



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Covington, TN

July 26, 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 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.

**August 6, 2023**

**Text:** Matthew 5:7

God blesses those who are merciful, for they shall be shown mercy. Since we have received mercy, then we want to show mercy to others as well.

**August 13, 2023**

**Text:** Matthew 5:8

God blesses those whose hearts are pure, for they shall see God. God desires us to be like him: holy. We keep ourselves from sin by keeping our eyes on Jesus.



**Services can be viewed online at:**

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

11 AM Radio Broadcast at WKBL 1250 am

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**FUMC Office Hours:**  
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Monday-Friday

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



July 26	Jaylee Bryant
July 28	Jack Owen
August 1	Bill Franklin
August 2	Keith Anderson
	Martha Brasfield
August 4	Debbie Neal
	Mike Racine
August 6	Cade Carter Sampson
August 7	Baize Clark
August 8	Linda Ray
	Ed Timberlake

August 1	Jeffrey Nix
	Carter Todd
	Carolyn Turner
August 12	Amy David
	Jean Ridenour
	Kyle Witherington
August 13	Nancy McDonald
	Mary Catherine Turner
August 14	Lee Delashmit
August 16	Laura Richardson
August 17	Addy Ray
August 18	Beverly Smith
	Alison Timberlake
August 19	Henry Glass, Jr.
August 20	Hogan Gangaware
	Chelsea Griffin
	Atticus Racine
August 21	Rachel Witherington
August 22	Mattie Byrd
August 23	Rob Hendren

## ***GIVING & ATTENDANCE***

### **July 16, 2023**

In Person 8:30 service:	81
In Person 11:00 service:	102
Sunday School:	61
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	192
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	811
Offering	\$3,600.11

### **July 23, 2023**

In Person 8:30 service:	83
In Person 11:00 service:	100
Sunday School:	70
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	186
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	334
Offering	\$4,418.00

## ***COMMUNION OFFERING***

The communion offering for Sunday, August 6th will benefit Reelfoot Rural Ministries. Reelfoot Rural Ministries serves a four-county area in rural northwest Tennessee and Southwest Kentucky. The agency provides many services for low income families, children and senior citizens. For more information, visit their website [www.reelfoot.org](http://www.reelfoot.org).



Congratulations to Kenny Summers for 15 years of service to the church! Kenny started working here June 30, 2008. He does an outstanding job keeping the church maintained and is quick to take care of any problems that arise. Kenny is faithful to setup the food pantry for distribution days and tirelessly sets up the tables and chairs for early worship in the Christian Life Center. The amount of things he takes care of is overwhelming! When you see Kenny, be sure to thank him! The congregation and staff of Covington First UMC appreciate you for all you do!



## We're Hiring!

### Nursery Worker Needed

Covington First United Methodist Church is still seeking to hire one, part-time Nursery attendant. The successful candidate must be at least 18 years of age, available to work every Sunday morning, and meet other requirements. For more information or an application contact the church office at 901-476-9694 or email [Lnewman@covingtonfumc.com](mailto:Lnewman@covingtonfumc.com).



## Lake Junaluska

### Journey to Joy Women's Retreat at Lake Junaluska

A Journey to Joy Women's Retreat led by Leigh Young will be held at Lake Junaluska, **November 10-12, 2023**. Leigh will guide retreat participants to remember that God intends for us to lead lives filled with Joy. Jesus said, "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

Carole Mathis plans to attend. If you would like to join her, please contact her at [cmathis725@gmail.com](mailto:cmathis725@gmail.com). The registration deadline is October 11, 2023.

For more information visit their website:

<https://lakejunaluska.com/spiritual-renewal/adult-ministry/journey-to-joy/>



# BLESSING BAGS

United Women in Faith will be collecting donations until **August 13<sup>th</sup>** to assemble blessing bags. Bags will be put together during the regular meeting of United Women in Faith, Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Bags will then be placed on the altar to be blessed during the service August 20<sup>th</sup>. 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!



## Physical Concerns

Sharon Rieken

### **Undergoing Treatment for Cancer**

Opal Brock  
Janie Hall  
Bob Lakey  
Nancy McDonald  
Liz Turner  
Donna VanDouser  
Ashley Wilson  
Landon Wilson

## Condolences

## Conferences

### Family of Shirley Hensley

Grow in the grace  
and knowledge of  
our Lord and Savior  
Jesus Christ.

