

FOCUS

First United Methodist Church

Covington, Tennessee

Rev. Tim Carpenter - Pastor

October 5, 2010

MEN OF COVINGTON FUMC:



Join United Methodist Men on **Monday, October 11** in the Fellowship Hall for dinner and a presentation on the Personal Energy Transportation Project. Dinner of hamburgers, chips and baked beans will be at 6:00 p.m. Following dinner, **Mr. Mark Griffy** from **Ellendale United Methodist Church** will present the program on PET and how we can become involved in helping to restore mobility to thousands of people worldwide afflicted by loss of limbs.

THIRD MONDAY FUN & INFORMATION FORUM

You are invited to come and join us in the Fellowship Hall on **Monday, October 18 at 10:00 a.m.** until 11:30. **Mrs. Mary Baugus** will be giving us cake decorating instruction. Participants will decorate their own cupcake or small cake to take home! Mark your calendar and make your plans to attend!



TIPTON COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

You are invited to attend the 2010 Tipton County Habitat for Humanity BBQ Dinner and Auction on **Friday, October 15, 2010**. BBQ and Fixings Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. and the Auction begins at 7:00 p.m. There will be a bake sale. Join us at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church located at 4625 Highway 59 South. The cost of your dinner and drink is \$5.00 donation.



SPECIAL THANK YOU

FUMC would like to send a special thank you to **Mr. Maurice Smith** for repairing the north entrance Sanctuary door to the church.

FACEBOOK PAGE FOR YOUNG ADULTS

We have a Facebook page for the "Young Adult Sunday School Class", called "**Beyond Sunday School – First United Methodist Church Covington TN**". We will be doing our Sunday school lessons on Facebook and connecting with one another no matter where we are. We would like to invite all young adults who are in college, working, or who are just searching for a new way to study the Bible to connect with us. A new young adult class began on Sunday, September 12th, on the 2nd floor of the Fellowship hall at the regular Sunday school hour. Phillip and Angela Mathis and George Patton are the leaders and we would like to invite anyone who is in town to attend. Thank you.

After you sign on to Facebook, the link is below:

<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100000670624311#!/pages/Covington-TN/Beyond-Sunday-School-First-United-Methodist-Church-Covington-TN/146319098722489?ref=sgm&a=5&ajaxpipe=1>

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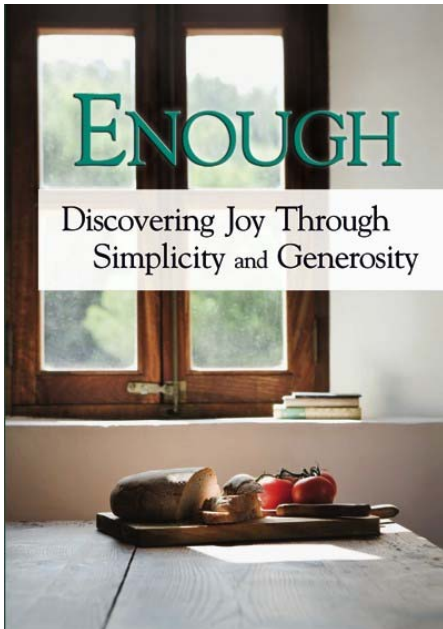
"The staff of First UMC is dedicated to aid the congregation in carrying out its mission while welcoming persons in the church with respect, care, and concern, and upholding the ideals of Jesus Christ."

THE COMMUNITY WALL OF SUPPORT FOR TCCA ~ 2010

It is that time again when the Tipton County Commission on Aging begins promoting their 15th Annual Kaleidoscope, the Health & Lifestyle Event for Seniors, Caregivers and their families as well as their fall fund raiser. First United Methodist Church has been actively raising funds for TCCA for the past 15 years. Last year we donated \$ 750.00. I hope this year all Sunday School classes and individuals will help me in raising at least this amount for 2010. The Health & Lifestyle Event will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the Brighton Middle School Gym. This is located on Highway 51 South. All donations, large or small, will help provide funding for services and programs that promote the independence, wellness and advocacy for seniors, caregivers, grandparents raising grandchildren, and their families that are served by TCCA. Please make checks payable to FUMC and have your donations into the church office no later than October 1st.



Thanks for your support,
Shirley Bready



OCTOBER SERMON SERIES—ENOUGH . . .

