



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Covington, TN

July 12, 2023
A Bi-Weekly Newsletter

Upcoming Sermons

Changes in Attitude

Big Idea of the Series: This eight-week sermon series looks at one of the largest sections of teaching by Jesus: the Sermon on the Mount. Specifically, it examines the Beatitudes, exploring how Jesus provides us with instructions for living in the kingdom of God that are just as relevant today as they were two thousand years ago.

July 16, 2023

Text: Matthew 5:4; 2 Corinthians 7:8–13. Nehemiah 9.1–4

God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Real-life faith lives free from shame by confessing our sin, capturing our destructive thoughts, and changing our words and actions through repentance.

July 23, 2023

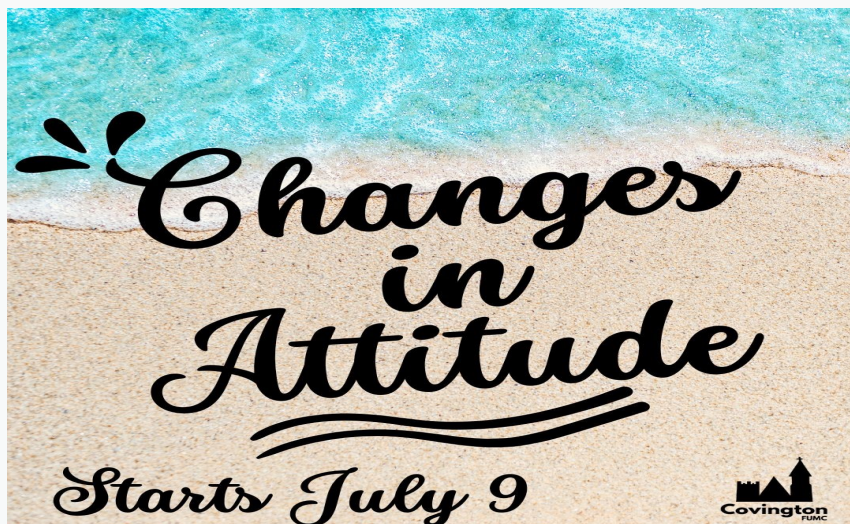
Text: Matthew 5:5

God blesses those who are humble, for they will inherit the whole earth. Those who set aside their desires are blessed by God. Ask yourself what matters most when someone insults you: protecting your honor or glorifying God?

July 30, 2023

Text: Matthew 5:6

God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied. God values the common good. Christians are to be working for the justice of those who are voiceless.



Services can be viewed online at:

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

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*"Leading people to
Christ, Learning to
be like Christ,
Loving like Christ."*



July 12 Laurie Anna McArthur
 July 13 Jason Lindley
 Brian McDaniel
 Myrna Myers
 July 16 Duke Carter
 Maddie Smith
 July 17 Daniel Flanagan
 Will Turner
 July 18 Callie Winberry

July 19 Sara Gangaware
 Alaina Ferrell
 Stephen Smith
 July 21 Tommy Cheairs
 Jax Nix
 Chad Smith
 J.C. Thornton
 July 24 Hartley Howard
 Benjamin Smith
 July 25 Lynne Fisher
 Nellie Drew Shrum
 July 26 Jaylee Bryant
 July 28 Jack Owen
 August 1 Bill Franklin
 August 2 Keith Anderson
 Martha Brasfield
 August 10 Jeffrey Nix
 Carter Todd
 Carolyn Turner



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GIVING, ATTENDANCE & ONLINE VIEWING

