



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Covington, TN**

**August 31, 2023**  
**A Bi-Weekly Newsletter**

## ***Upcoming Sermons***

### **Like a Child**

#### **Big Idea of the Series:**

This four-week sermon series will help us get into our capital fundraising program to build our education building renovations with a focus on our children. We have much to learn from our children while at the same time, learning to be childish. This series will focus on the difference between child-like faith and child-ish faith.

#### **September 3, 2023**

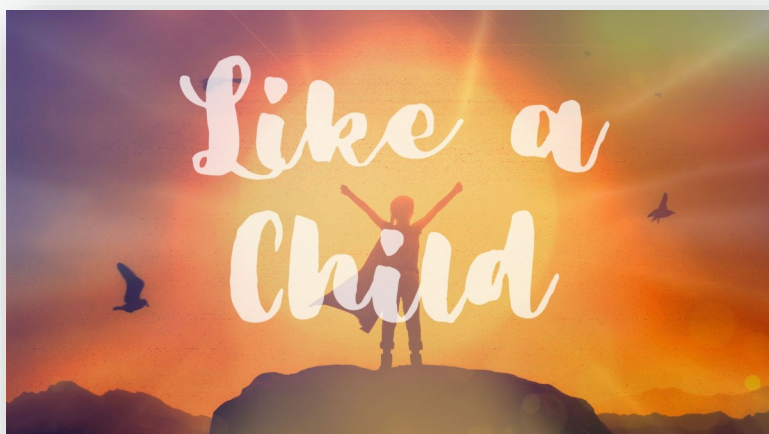
**Text:** Matthew 17.20 - Faith Like a Child

Each day is an opportunity for us to engage in child-like faith. We can start each day with a blank slate, allowing God to create a masterpiece in and through us.

#### **September 10, 2023**

**Text:** Proverbs 3.5-6, Matthew 14.25-32 - Hope Like a Child

Trusting in God's plan for our journeys means that we have to take off our training wheels and push off. The Good News is we don't have to figure out everything in order to take off.



#### ***Services can be viewed online at:***

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

<https://www.youtube.com/@CovingtonFUMC/streams>

*11 AM Radio Broadcast at WKBL 1250 am*

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**FUMC Office Hours:**  
**9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.**  
**Monday-Friday**

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



September 2 Oscar Brock  
 September 3 Nancy Peeler  
                   Haylee Timberlake  
 September 4 Margaret Peeler  
                   Laura Thornton  
 September 5 Therica Robison  
 September 7 Steve Clark  
                   Phyllis Richmond  
                   Nancy Ward  
 September 8 Marty Burlison  
                   Debbie Winberry  
 September 9 Nola Carter  
                   Bill Hendren

September 10 Beth Kinhead  
 September 11 Bob Lakey  
                   Connor Thornton  
 September 12 Mark Shrum  
 September 13 Joshua Cox  
                   Bill Peeler  
 September 14 Sarah Maury  
                   Kim Stewart  
 September 15 Sarah Newman  
 September 16 Lane Clark  
 September 17 Michael Pence  
 September 18 Katheryn Gangaware  
                   Donna Jones  
                   Ken McCool  
 September 19 Hollie Bryant  
                   Meredith Owen  
                   Holli Ray  
 September 20 Mary Hastings Gangaware

## ***GIVING & ATTENDANCE***

### **August 20, 2023**

In Person 8:30 service:	98
In Person 11:00 service:	101
Sunday School:	82
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	171
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	247
Offering	\$10,667.76

### **August 27, 2023**

In Person 8:30 service:	102
In Person 11:00 service:	101
Sunday School:	81
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	228
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	488
Offering	\$4,766.00

*Pray*  
WITH US

### **Physical Concerns**

Faye Beckett  
 Barbara Blythe  
 Mike Turner

### **Undergoing Treatment for Cancer**

Opal Brock  
 Janie Hall  
 Bob Lakey  
 Duane Marshall  
 Donna VanDouser  
 Ashley Wilson  
 Landon Wilson

### **Condolences**

For the family of Evelyn Kramer.  
 (mother-in-law of Helene Kramer)

Family of Myrna Myers  
 Family of Liz Turner



Everyone is encouraged to join together for a time of food and fellowship each Wednesday evening in September. A food truck will be available in the upper back parking lot for purchasing meals from 5:30-7:00, (or you can opt to bring your own meal).