## 2 Peter 3:18

# **Event Calendar**

## **Sunday, July 30:**

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 31:**

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

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

## **Tuesday, August 1:**

10:00 AM: Line Dancing - Christian Life Center

## **Wednesday, August 2:**

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

## **Thursday, August 3:**

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

## **Saturday, August 5:**

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

## **Sunday, August 6:**

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, August 7:**

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

6:30 PM: Trustees Meeting-New Beginnings Room

7:00 PM: Young Adult Group - Fellowship Hall

## **Tuesday, August 8:**

10:00 AM: Line Dancing - Christian Life Center

## **Wednesday, August 9:**

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

## **Thursday, August 10:**

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

## **Saturday, August 12:**

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

## **TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS**

In Memory of **Mae Baskin**

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley

In Memory of **Aaron Beasley**

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley

In Memory of **Charles Byrd**

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley

In Honor of **Hugh Cook**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Michael Pence

In Memory of **Cecil Covert**

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley

In Memory of **Justin Gurley**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Leonard and Brenda Moss

In Memory of **Shirley Hensley**

Christian Counseling Fund by Lance Thompson, Linda Turner,  
Dr. Wm. C. Coffee, Dixie Coffee and families

Education Building Renovation Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Memory of **James Jones**

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley

In Memory of **Brenda Mashburn**

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley

In Memory of **Jere E. Mason**

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley

In Memory of **Ruth Ann McDow**

Organ Fund by Ken and Judy McCool

In Memory of **Robert Sanford**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Delinda Cardwell

Education Building Renovation Fund by Bettye Shelley

In Honor of **Stephen Smith**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Lynne Fisher

In Memory of **Peggy Black Wiseman**

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley





United Women in Faith will have a grilled chicken fundraiser Sunday, August 13th. Chicken leg quarters will be available to purchase for \$5.00 each. Tickets are available by calling the church office, 901-476-9694 or see Sandy Burgess, Liz Newman, Charlotte Quinley or Kathy Wallace.



Our youth group had an awesome time on our mission trip in Waco, TX! We had many opportunities of service including The Salvation Army, The Shepherd's Heart food pantry, and various other thrift stores and food banks. These students have massive hearts for service and an even bigger heart for Jesus!



ARISE2Read is a literacy program that allows volunteers to take an active role in improving the literacy skills of 2nd grade students in our public schools. Volunteers tutor one hour per week, using a simple sight word approach to help build accuracy and fluency. Volunteers do not need a background in education, just a heart for children and a desire to see them succeed. Volunteer today! Training is provided.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact:

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## WORSHIP TIMES

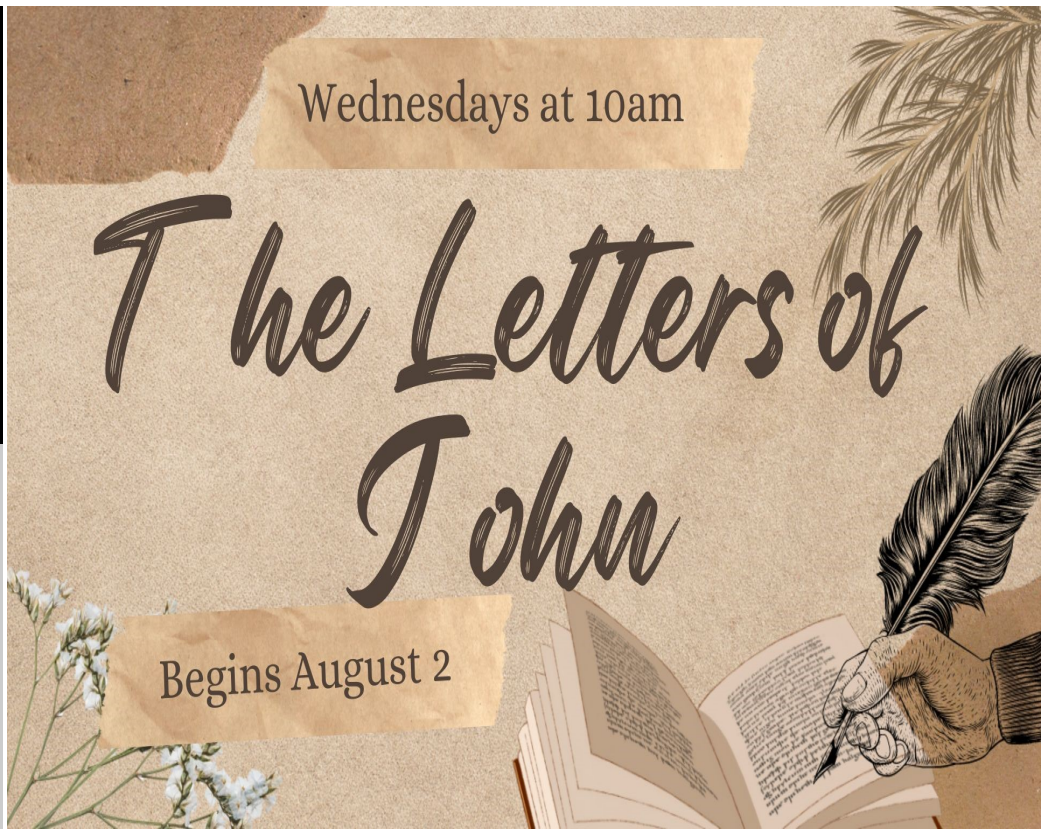
**Modern Worship**  
Sundays at 8:30 a.m.  
Christian Life Center

**Traditional Worship**  
Sundays at 11:00 a.m.  
Sanctuary

Wednesdays at 10am

# The Letters of John

Begins August 2



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