

Covington Family News

September 27, 2026



*Serving Our Community
for the Glory of God*

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SERVING THIS WEEK: 9/27/26 AM Worship Service

Announcements (ALL services): Ken Bringle Jr.
Song Leader (Sunday services): Beau Phillips
Opening Prayer: Jimmy McMahan
Sermon: Mike Rogers
Closing Prayer: Craig Robinson

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 (9/27)

Beau Glidewell, Eli Charnock, Noah Charnock

September Door Greeters:

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

Lobby Management (9/27)

Security: Brandon Matlock

Worship Coordinator: Bruce Hazlerig

Welcome Desk/Lobby Service: Jeff Coughlan

Nursery Worker: Kathy McMahan

Bus Driver (9/27 & 9/30)

Brad Evins

Evening Worship Service

Opening Prayer: Donnie Benjamin
Sermon: Jeff Phillips
Closing Prayer: Jeff Hanks

Mid-Week Service in Song: September 30

Opening Prayer: Jeff Phillips
Closing Prayer: Michael Wyatt

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class 133
Worship AM 196
PM 103

Wednesday Bible Study

VISITORS ARE OUR SPECIAL GUESTS

Cyril & Jamie Roethlisberg Atoka, TN
Tommie Young Covington, TN
Kathy Friend Modglin Covington, TN
Robert & Carla Usoff Millington, TN

Elder on call for September: Wayne Dalrymple

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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

come to
me,
all you
who are
weary
and
burdened,
and I
will give
you
rest.

Matthew 11:28

Motivational Message

“Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God. You turn man to destruction, and say, “Return, O children of men.” For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night.” (Psalm 90:1–4).

We are moving through a study based on a principle the apostle Paul presents in Romans 1:18–20. Paul teaches that “ungodliness and unrighteousness” are direct results of rejecting the truth that God revealed. One of the primary truths of this universe is the truth that God has revealed about Himself. This divine self-disclosure is something that Paul says is the first thing that humanity rejects on their way into sinfulness and wickedness. To reject “what may be known of God” (Romans 1:19) leads us away from what we were created to be (something that the Bible summarizes with the word “righteousness”). However, this also means the more we appreciate God for Who and What He has revealed Himself to be, the more godly we will be and the more our lives will be characterized as righteous.

So what does the Bible say about the nature of our God? We have looked at two aspects of the divine nature so far: the omniscience and omnipotence of God. The next divine attribute we are going to look at is God’s eternal nature.

Moses wrote, “even from everlasting to everlasting, You are God” (Psalm 90:2). God is a being that lasts forever—He is everlasting. In English we make a distinction between things that are immortal and eternal. Something that is immortal is undying and will last through time. In the horror genre, think of vampires—evil creatures with an immortal nature. However, they all have a beginning. The word eternal is bigger than immortal in that it means having no beginning or end.

Consider how the Bible begins: “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). Imagining placing the tip of your pencil on a piece of paper and then drawing a straight line. The dot that is formed when your pencil makes contact with the paper is the beginning, the genesis of whatever you will draw or write. But Genesis 1:1 says that when that beginning began, God was already present. If we wanted to imagine God as a drawn line, He would be a line that goes infinitely to the left and to the right, having no starting point. How amazing is our God?!

-Josh

Prayer List

Ella Mae – Margie Crews’ aunt; has been placed on hospice
Tabitha Bennett – Debra Brownlee’s family member; diagnosed with breast cancer

Members with ongoing needs: Joyce Scott, 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: Teresa Hall, 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

RESPONSE

Brother Robert Brownlee came forward asking for forgiveness and prayers. Please encourage this brother and walk alongside him as he grows.



BIRTHDAYS: September 27 – October 3

- 9/27 – Crystal Fowler
- 9/28 – Elaine Watkins
- 10/2 – Matt Higgins, Carmen Starck

ANNIVERSARIES: September 27 – October 3

9/29 – Jimmy & Shirley Weir



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

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- 27 – Lads to Leaders Kickoff meeting
- 28 – Monday Night for the Master, group 4

OCTOBER

- 2&3 – Leadership Retreat, Chickasaw State Park
- 5 – Monday Night for the Master, group 1
- 12 - Monday Night for the Master, group 2
- 17&18 – Dinosaur Days; Friends and Family Weekend
- 18 – Devo @ Covington Care; 3:00
- 19 - Monday Night for the Master, group 3
- 24 – Birthday Party @ Magnolia Creek, 2:00
- 25 – Deacon budget sheets due
- 26 - Monday Night for the Master, group 4

YOUTH

- 4 - Devo
- 8 – Food 4 Thought w/SFC for HS Youth; 4:30
- 25 - Devo





Feed the Team:

October 1, 8, 15, 22



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

Do Dinosaurs Disprove Scripture?



DINOSAUR DAY

Join scientist Jeff Miller, Ph.D.
on an excursion into the time of the dinosaurs.

Mark your calendar for
October 17 & 18!

Carpenter’s Apprentice

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me” (Psalms 23:4). Even without the parenthetical citation, most of us recognized this verse as part of the 23rd Psalm. For some time, the first part of this verse talking about the valley of the shadow of death and fearing no evil has been one of my top ten passages in the Bible. I love the fundamental truth that if God is on our side, we will win, but recently, I noticed something more in the last part that makes the whole chapter feel different. “Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.” David knows well the role of the shepherd having defended his flock on many occasions (1 Samuel 17:34) and therefore would understand fully the role of the rod and the staff. Knowing what the rod and staff are and what they can do in the hands of a willing and capable shepherd is the source of this deep peace and comfort. While most of us recognize the familiar curved end of the shepherd’s staff, the walking stick was used for guidance and rescue, GotQuestions.org explains many shepherds carried “a shorter club-like weapon used for defense from predators and for counting sheep” too. This shorter stick was the rod mentioned in Psalm 23:4. One only needs to read 2 Samuel 23:8,18 and 20-21; the accounts of David’s mighty men, or Judges 15:15; what Samson did with a jawbone, to realize what a man with a stick in his hand is capable of. You may argue, but those were spears and a jawbone and while accurate, the argument does nothing to negate the truth that our God is both knowledgeable and capable, and stands ready to intercede in defense, guidance and rescue of His people. This does not mean His sheep will not be attacked, injured or even killed; He warns us otherwise throughout the Bible (Matthew 5:10; John 15:20; 1 Peter 3:17; 2 Timothy 3:12). But He also says, “Draw near to Him, and He will draw near to you” (James 4:8). We can and do boast about the protection and power of our God and His rod of justice, but we often forget the guidance of His staff. We cannot wander from His Word. We cannot refuse His commands. We cannot take refuge under wings we are not close to (Psalm 61:3-4). If we are going to maximize the protection and peace that defies understanding, then we must feed in the pastures where He leads.

We have talked of the protection and guidance signified in His rod and staff, but we must also take comfort in His willingness and ability to rescue. I mentioned earlier the rod being used in defense and counting. We need to remember He is ever watchful and He knows. “Behold, the LORD’S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save …” (Isaiah 59:1) and that hooked staff only increases His reach.

-jeff