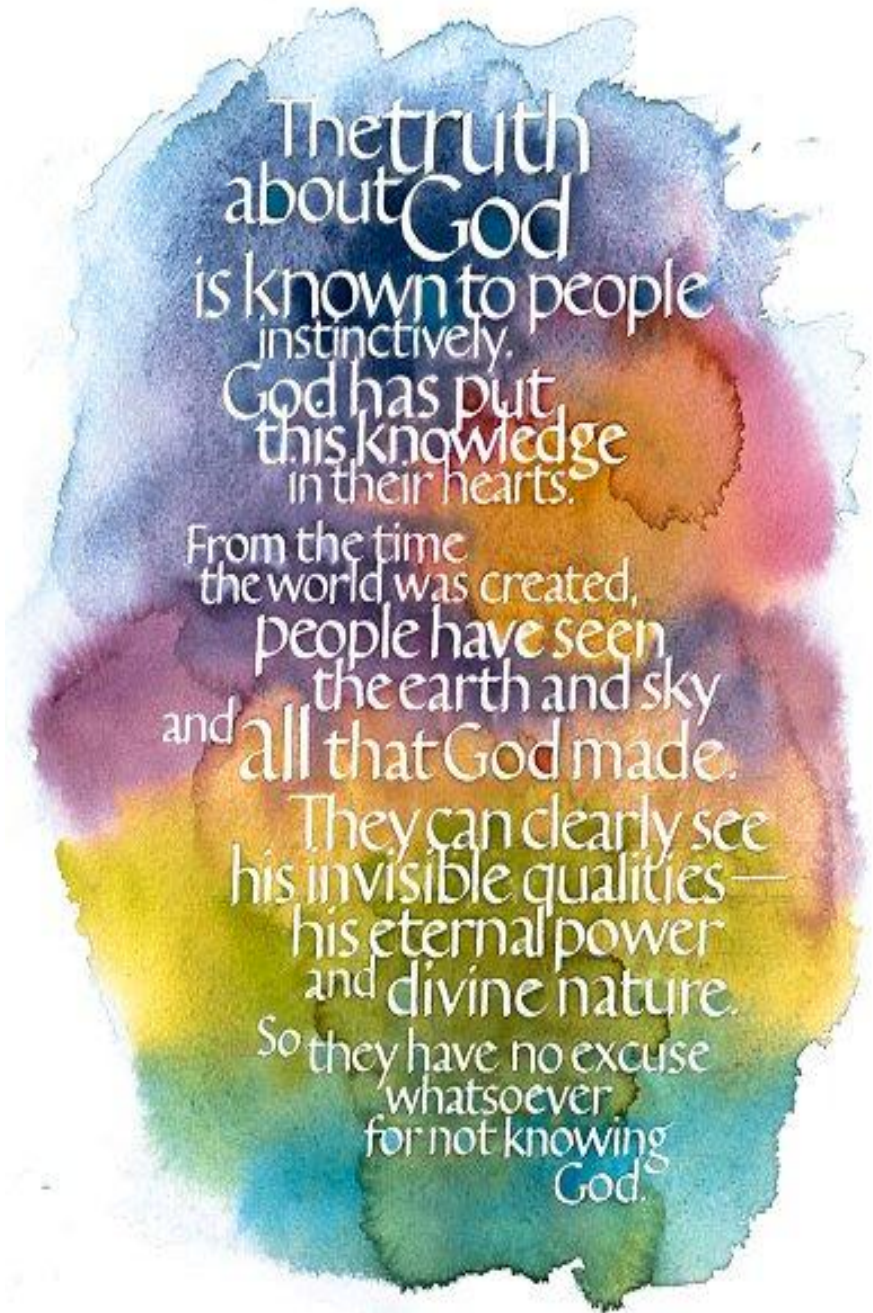


Covington Family News

September 20, 2026



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for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 9/20/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (ALL services): Ken Bringle Jr.
Song Leader (Sunday services): Robert Charnock
Opening Prayer: LeRoy Finto
Sermon: Josh Manning
Closing Prayer: Robert Brownlee

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 (9/20)

Tyler Bringle, Dayton Maness, Henry Kinningham

September Door Greeters:

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

Lobby Management (9/20)

Security: Charles Wolfe

Worship Coordinator: Bruce Hazlerig

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Richard Shankle

Nursery Worker: Leann Maness

Bus Driver (9/20 & 9/23)

Luke McMahan

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Mike Rogers
Sermon: Josh Manning
Closing Prayer: David Keith

Mid-Week Service: September 23

Song Leader: John Combs
Devotional Thought: Jon McCain
Closing Prayer: Robert Trimm

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class	139
Worship AM	204
PM	119
Wednesday Bible Study	138

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg	Atoka, TN
Tommie Young	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

“Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said: ‘Now prepare yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer Me: Would you indeed annul My judgment? Would you condemn Me that you may be justified? Have you an arm like God? Or can you thunder with a voice like His?’” (Job 40:6–9).

