

PRAYER REQUESTS

Billy Anderson	Cassie Evans	Jane Mayfield
Krystal Ashley	Kevin Ezell	Frank Racy
Donna Beard	Betty Ford	Emogene Ray
Faye Beckett	Lauren Gilliland	Carolynn Scruggs
Katie Billings	Mary Ann Gully	Neal Simonton
Joe Campodonico	Houston Hall	Bart White
Phronia Dailey	John Henderson	Dr. Barney Witherington III
Larry Dawson	Jackson Hughey	Lanier Young

Condolences to the families of: Rodney Hughes and Jimmy Lundy.

UPPER ROOM PRAYER MINISTERS TODAY

MorningSong-Volunteers Needed Traditional-Sandra Naifeh and Nancy Peeler

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS TODAY

MorningSong- Sherrie Wright and Debbie Neal
Traditional- Volunteers Needed

NURSERY WORKERS TODAY

MorningSong- Maddie Smith
Sunday School Hour- Volunteer Needed
Traditional- Volunteer Needed

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
5:30 p.m. Youth High School Small Groups-Various Locations

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



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Leading Others to Christ † Learning to be Disciples † Loving through Service

First United Methodist Church



Sunday, January 14, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Order of Worship
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Liturgical Color-Green

PRELUDE *My Jesus, I Love Thee* Justin Hanson, Organ
arr. Hustad

WORDS OF WELCOME Beth Lockhart

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP
Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.
**For once we were lost and felt so far away;
now we have been found and welcomed home.**
Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.
We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!
Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.
Amen!

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH 454
stanzas 1, 2 and 3

NAMING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS Beth Lockhart

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE/OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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

*HYMN OF PREPARATION *Be Thou My Vision* UMH 451
stanzas 1, 2 and 3

OFFERTORY PRAYER Beth Lockhart

OFFERTORY Justin Hanson, Piano
Jesus Name Above All Names/O How I Love Jesus
arr. Hayes

*DOXOLOGY UMH 95
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below:
praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

ANTHEM *Like a Dove* Choir
arr. Purifoy Ellen Clark, Director

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:11-31 Rev. Joe Thornton

SERMON "Prodigals, All"

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP Rev. Thornton
(Those desiring to unite with this Christian fellowship are invited to make their way forward.)

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT *Here I Am, Lord* UMH 593

*BENEDICTION Rev. Thornton

CHORAL RESPONSE *Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace* Choir

POSTLUDE *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Justin Hanson, Organ
arr. Hustad

**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.