



MorningSong Worship

Christian Life Center

Sunday, January 14, 2018 * 8:30 a.m.

Covington First United Methodist Church

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Roy Wrather

*PRAISE SONG *You Never Let Go*

*MORNING CALL TO WORSHIP Roy Wrather

*PRAISE SONG *Good, Good Father*

WORSHIP IN SCRIPTURE AND SONG Carole Mathis

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE COMMUNITY AND TIME OF PRAYER Roy Wrather

————— *Children are dismissed for Children's Church.* —————

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD *O Come to the Altar* Carole Mathis

STUDYING GOD'S WORD Prodigals, All Rev. Joe Thornton

*PRAISE SONG *Blessed Assurance*

*BLESSING Rev. Thornton

**Please stand as you are able.*

We welcome our guest preacher today, Rev. Joe Thornton. Rev. Thornton grew up in Covington and, along with his family, was an active member of Covington First. A graduate of Byars-Hall High School in 1957, he did his undergraduate work at Vanderbilt and University of Memphis. His theological work was done at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University (Dallas, TX). He married Becky Duffey of Brownsville, and they have two children, Sarah and Richard. Joe and Becky spent most of their adult life serving independent schools in Dallas, New Orleans and Jackson, TN, and conducting study programs abroad while simultaneously serving part-time to small rural churches. He is currently appointed to Lester's Chapel UMC, Jackson, now in his 36th year. He served in a variety of roles at Lambuth University for 15 years including Acting President before retiring in 2004. Joe has served as President of the Taylors of Tabernacle Camp Meeting Association for the past 50 years. He and Becky reside in their ancestral home in Brownsville.

MorningSong is a welcoming, casual and accepting service. All are invited to this relaxed worship setting with contemporary praise music. Come as you are, enjoy a cup of coffee and join in as we worship and seek God's spirit for guidance and strength.



CALENDAR JANUARY 14-20, 2018

Sunday, January 14

- 8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship-Christian Life Center
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class-Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship-Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Radio Broadcast of Traditional Service-WKBL 1250AM
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Leadership Team Meeting-Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 15

- 5:00 p.m. Yoga Class-Christian Life Center

Tuesday, January 16

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting-Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting-New Beginnings Classroom

Wednesday, January 17

- 4:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal-Christian Life Center
- 5:30 p.m. Youth High School Small Groups-Various Locations
- 6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study-Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Bible Study-Lower Level of Education Building
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Middle School Small Groups-Christian Life Center
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Practice-Bell Room
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice-Sanctuary

Thursday, January 18

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast-Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 20

- 9:00 a.m. Food Pantry-Covington FUMC

Our worship leaders today are Roy Wrather and Carole Mathis.

Carole (Howard) Mathis earned her Bachelor of Music Education degree in 1983 from Union University in Jackson, TN. She has been a church worship leader/pianist and instructor in school vocal music, general music, and visual arts education for over 36 years. She is currently serving as Choral Director at Crestview Middle School in Covington. Carole expanded her music instruction to the foreign mission field as a music missionary at the Les Bons Samaritains School in St. Marc, Haiti, where she traveled for 5 summers with, Dr. Rodrigue Mortel, the founder of 3 schools in St. Marc, and the Mortel Foundation, "High Hopes for Haiti". <https://www.highhopesforhaiti.org/>. She and her husband Wade have two children and 2 (soon to be 3) grandchildren