We have been thinking about a point Paul made in Romans 1:18–20. Paul believed that righteousness was tied to a correct understanding of God and His attributes—what he called, “His invisible attributes” and “His eternal power and Godhead” (Romans 1:20). The argument made was that knowing who God is results in accepting what God created us to be. The converse is also true: rejecting God’s truth results in rejecting the righteous way to live (that which results in human flourishing) and “exchanging” goodness for wickedness and misery.

What does the Bible have to say about those “invisible attributes” of God, and what do I need to know about God’s characteristics? Well, we started with the all-knowing (omniscient) nature of God. Now we are going to introduce the idea that God is all-powerful (omnipotent).

In the passage above from Job, one of the questions I love that God asked Job was, “Have you an arm like God?” (Job 40:9). References to the arm or the hand (especially the mighty “right hand” cf. Exodus 15:6,12; Deuteronomy 33:2; Psalm 16:11; 17:7; 18:35; 60:5) often have to do with one’s strength and the ability *to do*. So, when God asked Job if they had similar arms, He was asking if Job could do the same things that God can do. The obvious answer is, of course, “No” because God is *omnipotent* and can *do* anything (even create by speaking).

However, in II Corinthians 6:18 we find God referred to as “*the Lord Almighty*.” That word translated as “almighty” (παντοκράτωρ) appears ten times in the New Testament: once in II Corinthians and nine times in the book of Revelation. This expands our meaning of what it means to be all-powerful. In Revelation, God’s people have to choose between serving the wicked powers of this world or remaining faithful to God through Jesus, the Lamb. And why should the church remain faithful to God? The one-word answer is that He is the “Almighty”—the One possessed of all authority and all sovereignty. When the Bible speaks of God being all-powerful, it is saying that God can *do anything* because of His raw power, but also that He can *command anything* because of His inherent sovereignty. Do you think that God’s omnipotence should affect the way we live in any way?

-Josh

Prayer List

Teresa Hall – Jill Matlock’s mom; upcoming surgery for kidney 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: Gail Davison, Michaela Cook, Carston Burks, Braxton Seward, 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

Our deepest sympathies go out to Jimmy Blackburn and family in the death of his sister, Glenda Bramblett.



MEMORIALS

Donations have been given to the Covington Church of Christ in honor of Tim Gatlin and Ken McCool.



BIRTHDAYS: September 20 – 26

- 9/20 – Hope Collins
- 9/22 – Brandon Matlock
- 9/23 – David Foshee, Beau Glidewell, Madelyn Maness, Luke McMahan
- 9/24 – Robin Higgins, Kathy McMahan
- 9/26 – Rhett Benjamin

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- 20 – Devo @Covington Care; 3:00
- 21 – Monday Night for the Master, group 3
- 27 – Lads to Leaders Kickoff meeting
- 28 – Monday Night for the Master, group 4

OCTOBER

- 2&3 – Leadership Retreat, Chickasaw State Park
- 17&18 – Dinosaur Days; Friends and Family Weekend
- 25 – Deacon budget sheets due

YOUTH

- Sept. 20 – Devo
- Oct. 8 – Food 4 Thought w/SFC for HS Youth; 4:30





Feed the Team
September 24
October 1, 8, 15, 22



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



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

Carpenter's Apprentice

One of my favorite songs begins with the line, “Open the eyes of my heart Lord,” and I find myself singing/praying this line very often. It’s very easy to get caught up in all the things I “have” to get done and miss opportunities to share the love of God with someone who really needs it. I remember hearing in my early bus driver training this piece of advice: “Pay attention to the kids getting on the bus; they may be trying to tell you something.”

Jesus said, “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me ... Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these, my brothers, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:35-40). Jesus explained further that some did not feed, clothe, and visit Him. No doubt astonished and unbelieving, the group on his left argued they didn’t even see Him, to which he answered, “Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did not do it to me” (Matthew 25:45). Meeting the need begins with seeing the need and sometimes we just don’t see it. It’s really easy to miss, though. I don’t think Jesus was only talking about the guy broken down on the side of the road or someone standing with a sign saying, “Will work for food.” He gave us a brain and powers of discernment for those situations. I think he was talking about people who don’t know how to ask for help or maybe those who are too proud to ask for help and possibly, those who are unaware help is available. After all, who would have thought there would be a need in our community to send food home with school kids on weekends so they would have something to eat before they got breakfast again on Monday – at school! I think Jesus was talking about seeing and satisfying simple needs by choosing to look for small ways to brighten days. Most of us need to work on shifting our focus off of self. We need to be about planting and watering and doing unto others. We need to practice harder at “loving thy neighbor as thyself.” We need to make a point of being kind and glorifying God in the process. Open the eyes of our heart Lord so we can see the needs around us.

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God” and “Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares” (Hebrews 13:16, 1-2).

-jeff