Children and Youth will meet at 6:00 p.m., while adults remain in Fellowship Hall for a meet and greet time.

Sanctuary choir will rehearse 7:15-8:00 p.m. each evening.



## Journey to Joy November 10th-12th, 2023



*For more information, see Carole Mathis.*

Join us for a weekend of laughter, sharing, worship and fellowship at the "Journey to Joy" Women's Retreat at Lake Junaluska in North Carolina. The dates are November 10th-12th, 2023, and the registration deadline is October 11th.

You can register at the link below, or see Carole Mathis with any questions.

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





# ELEVATE

Youth Wednesday Nights

Starting September 6

6:00-7:00pm

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For food trucks, come at 5:30pm

## Young Adult

TUESDAY NIGHTS

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7:00-8:00pm

New Beginnings Classroom

(Attached to Sanctuary)

Main Building

GREAT

# **Event Calendar**

## **Saturday, September 2:**

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

## **Sunday, September 3:**

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, September 4 (Labor Day-Church Offices Closed):**

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

## **Tuesday, September 5:**

10:00 AM: Line Dancing - Christian Life Center

4:00 PM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

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

## **Wednesday, September 6:**

10:00 AM: Pastor's Bible Study - New Beginnings Room

5:30 PM: Food Trucks & Fellowship

6:00 PM: Children & Youth Bible Study

7:15 PM: Choir Practice - Sanctuary

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

## **Thursday, September 7:**

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

## **Friday, September 8:**

9:00 PM: Fifth Quarter - Christian Life Center

## **Saturday, September 9:**

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

8:30 AM: Legal Clinic - Christian Life Center

## **Sunday, September 10:**

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, September 11:**

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

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

## TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In Honor of **Evelyn Chapman**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Shirley Bready

In Memory of **Dorothy Greggs**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Shirley Bready

In Memory of **Carole Hughey**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Gary and Julie Chandler

In Memory of **Lane Myers**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Tommy and Denise McDow

In Memory of **Nancy McDonald**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Jim and Elizabeth Baddour

Education Building Renovation Fund by Charles and Patricia Ennis

Education Building Renovation Fund by Tommy and Denise McDow

Education Building Renovation Fund by Judson and Dana Naifeh

Food Pantry Fund by Ann Owen

Education Building Renovation Fund by Tim and Kathy Wallace

Education Building Renovation Fund by W.C. and Chubby Whitesides

Good Samaritan Fund by William Wooten

In Memory of **Myrna Myers**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Jimmy and Yvonne Bryant

Education Building Renovation Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin

Education Building Renovation Fund by Lynne Fisher

Christian Counseling Fund by Chris and Sara Gangaware

Education Building Renovation Fund by Leonard and Brenda Moss

Education Building Renovation Fund by Michael and Samantha Pence

Education Building Renovation Fund by Stephen and Kaye Smith

Education Building Renovation Fund by Chad and Kim Stewart

In Memory of **Emily Oliver**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Shirley Bready

Education Building Renovation Fund by Gary and Julie Chandler

Education Building Renovation Fund by Tim and Kathy Wallace

In Memory of **Gale Ralph**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Waymon and Naomi McDade

In Memory of **Robert Sanford**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Tommy and Denise McDow

In Honor of **Beverly Smith**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Shirley Bready

