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#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Covington, TN

September 26 , 2025 A Bi-Weekly Newsletter





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

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



Welcome! Hollis June Lovell, born September 24, 2025. Hollis is the newest great grandson of Mrs. June Whitley. We rejoice with Mrs. June on the safe arrival of this tiny blessing!







The Bread of Life food pantry was blessed to have American Heritage Girls Troop TN1915 of Gateway Baptist Church in Atoka, to help out on Saturday September 20. These young ladies, along with their chaperones, served the entire morning with the food pantry. They distributed food, double bagged, carried food to patrons vehicles and served with a smile. It was a true joy and pleasure to have them join us in service!

#### Methodist Prep News

Methodist Prep had our first "Small Talk" of the semester this month! "Small Talk" is a time where members of the church come in to share God's word with our students. Mrs. Carole Mathis came this week with some friends: Jonah and the whale! The kids got to go inside the whale's belly where they learned that God will always hear our prayers. (Jonah 2:2)









ARISE2Read will be starting anew with the 2026-2027 school year. Having been inactive for over 2 years, due to the tornado damage, it will be necessary to start from the very beginning.

ARISE2Read is a ministry focusing on second grade literacy. We will be mentoring at both Charger Academy and Covington Elementary school.

Volunteers are needed to dedicate one hour a week, during the school year, to mentoring and coaching two second grade students. Using the team read approach, students receive one-on-one coaching twice a week focusing on simple, but essential, sight words and phrases. Arise2Read positively impacts the lives of children, teachers, parents, and the community by providing students with individualized tutoring during one of the most critical years for students.

Training and all supplies will be provided.



Interested in becoming an ARISE2Read mentor? Need more information? Contact Liz Newman in the church office, 901-476-9694 or email

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# United Women in Faith

A great deal of hard work and planning went into the United Women in Faith's Rummage Sale and thanks to your generous donation of items, the sweat equity of members and volunteers, the event was a great success!

The ladies were able to raise over \$1,600.00 to use towards missions and ministries locally and world wide. In addition to raising the funds for their projects, the group also donated usable, left over items to the Tipton County Animal Shelter, Tipton County Paws and Claws Rescue, and the Tipton County Library.

The United Women in Faith meet at noon the second Monday of each month in Fellowship Hall. All women are invited to attend and become an active part of this women's ministry. The next meeting will be October 13, lunch will be served.













September 26 Trae Carter
September 28 Griff Gangaware
Chelsea Morgan
September 29 Eddie Daniel
Christopher David
September 30 Don Clark
October 2 Haley Henderson
Matthew Higgins
October 3 Keith Elzie

October 5 Alexander Mitchell Jennifer Winberry Jones Allen Wooten Jack Edwards October 6 **Turner Shrum** October 8 **Shannon Beasley Trace Griffin Murphy Jones** October 9 October 10 Brenda Elzie October 11 Molly Kate Phelps October 13 Norma Beasley

October 17 Gil Erwin
October 19 Chris Gangaware
October 21 Leah Gangaware

October 16

Camille Burlison

Candace Cook

#### **GIVING & ATTENDANCE**

Gena Maury

#### **September 14, 2025**

In Person 8:30 service: 45
In Person 11:00 service: 105
Sunday School: 61
Facebook Views 8:30 service: 257
Facebook Views 11:00 service: 702
Offering: \$3,079.00

### September 21, 2025 In Person 8:30 service:

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In Person 11:00 service:	74
Sunday School:	92
Facebook Views 8:30 service:	1,100
Facebook Views 11:00 service:	262
Offering:	\$3,310.00



#### **Physical Concerns**

Faye Beckett
Pat Frovarpt
Gail Ganier
Pete Gutierrez
Beth Lakey
Kyle Maclin
Sophie Nolan
W. W. Ray
Donna VanDouser
Shirley Young

#### **Undergoing Treatment for Cancer**

Lydia Anderson Robert Hurt
Donald Brock Tucker James
Kenneth Coulston Bob Lakey
Bettye Davis Rickey Lindsey
Janet Greggs Lois Martin
Christine Hight Jennifer Jones Moore

#### **Condolences**

Jimmy Overton

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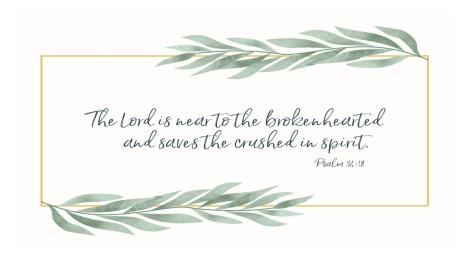
#### TRIBUTES & MEMORIALS

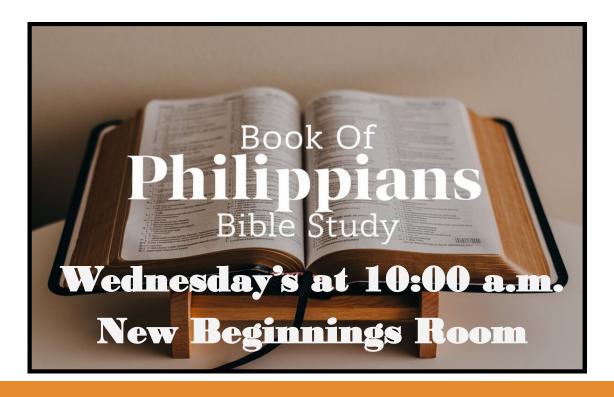
In Memory of **Charles Elam**Education Building Renovation Fund by Ted and Carolyn Turner

In Memory of Elizabeth Nix
Organ Restoration Fund by Carolyn Locke

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In Memory of **Bobbie Waits**Education Building Renovation Fund by Don and Ellen Clark
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#### **Event Calendar**

#### Saturday, September 27:

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

#### Sunday, September 28:

8:30 AM: Heritage Sunday Worship Rehearsal - Sanctuary

9:45 AM: Sunday School

11:00 AM: Heritage Sunday Combined Worship - Sanctuary

2:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

#### Monday, September 29:

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

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

#### Tuesday, September 30:

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

4:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

#### Wednesday, October 1:

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, October 2:

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

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

#### Saturday, October 4:

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

#### Sunday, October 5:

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, October 6:

10:00 AM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

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

6:30 PM: Trustees Meeting - New Beginnings Room

#### Tuesday, October 7:

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

4:00 PM: Pickleball - Christian Life Center

#### Wednesday, October 8:

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



#### **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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