Stress. Anxiety. Fear. These words capture well the state of mind of many of us in America today. We have witnessed dramatic market losses, the collapse of the world's largest insurance company, and many bankruptcies and mergers. Every day seems to bring another piece of economic uncertainty. A recent survey found that over three in four Americans are stressed about the economy and their personal finances. Half were worried about providing for their family's basic needs. Over half of respondents reported feeling angry and irritable, and reported laying awake at night worried about this. The report concludes that, "The declining state of the nation's economy is taking a physical and emotional toll on people nationwide." *CNN.com 10.17.08*

Join us in worship as we continue in a series entitled ***Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity***. Increasing consumer debt, declines in savings, lower income growth, and a volatile stock market are all a part of our economic insecurity. We have lived in a society that tell us "you deserve it now," whether or not we can afford it or really even need it.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. This is why we will be inviting the church to a study and worship emphasis called ***Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity***. During this time we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through corporate worship and small group study. Each week, we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation. At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitment in the worship service on two consecutive Sundays. We hope you will join us in these worship and study experiences as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity and joy.

UPPER ROOM PRAYER MINISTERS SCHEDULE

October 10

Morning Song Service

Ray Newbill
Janice Newbill

Traditional Service

Joe Winberry
Debbie Winberry

October 17

Morning Song Service

Elizabeth Posey
Hope Turner

Traditional Service

Arnold Bull
Dennis McDuffie
Tom Rogers



AVAILABLE BOOKS

There are books available from Mrs. Louise Elliston's estate. They are on tables outside of the sanctuary. Please help yourself. You may send your letters of appreciation to **Joan Elliston, 4620 North Park Avenue, Unit 705 East, Chevy Chase MD 20815.** Thank you.



BAKE SALE

The HOPE Class will be hosting its annual bake sale on Sunday, October 17th. We will be selling **home-made cakes for \$ 15.00 or 2 home-made pies for \$ 15.00.** Proceeds will

be split between Grace Place Ministries and the FUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry. If anybody would like to make a homemade cake or two pies to help out cause, it would be appreciated. We will be set up in the hallway going into the sanctuary before Sunday school until after the 11:00 AM service (or until everything is sold - whichever comes first!!) Thank you for your continued support of the HOPE Class' ministries. For more information contact anyone in the HOPE class.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

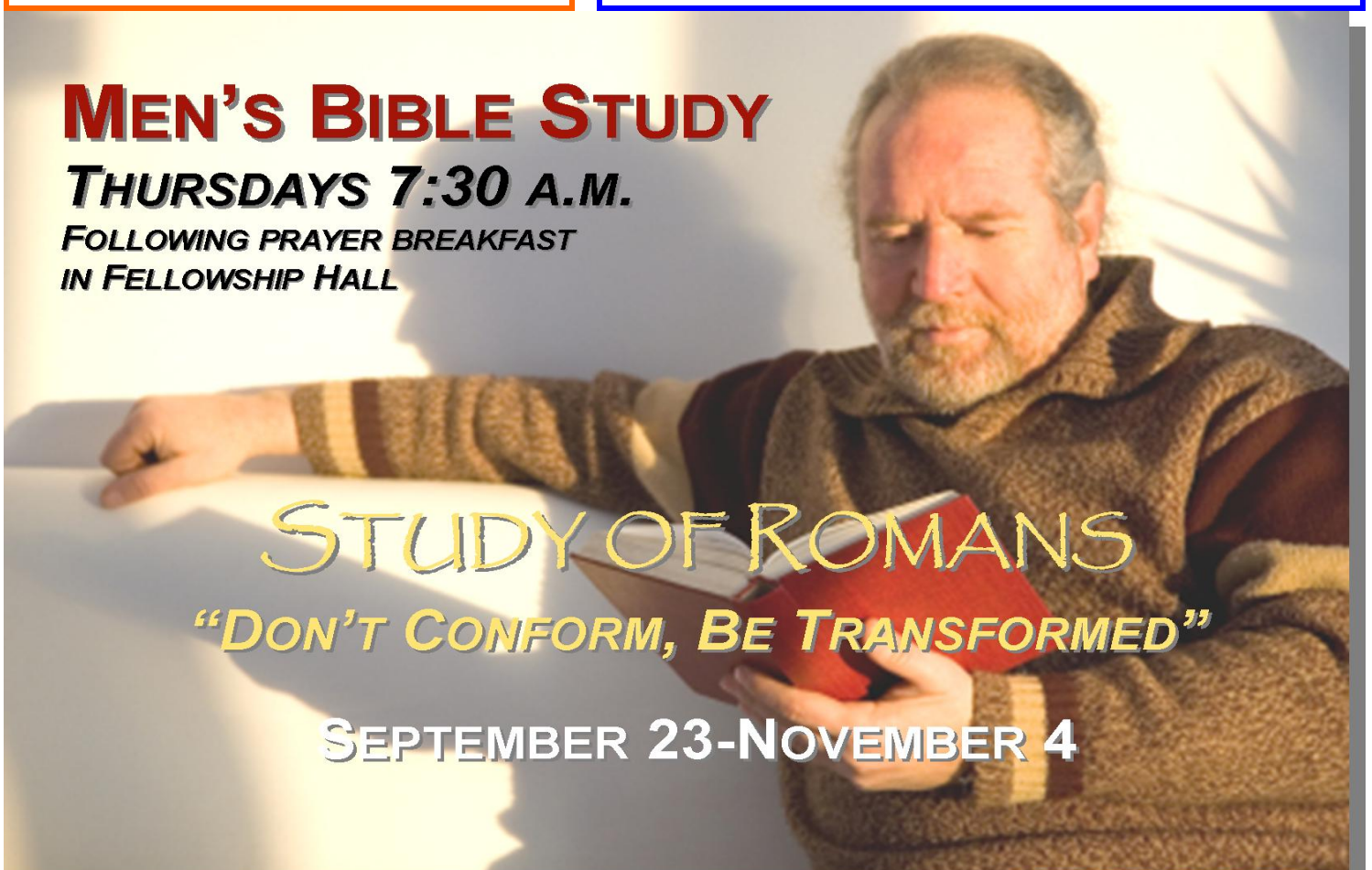
THURSDAYS 7:30 A.M.