Altar Care Fund by Robert and Elaine Todd

In Honor of **Phil Shoaf**

Food Pantry Fund by Ron Goforth

In Memory of **Liz Turner**

Children's Fund by George Robert and Erin Baddour

Education Building Renovation Fund by Lynne Fisher

Christian Counseling Fund by Chris and Sara Gangaware

Education Building Renovation Fund by Evan and Hogan Gangaware

Education Building Renovation Fund by Leonard and Brenda Moss

Education Building Renovation Fund by Michael and Samantha Pence

Education Building Renovation Fund by Chad and Kim Stewart



Four Saturdays a month, each and every month of the year, the Bread of Life food Pantry opens it's doors to serve over 200 households in need in our community, feeding, on average, over 450 individuals each month. This is no small task, requiring volunteers from throughout the community pitching in not only on Saturday mornings, but throughout the week as well.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings volunteers are picking up donated food items from local businesses, at least once a month volunteers are making the trip to Memphis to pickup the Food Bank orders, and there will be volunteers back at the church to unload when they return. Twice a month volunteers gather on a Friday morning to pre-bag non-perishables in preparation for the upcoming pantry distribution. Periodically a group will meet to "double bag" or to bundle and label diapers. There is a lot of work that goes on prior to a Food Pantry Saturday and, of course, a lot of work on that day.

The Bread of Life Food Pantry is blessed with some of the most awesome and dedicated volunteers any organization could have! God continues to bless us with the ways and the means to continue the ministry of feeding the needy, sharing His love, and sharing the Word. If you would like to be part of this amazing group of people contact Liz Newman at Covington First United Methodist Church, (901)476-9694 or [LNewman@covingtonfumc.com](mailto:LNewman@covingtonfumc.com). We can always make room for more smiling faces.

If you would like to volunteer to serve at an upcoming Saturday pantry use the links below to signup, we would love to have you!

September [volunteersignup.org/C9L8P](https://volunteersignup.org/C9L8P)

November [volunteersignup.org/ACRH7](https://volunteersignup.org/ACRH7)

October [volunteersignup.org/QFQ9K](https://volunteersignup.org/QFQ9K)

December [volunteersignup.org/EJHJY](https://volunteersignup.org/EJHJY)



***Church offices will be closed, Monday, September 4th for Labor Day.***





***We're Moving!***

Beginning Sunday, September 17, the Infant/Toddler Nursery will be located in the lower level of the Sanctuary building, directly across from the Outreach office. This move is in preparation for the upcoming Educational Building renovation. The nursery will remain at this location until renovations are complete.

## United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will meet Monday, September 11th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Clinical therapist, Sarah Newman, will be our guest to provide information and answer questions concerning mental health issues. Lunch will be provided.



United  
Women  
in Faith

# Thank You!

For several years now Mr. Bill Grose and Mr. Larry Durham have been our “GO TO” men for order pick ups at the Mid South Food Bank. These gentlemen faithfully made the journey to Memphis at least twice a month, picking up thousands of pounds of food each time and delivering to both the Covington and Munford Bread of Life Food Pantry locations.

Both Mr. Gross and Mr. Durham have decided they want to change hats, they want to be in the middle of things, serving our patrons on Saturday mornings and getting to know the folks we serve. We are extremely grateful for their years of driving service and look forward to seeing them in action at the Food Pantry.

In the meantime, the Bread of Life Food Pantry is looking for a volunteer team (or two) to take on the truck driving role to the Mid South Food Bank. Please contact Liz Newman in the church office, 901-476-9694, or email [LNewman@covingtonfumc.com](mailto:LNewman@covingtonfumc.com).



One of the most touching ministries of Covington First is the prayer shawl ministry. The making of a prayer shawl is a spiritual practice which embodies our thoughts and prayers for the receiver. It is a gift freely given with no strings attached. Made in prayer, as prayer, for prayer, the shawls are passed on hand-to-hand and heart-to-heart.

This ministry is open to everyone who enjoys prayers and community, knitting and crocheting skills are an added plus but we are happily willing to teach you. Materials and instructions will be provided. Join us each Wednesday evening, beginning October 4, at 6:00, in the G.O. classroom, lower level of the Sanctuary building.

For more information or if you have questions see Melissa Mitchell, or contact Liz Newman in the church office, 901-476-9694, or email [LNewman@covingtonfumc.com](mailto:LNewman@covingtonfumc.com).





# Free Legal CLINIC

Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023

Covington First United Methodist Church

145 West Church Avenue, Covington

- Do you have a legal question you want to ask an attorney?
- Would it help you if you could get some legal advice about what you can do about a legal issue?
- Are you or someone you know facing a possible foreclosure?
- Do you need a living will or power of attorney to make sure you or your loved on receives the right health care if disabled?

