Technology replacement campus. Having been in construction, the parking lot perspective is fascinating. The complete job is being done in sections that began on the south side of the complex. With each section in a different stage of completion, the job site has many different trades on site each day. This morning as I watched, I couldn’t help but smile (a little wistfully) as all the different parts worked together in a unified effort to build the \$58.75 million-dollar campus. I remember waiting for other trades to finish so I could start, and I remember other trades waiting on me so they could start! Somewhere inside one of the temporary construction offices on site there is a man, the job superintendent, who is working to keep things flowing smoothly. Much like the conductor in an orchestra, his job is to keep the music harmonious. His job is key to making sure the project is completed on time and hopefully under budget. Every man on the job is his responsibility. Every man on the job is important, and if anyone fails to do their part, the whole job suffers and runs the risk of delayed completion and budgetary woes. His job is to keep them all on time and on task.

It is easy to make a comparison between a construction site and the church. After all, Jesus told Peter, “I will build my church” (Matthew 16:18). Several times in the Bible, the church is compared to the human body (Romans 14, I Corinthians 12, Ephesians 1:22-34), but have you ever thought of the church as a construction project? You can be assured the massive build down the street started with a detailed plan and a spec book. If you are not familiar with the spec book, it is used largely in the bidding process to specify the materials to be used in the building process. There are to be no substitutions without the written approval of the engineers and project designers. When Jesus built the church, it was a radical build, meaning it was different from the expectations of religious types of the time and was being constructed by an unlikely set of “tradesmen.” There were fishermen, a tax collector, and even one who was considered a political rebel (Simon the Zealot). To affirm their foundational message, the apostles received gifts of the Spirit. But when the perfect plan was completed, the imperfect gifts went away (I Corinthians 13:10). We have that plan today in the Bible. If there were to be a cornerstone engraved on the church, it would date back to the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2 and 3000 were added in one day (Google, “When was the church established”). It started then and exists now but is still under construction. What are you doing to build up the church?

-jeff