**FOLLOWING PRAYER BREAKFAST
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

STUDY OF ROMANS

"DON'T CONFORM, BE TRANSFORMED"

SEPTEMBER 23-NOVEMBER 4



TRIBUTES RECEIVED AS OF OCTOBER 5, 2010

DESIGNATED TO THE ALTAR GUILD FUND OF FUMC)

In memory of Nannie Lear Rhodes Wrenn by Mary Eve Dawson.

(DESIGNATED TO THE BEREAVEMENT MEAL FUND OF FUMC)

In memory of Horace and Louise Cooley by Steve and Kaye Smith; In memory of Leslie Culver by Steve and Kaye Smith.

(DESIGNATED TO THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER BUILDING FUND OF FUMC)

In memory of Clarence (Bud) Smith by The Go Class of FUMC.

(DESIGNATED TO THE FOOD PANTRY FUND OF FUMC)

In memory of Louise Cooley by Bill and Ann Enzor; In memory of Clarence (Bud) Smith by Bill and Ann Enzor.

(DESIGNATED TO THE LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE FUND OF FUMC)

In memory of Louise Cooley by Tom and Shirley Bready; In memory of Leslie Culver by Tom and Shirley Brady; In memory of Kay Scott by Tom and Shirley Bready.

(DESIGNATED TO THE MEMORIAL FUND OF FUMC)

In memory of Mary Helen Bradley Blount by Diana McIntyre, Elizabeth Smith and Ted and Carolyn Turner; In memory of Horace and Louise Cooley by Mike and Margaret Fleming, Rodney and Faye Hughes; In memory of Louise Cooley by James and Mary Britt, Bill Jim and Helen Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hazelrig, Rodney and Faye Hughes, Hunter and Holli Rose, Bill and Carolynn Scruggs, Mary Lee Tipton and Ted and Carolyn Turner; In memory of Leslie Culver by Steve and Elisabeth O'Brien; In memory of Clara Jane Phelps by Lawrence and Sara Shelton; In memory of Nannie Lear Rhodes Wrenn by Bill Jim and Helen Davis, Rodney and Faye Hughes, Graydon and Nancy Calhoun Simpson, The Now Class of FUMC and Tommy and Susan Cheairs.

(DESIGNATED TO THE MUSIC AND WORSHIP FUND OF FUMC)

In memory of Charles Eugene (Gene) Butler by Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Bierman; In memory of Louise and Horace Cooley by Dr. and Mrs. L. C. Bierman.

(DESIGNATED TO THE SAMARITIAN FUND OF FUMC)

In memory of Charles Eugene (Gene) Butler by Judy Whitehorn; In honor of Carliss Chastain by Skip and Kendy Erwin; In memory of Louise Cooley by Skip and Kendy Erwin and David and Tobie Smith; In memory of Lewis Daniel Elliston by Judy Whitehorn; In honor of Phil Huffman by Martha Brasfield and Lynne Fisher; In honor of Joe Naifeh by Martha Brasfield and Lynne Fisher; ; In memory of Clara Jane Phelps by Judy Whitehorn; In memory of Clarence (Bud) Smith by David and Tobie Smith.

RUSSIA INITIATIVE / UKRAINE

“Спасиба Большое”

“Thank you very much.” Your support through contributions and purchasing the Boston butts for the Ukraine mission 2010 is so encouraging to the Kharkiv, Ukraine United Methodist Church. Because of you, they will continue to grow spiritually and physically as they construct a building on the property purchased in 2009. The total amount raised was \$3,070. It should be noted that all money raised was profit as the expenses were covered by a special donation. A special “thank you” goes to Philip Mathis and Barry Wright for contributing their time and talent in cooking the Boston butts. Your continued support through donations, honorariums, and memorials throughout the year will always be gratefully accepted.