If so, this is your opportunity to talk with an attorney to get some answers! Volunteer attorneys and paralegals will be present to answer questions.

**NO ONE WILL BE TURNED AWAY BECAUSE OF INCOME!**

**THE CLINIC WILL STOP TAKING NEW CLIENTS AT  
11:30 AM SO PLEASE ARRIVE BEFORE THEN TO ENSURE  
SUFFICIENT TIME TO DISCUSS YOUR PROBLEM.**



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ARISE2Read strives to make our community a place where every child can read and feels valued! For information about how to get involved locally, contact Liz Newman, in the church office, at (901) 476-9694, or email [LNewman@Covington FUMC.com](mailto:LNewman@Covington FUMC.com).

## **COMMUNION OFFERING**

The communion offering for Sunday, September 3rd will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of the Hatchie River Region. The Boys & Girls Club provides a safe, structured and supervised environment for children between the ages of 5 and 18 years old. Club members participate in a variety of programs and activities that promote good character, academic success, personal responsibility, exploration and fun. For more information, visit their website:

<https://www.bgchrr.com/>.



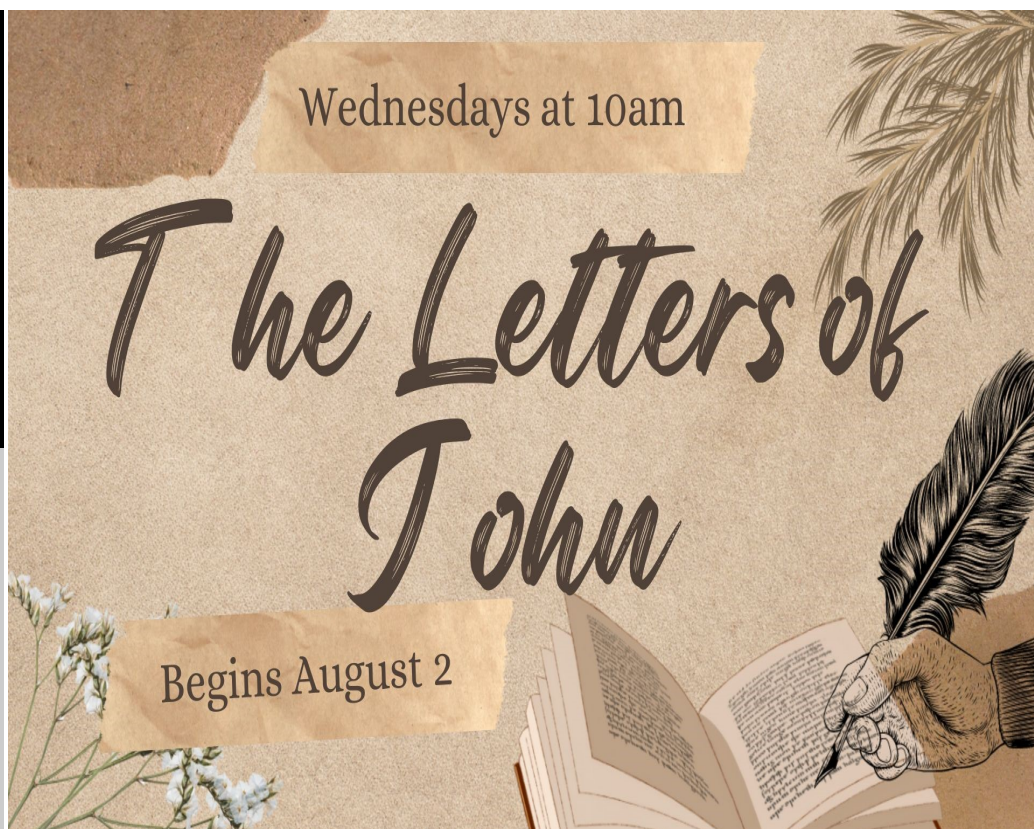
**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**  
OF THE HATCHIE RIVER  
REGION



## 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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