

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Covington, TN

September 14, 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 17, 2023

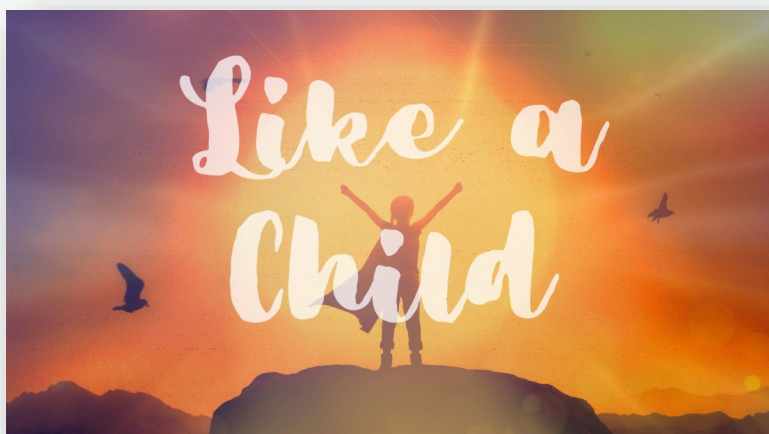
**Text:** 1 John 3.1-3, 18, 1 Corinthians 13 - Love Like a Child

It's not enough for us to just sing about how wonderful and how amazing God's love is. We have to show people.

#### September 24, 2023

**Text:** Psalm 25.4-5, Hebrews 5.11-14, 1 Corinthians 13.11,13 - Grow like a Child

God calls you to come to Him as children, but not to live as little children.



#### 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 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  
 September 21 Ted Turner

September 22 Anna Claire Payne  
                   Claire Peeler  
                   Christopher Smith  
 September 25 Wayne Cooley  
                   Betty Stanton  
 September 26 Trae Carter  
 September 28 Griff Gangaware  
                   Chelsea Morgan  
                   Samantha Pence  
 September 29 Eddie Daniel  
                   Christopher David  
 September 30 Don Clark  
 October 2 Haley Henderson  
                   Matthew Higgins  
 October 3 Keith Elzie  
                   Gena Maury  
 October 4 Jasmynne Knoll  
 October 5 Alexander Mitchell  
                   Jennifer Winberry  
                   Jones Allen Wooten

## ***GIVING & ATTENDANCE***

### **September 3, 2023**

In Person 8:30 service:	79
In Person 11:00 service:	78
Sunday School:	52
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	245
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	338
Offering	\$6,995.00

### **September 10, 2023**

In Person 8:30 service:	83
In Person 11:00 service:	115
Sunday School:	84
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	179
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	239
Offering	\$5,548.00

*Pray*  
WITH US

### **Physical Concerns**

Faye Beckett  
 Mike Turner

### **Undergoing Treatment for Cancer**

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

### **Condolences**

Family of Nathan Shelby  
 Family of Susan St. John



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>





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.



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@CovingtonFUMC.com](mailto:LNewman@CovingtonFUMC.com).




# ELEVATE

Youth Wednesday Nights  
Starting September 6  
6:00-7:00pm  
CLC  
For food trucks, come at 5:30pm

YOUTH  
MINISTRY

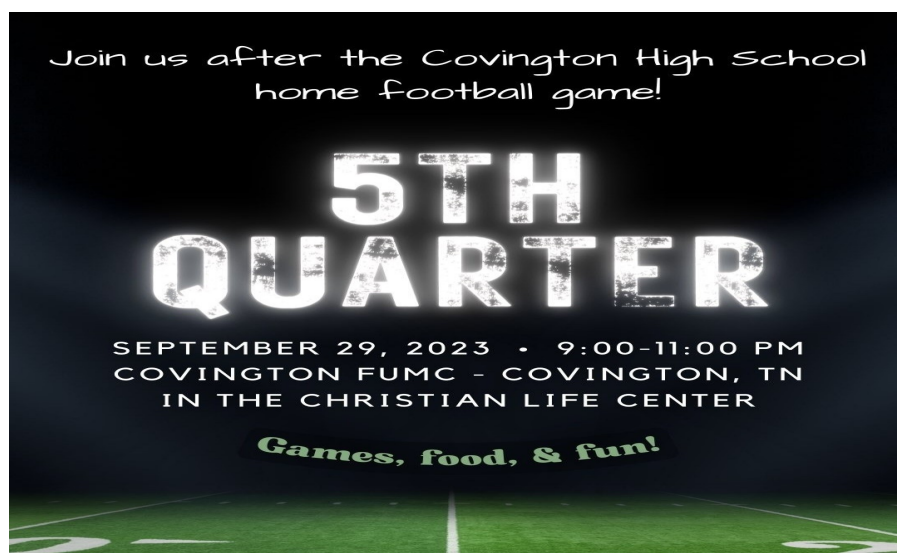


Join us after the Covington High School home football game!

