

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Covington, TN

November 7, 2025 A Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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



Services can be viewed online at:

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

Heritage Sunday

On Sunday, September 28th, our church joyfully celebrated Heritage Day with a special music worship service. The Sanctuary was filled with the uplifting sounds of traditional gospel hymns and melodies, beautifully performed by the choir, soloists, ensembles, and supported by our children and youth. It was a heartfelt celebration that brought joy to our hearts as we worshipped the Lord through the timeless gift of music.









Combined Worship Service with Canaan Missionary Baptist Church







On Sunday, October 26th, we were blessed to take part in our 2nd Annual Combined Worship Service with our friends from Canaan Missionary Baptist Church. This year, Canaan graciously welcomed us across the square for a spirit-filled morning of worship and fellowship.

The service began at 10:00 a.m. with uplifting praise and worship led by singers and instrumentalists from both congregations. After a joyful time of fellowship, the children and youth gathered on stage for prayer and song. Our own little Opal Brock shared a powerful testimony of gratitude, telling how God has healed her from cancer—a moment that deeply touched every heart. The congregation then joined together in a special time of prayer over our young people.

We were richly blessed by the Word of God, first through our pastor, Rev. Sky McCracken, and then through Canaan's pastor, Rev. Shawn Moses. Following this meaningful service, everyone enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Ted Williams and his talented team from Canaan.

We look forward with joy to hosting this special service next year at Covington First United Methodist!

To God be the glory for bringing His people together in love and unity!







Methodist Prep has been busy the last few weeks with all the fun that comes along with October! We've had many special visitors come in to read stories about Fall or share Bible lessons with us. The Covington Fire Department and Sparky came and taught us about fire safety. And, of course, we had our annual costume parade around the square! The community support we receive is one of the things that makes this school so special. We are blessed and feeling grateful as we enter the Thanksgiving season.













Our church has partnered with Universal Church Directories to publish a new photo directory. This is an important tool for all of us, but especially new pastors and new church members so they may get to know fellow members. Each family photographed will receive a complementary 8x10 portrait of their selected directory pose as well as a directory. Additional portraits may be purchased.

Information will be forthcoming on how to sign up for your picture session.

The following dates/times have been scheduled for pictures to be taken:

Thursday, March 5 2:00-8:30 PM Friday, March 6 2:00-8:30 PM Saturday, March 7 10:30 AM-5:00 PM

If you are available on weekdays during the day, you are encouraged to sign up for the 2:00-5:00 PM slots to allow those who are not available during the day to make appointments in the evening and weekend slots.

COSTUMES & CANDY

With an estimated 500+ participants, and some fantastic table hosts, Costumes & Candy - 2025 was a very successful community outreach event! Wade Mathis and Sky McCracken cooked 360 hot dogs, which were consumed almost as fast as they were cooked . MOUNTAINS of candy and special treats were given out, with a last minute candy run necessary before we closed the doors at 8:00.

It was great fun seeing all the kids (young & old), dressed up and having fun. Next year we will cook more hot dogs, have more candy and meet even more friends. Make plans to join us in 2026!





































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November 17

Beth Lakey

Lizzie Tyler

Waymon McDade

Weston Baddour

Julie Chandler Jacob Delashmit

GIVING & ATTENDANCE

October 19, 2025

 In Person 8:30 service:
 67

 In Person 11:00 service:
 85

 Sunday School:
 76

 Facebook Views 8:30 service:
 495

 Facebook Views 11:00 service:
 695

 Offering:
 \$6,062.00

October 26, 2025

Worship at Canaan

Offering: \$1,945.00

November 2, 2025

In Person 8:30 service: 71
In Person 11:00 service: 129
Sunday School: 69
Facebook Views 8:30 service: 225
Facebook Views 11:00 service: 347
Offering: \$9,289.00



Physical Concerns

Pat Frovarp
Pete Gutierrez
Sue Jones
Claire Marshall
Brenda Moss
Joe Naifeh
Bettye Shelley
Donna VanDouser
Shirley Young

Undergoing Treatment for Cancer

Donald Brock
Kenneth Coulston
Bettye Davis
Janet Greggs
Christine Hight
Robert Hurt

Lois Martin
Jennifer Jones Moore
Johnny Nichols
Francine Oldham
Ellen Sherrill
Cathy McCool Townsend

Condolences

Family of Lydia Anderson Family of Eddie Barkelew Family of Bob Lakey Family of Rickey Lindsey

Tucker James

TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In Memory of Lydia Anderson

Education Building Renovation Fund by Keith and Brenda Elzie Education Building Renovation Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin Organ Restoration Fund by Ann Owen Organ Restoration Fund by W.C. and Eleanor Whitesides

> In Honor of **Ellen Clark** Organ Restoration Fund by Bo Anderson

In Memory of **Charles Elam**Education Building Renovation Fund by Don and Ellen Clark

In Memory of **John Halstead** Food Pantry Fund by Sharon Halstead

In Memory of **Rosemary Hanson**Organ Fund by Kerry Overton

In Memory of Bob Lakey

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Education Building Renovation Fund by Lynne Fisher
Organ Restoration Fund by Ann Owen
Education Building Renovation Fund by Cathy Pottorf
Education Building Renovation Fund by Betty Stanton

In Honor of **Carole Mathis** Organ Restoration Fund by Bo Anderson

Education Building Renovation Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Memory of **Jimmy Overton**Education Building Renovation Fund by Don and Ellen Clark

In Honor of **Bill and Nancy Peeler**Education Building Renovation Fund by Byars Hall High School Class of 1970

In Honor of **Keith Phelps**Organ Restoration Fund by Bo Anderson

Event Calendar

Saturday, November 8:

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

Sunday, November 9:

8:30 AM: Modern Worship - Christian Life Center

9:45 AM: Sunday School

11:00 AM: Traditional Worship - Sanctuary2:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Monday, November 10:

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

12:00 PM: United Women in Faith Meeting - Fellowship Hall

5:00 PM: Tipton County Chorus - Christian Life Center

Tuesday, November 11:

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

4:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Wednesday, November 12:

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

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

7:00 PM: Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Thursday, November 13:

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Saturday, November 15:

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

Sunday, November 16:

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, November 17:

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

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

Tuesday, November 18:

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

4:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Wednesday, November 19:

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

5:30 PM: Thanksgiving Dinner - Christian Life Center

7:00 PM: Choir Practice - Sanctuary



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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