

When you live in a political mindset there's always a battle to fight, a side to defend, and someone to fear. When you live in a Jesus mindset, there's always a stranger to welcome, a neighbor to love, and an enemy to forgive. – Unknown

We are certainly living in interesting times and a difficult season. While there is certainly nothing new under the sun, these times may be new for us. I recently heard someone say that she remembered a time when you could go to a ballgame or even to church and have no clue what someone's political leanings are, but today it seems that one's politics, or their view on politics, is one of the main expressions of how they identify themselves.

Jesus is not much help; the only clue we have about his political leanings was when the Pharisees confronted him about paying taxes. Jesus asked them to show them the coin that would be used to pay the tax, and they showed him a denarius (evidently, Jesus didn't have one), and when he asked them who was on the coin and they said "Caesar," he simply said, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's... and to God what is God's."

But he was clear about what behavior was expected of us: we are to be the salt of the earth, the light of the world, to love our enemies, give to the needy, and to pray – humbly, not putting ourselves on display as we do so.

I am sure that my own political leanings and faith in Christ frustrate some. I've been a Democrat, I've been a Republican, and now I find myself more of a political agnostic. I side with Jesus that when it comes to people; we are to love them, unconditionally, just as God loves us - even our enemies. I also side with Jesus when it comes to money and economics; we are to be good stewards of what we have, and to those who have been given much, much is expected. Some in our American political landscape find these things to be politically incompatible.

I certainly don't think people should be like me, nor do I want them to be such. But I can't apologize for wanting people to be like Jesus. I am convinced that the only way we can do that is to live in a Jesus mindset, and to act accordingly. That might take some of the defensiveness and fight out of us and help us to love as Jesus loved. That's what we want to be known for doing, and in this season the world needs us to be like Jesus.

Peace,



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Monday-Friday

*"Leading people to
Christ, Learning to
be Disciples,
Loving through Service."*

It's time for a new Pictorial Church Directory! Our dates of photography are **March 5th, 6th and 7th.**

Just for participating, you will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a church directory. You will view your images right away and have the opportunity to purchase additional family portraits for your own memories or to give as gifts.



You will be able to schedule your photography appointment online starting January 25th. If you don't have internet, volunteers will be standing by after church services January 25th and February 1st to assist you in making your appointment.

SUPER BOWL "SWEETS & TREATS" SALE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

prior to and following
both worship services

proceeds to benefit the ministries
of the United Women in Faith





Nursery Care
Available every Sunday Morning



***Join us Wednesday
mornings at 10:00 a.m.
for Bible study!***





January 18 Carson Winberry
 January 20 Dianne Stone
 January 22 Olivia McCalla
 Jim Reece
 January 23 Pam Shelley
 January 25 Carolynn Scruggs
 January 26 Bo Anderson
 Patricia Bailey
 Georgianne Phelps
 January 27 Lauren Enzor
 Greg Maury
 January 28 Tommy McDow
 Phil Richardson
 William Wooten

January 29 Ally Naifeh
 January 30 Teri Carter
 Skip Erwin
 Carter Ray
 February 1 Chris Turner
 February 2 Chris Henderson
 Mar Ray
 February 4 Angela Clark
 February 5 Earl Beckett
 Dabney Maxwell
 February 6 Brenda Wrather
 February 7 Phil Huffman
 February 9 Catherine Castleman
 Linley Gangaware
 Casey Rogers
 February 10 Liz Flanagan
 February 12 Beth Gardner
 Rebecca Harrison
 February 13 Opal Brock
 Justin Hanson
 Kane Ray
 Hank Sampson

GIVING & ATTENDANCE

January 4, 2026

In Person 8:30 service:	86
In Person 11:00 service:	78
Sunday School:	58
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	460
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	920
Offering:	\$6,097.00

March to the Manger Offering \$7,950.00

January 11, 2026

In Person 8:30 service:	90
In Person 11:00 service:	99
Sunday School:	74
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	311
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	622
Offering:	\$4,274.00



Physical Concerns

Sue Jones
 Claire Marshall
 Shirley Mathis
 Joe Naifeh
 Bettye Shelley

Undergoing Treatment for Cancer

Don Clark	Jennifer Jones Moore
Bettye Davis	Dorothy Newman
Janet Greggs	Terry Newman
Tucker James	Kathy McCool Townsend

Condolences

Family of Donald Brock
 Family of Francine Oldham
 Family of Barbara Buckley Turner

TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Lydia Anderson**
Organ Restoration Fund by Tommy and Denise McDow
Organ Restoration Fund by Brenda Wrather

In Memory of **Yvonne Bryant**
Organ Restoration Fund by Tommy and Denise McDow

In Memory of **Kenneth Coulston**
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In Memory of **Charles Elam**
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In Memory of **Roger Ganier**
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In Memory of **Rosemary Sanders Hanson**
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In Memory of **Jimmy Overton**
Organ Restoration Fund by Claire Marshall

In Memory of **Mary Whitley**
Organ Restoration Fund by Tommy and Denise McDow





Poinsettia Tributes

In Memory of:

L.C. and Bernie Bierman by Their Family
Ben and Ruth Billings by Kaye Smith, Chad, Neal and Family
Barbara Blythe by Jammie and Rhonda Castleman
Wayne Broughton by Michelle Broughton
The Calhoun Family by Nancy Simpson and Adam Simpson and Family
Katie Cooley by Glenn and Kyle Maclin
Denise Corrine-Coward by Donna McMullen
Herman and Billie Dornbusch by Van and Pam Shelley
Bryan and Ann Enzor by Waymon and Naomi McDade
Muriel Ann Enzor by David Enzor
Ronald Grott by Jammie and Rhonda Castleman
Brittany Johnson by Thressa and Kristen Solley
James "Sonny" Leem by Nancy Leem
Rickey Lindsey by Glenn and Kyle Maclin
Mildred Harris Peeler by her Grandchildren
Grace Phelps by Keith and Tiny Phelps
Russell and Clara Jane Phelps by Keith and Tiny Phelps
Bill and Lucille Pinner by Chris and Sara Gangaware
Margie Rose by Keith and Tiny Phelps
Uzell Rose by Keith and Tiny Phelps
John Shelley by Bettye Shelley
Mike Shelley by Bettye Shelley
Graydon Simpson by Nancy Simpson and Adam Simpson and Family
Lola and Lyman Smith by Kaye Smith, Chad, Neal and Family
Stephen Smith by Patricia and Johnny Howard
Stephen Smith by Kaye Smith, Chad, Neal and Family
Nancy Stewart by Chris and Sara Gangaware
Our Parents and Grandparents by Tim and Kathy Wallace
Meam and Jack Witherington by Glenn and Kyle Maclin

In Honor of:

Cathy Adams by Bettye Shelley
Marty and Camille Burlison by Tommy, Elizabeth, Drake, Mary Frances, Thomas and Corbin Woodell
Leah, Linley, Mary Hastings and Griff Gangaware by Chris and Sara Gangaware
Ron Goforth by Patricia and Johnny Howard
Justin Hanson by Patricia and Johnny Howard
Carole Mathis and the Church Choir by Patricia and Johnny Howard
Kaye Smith by Patricia and Johnny Howard
United Women in Faith by Bettye and Pam Shelley

Event Calendar

Saturday, January 17:

9:00 AM: Bread of Life Food Pantry, Covington

Sunday, January 18:

8:30 AM: Modern Worship - Christian Life Center

9:45 AM: Sunday School

11:00 AM: Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

2:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Monday, January 19:

Line Painting in the Christian Life Center - No activities for the week.

Wednesday, January 21:

10:00 AM: Adult Bible Study - New Beginnings room

5:30 PM: Children and Youth Activities - Fellowship Hall/Education Building

Thursday, January 22:

7:00 AM: Men's Prayer Breakfast - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 24:

9:00 AM: Bread of Life Food Pantry, Munford

Sunday, January 25:

8:30 AM: Modern Worship - Christian Life Center

9:45 AM: Sunday School

11:00 AM: Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

2:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Monday, January 26:

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

6:00 PM: Tipton County Chorus - Christian Life Center

Tuesday, January 27:

9:00 AM: Tipton County Line Dancers - Christian Life Center

4:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Wednesday, January 28:

10:00 AM: Adult Bible Study - New Beginnings Room

5:30 PM: Children and Youth Activities - Christian Life Center/Education Building

Thursday, January 29:

7:00 AM: Men's Prayer Breakfast - Christian Life Center

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center



Services can be viewed online at:

<https://www.facebook.com/FUMCCovington/live/>

11 AM Radio Broadcast at WKBL 1250 am

WORSHIP TIMES

Modern Worship

Sundays at 8:30 a.m.
Christian Life Center

Traditional Worship

Sundays at 11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary

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