## 5TH QUARTER

SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 • 9:00-11:00 PM  
COVINGTON FUMC - COVINGTON, TN  
IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

Games, food, & fun!



# **Event Calendar**

## **Saturday, September 16:**

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

## **Sunday, September 17:**

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 18:**

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

## **Tuesday, September 19:**

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 20:**

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 21:**

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

## **Friday, September 22:**

9:00 PM: Fifth Quarter - Christian Life Center

## **Saturday, September 23:**

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

## **Sunday, September 24:**

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 25:**

10:00 AM: Pickle Ball - Christian Life Center

## **Tuesday, September 26:**

9:00 AM: Women's Bible Study - New Beginnings Room

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

## TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

In Memory of **Nathan Adkins**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Martha Thornton  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Susan Thornton

In Memory of **Ronnie Adkins**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Martha Thornton  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Susan Thornton

In Memory of **Joan Ennis Buckley**

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley

In Memory of **Ricky Clay**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Susan Thornton

In Memory of **Mary Francis Delashmit**

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley

In Memory of **Andy Dunavant**

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley

In Memory of **Jackie Hall**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Don and Ellen Clark

In Memory of **Dennis Harrod**

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley

In Memory of **Shirley Hensley**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Donna Jones  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Bettye Shelley  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Martha Thornton

In Memory of **Melba Herring**

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley

In Memory of **Eric Howard**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Susan Thornton

In Memory of **Carole Hughey**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Bettye Shelley  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Martha Thornton  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Susan Thornton

In Memory of **Evelyn Kramer**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Donna Jones  
Choir and Worship Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Memory of **Roger Marshall**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Susan Thornton

In Memory of **Mary Gene Matheny**

Food Pantry Fund by Shirley James

In Memory of **Nancy McDonald**

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Keith and Brenda Elzie  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Henry and Betty Glass  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Donna Jones  
Christian Counseling Fund by Clay and Claudia Kelley  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Keith and Sandra McCalla

In Memory of **Betty Miller**

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley

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## TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

### In Memory of **Lane Myers**

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Keith and Brenda Elzie  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Donna Jones  
Christian Counseling Fund by Carolyn Locke  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Martha Thornton  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Susan Thornton

### In Memory of **Myrna Myers**

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Gary and Julie Chandler  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Don and Ellen Clark  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Keith and Brenda Elzie  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Henry and Betty Glass  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Donna Jones  
Christian Counseling Fund by Clay and Claudia Kelley  
Christian Counseling Fund by Carolyn Locke  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Keith and Sandra McCalla  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Waymon and Naomi McDade  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Joe and Sandra Naifeh  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Tim and Kathy Wallace  
Education Building Renovation Fund by W.C. and Chubby Whitesides

### In Memory of **Emily Oliver**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Don and Ellen Clark  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Henry and Betty Glass  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Donna Jones

### In Memory of **Linda Patrick**

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley

### In Memory of **Nick Phillips**

Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Don and Ellen Clark  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Donna Jones

### In Memory of **Gale Ralph**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Donna Jones  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Keith and Sandra McCalla  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Joe and Sandra Naifeh  
Good Samaritan Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

### In Memory of **Robert Sanford**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Donna Jones  
Christian Counseling Fund by Carolyn Locke

### In Memory of **Nathan Shelby**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Lynne Fisher  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin

### In Memory of **Susan St. John**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Lynne Fisher

### In Memory of **William “Dude” Trantham**

Education Building Renovation Fund by Donna Jones  
Christian Counseling Fund by Clay and Claudia Kelley  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Keith and Sandra McCalla  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Joe and Sandra Naifeh

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In Memory of **Robbie Tribble**  
Christian Counseling Fund by Susan Thornton