June 25, 2023

In Person 8:30 service: 74
 In Person 11:00 service: 110
 Sunday School: 45

Facebook Views 8:30 service: 125
 Facebook Views 11:00 service: 59

Offering \$5,929.25

July 2, 2023

In Person 8:30 service: 55
 In Person 11:00 service: 82
 Sunday School: 33

Facebook Views 8:30 service:
 Facebook Views 11:00 service: 423

Offering \$8,194.00

July 9, 2023

In Person 8:30 service: 71
 In Person 11:00 service: 83
 Sunday School: 55

Facebook Views 8:30 service: 231
 Facebook Views 11:00 service: 261

Offering \$5,623.00



My name is Wyatt. I am 12 years old. My sister and I volunteer at our local Food Panty as much as we can. We have been super busy with rodeos lately and have not been able to help like we want to. We asked my mom if we could maybe organize a fundraiser to help our food pantry meet the community's need for food. With the recent tornadoes and school being out, they need more food. We called the director, and she was SO excited that we wanted to do this. She said they feed at least 400 houses each month and since the tornadoes hit, they have been short on food to give out. I would like to ask for your help in helping us collect canned fruit, peanut butter, and boxes of cereal for them. We sure appreciate any help with this to help feed our neighbors and to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Thank you!
Wyatt and Gracie Layne



12 year old Wyatt Draffin and his younger sister Gracie Layne have a passion for rodeo. Both are avid participants in a vast assortment of events and love every minute of practice and competition. But in the off season you can find them both, along with their family, volunteering with the Bread of Life Food Pantry in Munford. Wyatt and Gracie Layne, have been volunteering ever since Gracie Layne was big enough to pull a wagon. In that time, not only did their passion for the rodeo grow, but their compassion and passion for helping those in need grew as well.



Soon after the March 31, tornados, Wyatt and Gracie Layne approached their mom with concerns. Concern for the tornado victims, concern for the kids that lost their schools, and concern that the food pantry didn't have enough food to take care of all the needs. Wyatt and Gracie Layne decided they needed to spearhead a food drive/fund raising campaign. Wyatt composed a letter and made a presentation to his church's congregation, his mother's co-workers, and many of his rodeo buddies. They collected peanut butter, cereal, canned fruit and canned veggies. With the money that was donated they went grocery shopping to add even more to the haul. And once everything was collected, they made arrangements to bring it all to the food pantry and stock the shelves.

The Bread of Life Food Pantry ministry is blessed by volunteers like Wyatt and Gracie Layne, who think of others in their time of need and have large hearts for service. Thank you

Wyatt and Gracie Layne for leading by example!

BLESSING BAGS

United Women in Faith will be collecting donations until **August 13th** to assemble blessing bags. Bags will be put together during the regular meeting of United Women in Faith, August 14th. Bags will then be placed on the altar to be blessed during the service August 20th. The congregation can then take a bag (or multiple bags) to be given to those you see in need.

Collection boxes are available in the lobby of the Christian Life Center and at the handicapped entrance in the main building.

Items Needed:

- ◆ Peanut butter/cracker packs
- ◆ Applesauce/fruit cups
- ◆ Granola bars (no chocolate)
- ◆ Individually wrapped mints or hard candy
- ◆ Individual tuna pouch
- ◆ Bottled water
- ◆ Plastic spoons/forks
- ◆ New adult socks (white preferably)
- ◆ Band-Aids with Neosporin
- ◆ Lip balm
- ◆ Small containers hand sanitizer/wipes
- ◆ Personal items:
(comb, nail clippers, shampoo,
deodorant, soap, toothbrush/toothpaste, dental floss)



For more information, please call the church office, 901-476-9694. Thank you for your support of this ministry!



Sunday, August 13



Event Calendar

Saturday, July 15:

8:00 AM: Bread of Life Food Pantry, Covington

Sunday, July 16:

8:30 AM: Modern Worship-Christian Life Center

9:45 AM: Sunday School

11:00 AM: Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

4:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Monday, July 17:

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

12:00 PM: Youth Mexican Monday - Margarita's Restaurant

7:00 PM: Young Adult Group - New Beginnings Room

Tuesday, July 18:

10:00 AM: Line Dancing - Christian Life Center

Wednesday, July 19:

6:00 PM: Youth - Christian Life Center

8:00 PM: Worship Band Practice - Christian Life Center

Thursday, July 20:

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Saturday, July 22:

8:00 AM: Bread of Life Food Pantry, Munford

Sunday, July 23:

8:30 AM: Modern Worship - Christian Life Center

9:45 AM: Sunday School

11:00 AM: Traditional Worship - Sanctuary

4:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

Monday, July 24:

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

12:00 PM: Youth Mexican Monday - Margarita's Restaurant

7:00 PM: Young Adult Group - New Beginnings Room

Tuesday, July 25:

10:00 AM: Line Dancing - Christian Life Center

Wednesday, July 26:

6:00 PM: Youth - Christian Life Center

8:00 PM: Worship Band Practice - Christian Life Center

Thursday, July 27:

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Nathan Adkins**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Shirley Bready

In Memory of **Ronnie Adkins**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Shirley Bready

In Memory of **Shirley Hensley**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Shirley Bready

Education Building Renovation Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin

In Honor of **Barbara Lakey**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Shirley Bready

In Memory of **Lane Myers**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Shirley Bready

Education Building Renovation Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin

Chimes Maintenance Fund by Beverley Orton Felts

Education Building Renovation Fund by Margaret Fleming

Education Building Renovation Fund by Leonard and Brenda Moss

Education Building Renovation Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Memory of **Robert Sanford**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Stephanie Ray

Education Building Renovation Fund by Patricia Smith

In Honor of **Stephen Smith**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin

In Honor of **Dianne Stone**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Shirley Bready

The logo features the word "Pray" in a large, white, cursive script font, with the words "WITH US" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font directly beneath it. The entire logo is set against a solid teal rectangular background.

Physical Concerns

Therica Robison

Undergoing Treatment for Cancer

Opal Brock

Janie Hall

Bob Lakey

Nancy McDonald

Liz Turner

Donna VanDouser

Ashley Wilson

Landon Wilson

Condolences

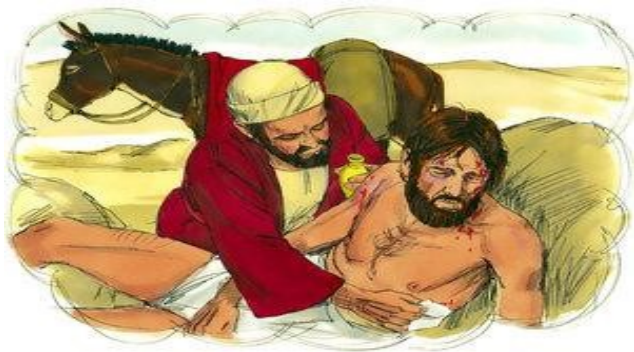
Justin Gurley

Dennis Harrod

Shirley Hensley

Lane Caroline Myers

Nick Phillips



GOOD SAMARITAN ASSISTANCE REPORT

Year To Date Totals

| # of Awards | Amount | Type of Assistance |
|-------------|------------|--------------------|
| 0 | \$ 0 | Bus Ticket |
| 3 | \$ 301.30 | Lodging |
| 2 | \$ 114.99 | Miscellaneous |
| 16 | \$ 1250.00 | Rent |
| 83 | \$ 4805.02 | Utilities |
| 1 | \$ 15.00 | Gasoline |
| 105 | \$ 6486.31 | Totals |

Those Assisted Year To Date:

Children: 129 Adults: 154 Senior Adults: 29

Total Individuals Assisted: 312

Fixed Income: 44

Lost Jobs: 44



April 4, 2023 thru July 10, 2023

Total Deposits: \$82,280.28

Number of Awards Given: 83

Total Disbursements: \$20,315.26

Current Balance: \$61,965.02



ROUNDUP UTILITY ASSISTANCE

January 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2023

Covington Electric System

46 households interviewed

8 approved totaling \$939.27

38 declined totaling \$6143.61

Covington Gas, Water & Sanitation

36 households interviewed

29 approved totaling \$3553.42

7 declined totaling \$1139.86



COVID-19 COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM

January 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2023

Community Care Awards: 42

Award Distributions: \$6,281.01

Community Care Disaster Relief Awards: 14

Award Distributions: \$1,420.60

Total Number of Awards: 56

Total in distributions: \$7,701.61

Balance remaining for distribution: \$49,344.95



WORSHIP TIMES

Modern Worship

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

Traditional Worship

Sundays at 11:00 a.m.
Sanctuary



United Women in Faith
will have a BBQ chicken
fundraiser in August. More
information coming soon!

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