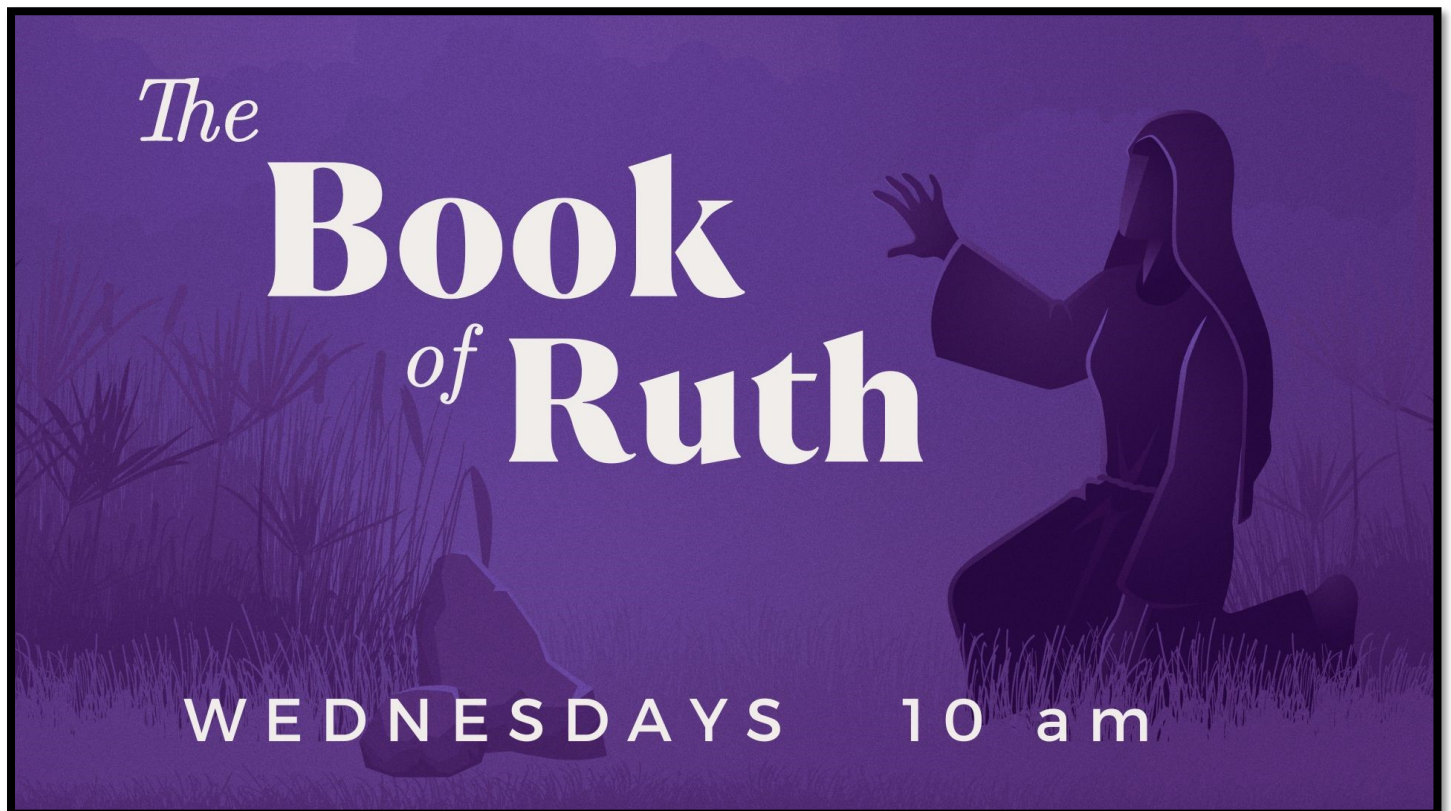
In Memory of **Liz Turner**  
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Education Building Renovation Fund by Keith and Brenda Elzie  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Henry and Betty Glass  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Donna Jones  
Christian Counseling Fund by Carolyn Locke  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Keith and Sandra McCalla  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Memory of **Marvene Kinney Twisdale**  
Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley

In Memory of **Daphne Weir**  
Christian Counseling Fund by Landon and Norma Beasley

In Memory of **Evelyn Yarbrow**  
Education Building Renovation Fund by Donna Jones

***Pastor's Bible Study  
Begins Wednesday September 20th  
Everyone is welcome to attend!***





## United Women in Faith



United  
Women  
in Faith

Congratulations to Cathy Adams! Cathy was awarded the Special Mission Recognition for her outstanding service and dedication to the Congregational Care Ministry. Cathy is a faithful servant of God and is a life-long member of Covington First UMD. She visits residents of Parkway Cove and Covington Care weekly. She leads a Bible study Wednesday mornings at Parkway and drives many to medical appointments and procedures. She organizes and leads grief groups, makes phone calls, sends cards, visits those who are homebound, updates the weekly prayer lists and so much more. Cathy is also a member of the Pickleball group that plays Monday and Thursday's in the Christian Life Center.

Thank you Cathy for everything you do for the church and it's ministries. This recognition is well-deserved!

United Women in Faith meets the second Monday of each month at noon in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to attend.



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 needed to make 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)

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

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

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



## WORSHIP TIMES

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

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

# Cookies *for* Kairos

Join us Sunday afternoon, October 8th, as we bake **THOUSANDS** of cookies for the Women's Therapeutic Residential Center in Henning. We will begin baking at 12:00 in the CLC, immediately following traditional worship.

The cookies will flood the compound serving as a physical symbol of God's unending grace, which is available to all believers.

If you can't join in the fun and fellowship but would still like to bake Cookies for Kairos, guideline brochures are available in the CLC lobby or on the ushers table in the Sanctuary. Cookies should be dropped off at the CLC Wednesday, October 11, by 6 PM. For additional information contact Lena Akerson (901)279-4341.



## BAKERS NEEDED!!!

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