Russell & Nancy Lindsey

Advocates for the Russia Initiative/Ukraine

Scheduled Events for October 6 through October 20, 2010

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

5:00 p.m. Church Wide Meal - Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. Worship - Sanctuary
 6:30 p.m. Fall Bible Studies
 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Children's Music & Studies
 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - Go Class
 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, October 7, 2010

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Tim Carpenter - Fellowship Hall
 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Cockrill Gift
 1-3:00 p.m. Altar Guild-Sanctuary/Cockrill Gift
 6:30 p.m. ZUMBA - Sr. High Classroom

Saturday, October 9, 2010

9:00 a.m. Brighton Food Pantry

Sunday, October 10, 2010

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 1:00 p.m. Delayed broadcast of traditional worship service, KBJ
 5:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Monday, October 11, 2010

12:00 p.m. Ruth Circle Meeting - Cockrill Gift Classroom
 6:00 p.m. UMM Meeting - Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. Rebroadcast of Morning Song worship service KBJ

7:00 p.m. Martha Rebekah Circle Meeting at the home of Doris Ann Gray

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

9:30 a.m. Adah and Mary Circles - Cockrill Gift Classroom
 6:30 p.m. SPR Meeting - Cockrill Gift Class
 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting - Fellowship Hall
 6:30 p.m. ZUMBA - Sr. High Class

Wednesday, October 13, 2010

No Activities with Tipton County Fall Break!

Thursday, October 14, 2010

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Tim Carpenter - Fellowship Hall
 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Cockrill Gift Class
 1- 3:00 p.m. Altar Guild-Sanctuary/Cockrill Gift
 6:30 p.m. ZUMBA - Sr. High Class

Saturday, October 16, 2010

9:00 a.m. Covington Food Pantry

Sunday, October 17, 2010

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 1:00 p.m. Delayed broadcast of traditional worship service, KBJ

5:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

Monday, October 18, 2010

10:00 a.m. Cake Decorating with Mary Baugus in the Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. Rebroadcast of Morning Song worship service KBJ
 7:00 p.m. Lay Leadership Development - Cockrill Gift Classroom

Tuesday, October 19, 2010

6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting - Fellowship Hall
 6:30 p.m. ZUMBA - Sr. High Class
 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting - Conference Room

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

5:00 p.m. Church Wide Meal - Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. Worship - Sanctuary
 6:30 p.m. Fall Bible Studies
 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Children's Music & Studies
 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry - Go Class
 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

September 26, 2010

MorningSong -	100
Sunday School -	182
Traditional Worship -	130
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 820.00
Traditional Worship Offering -	\$ 3,154.00

October 3, 2010

MorningSong -	84
Sunday School -	159
Traditional Worship -	168
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 5,100.00
Traditional Worship Offering -	\$ 8,268.85

*Mr. and Mrs. W. D. "Bo" David
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter*

Erin Catherine

to

Alex Keith Hall

on Saturday, the sixteenth of October

Two thousand and ten

at seven o'clock in the evening

First United Methodist Church

Covington, Tennessee

*To help us celebrate,
please join us for the Reception
immediately following the ceremony
Covington Chamber Center*

FOOD PANTRY NEED...



PEANUT BUTTER IS NEEDED FOR THE BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY. It

was not available on the shopping list at the Mid-South Food Bank this week and is a basic staple in our food bags. We need **110 jars** before **Saturday, October 9**

for our Brighton pantry location. If you would be willing to help us meet this need, please leave your contributions in the boxes provided in the hallway outside the sanctuary. Thank You!

FOCUS DEADLINE

The next **FOCUS** will be printed on **Tuesday, October 19**. If you have anything that you would like to include, please have it turned into the church office by **Monday, October 18 at 4:00 p.m.**

Thank you in advance for your help with this!

CONDOLENCES

Charles Butch Burns died Thursday, September 30, 2010. He was the brother of Claudia Chapman. Her and her son, Zach's mailing address is 420 Highway 51 South, Covington, 38019.

Dick Timberlake died Friday, October 1, 2010. He was the brother to Ed Timberlake. His memorial service will be held on October 9 with the time to be announced at Paffords Funeral Home in Lexington, Tennessee. The address and telephone number for Paffords is 71 Monroe Avenue, Lexington, 38351 and (731) 968.2544. Ed and Marie's home address is 1526 Christine Cove, Covington, 38019. Their FUMC family includes their daughter, Amy Timberlake (201 Sloan Road, Nashville, 37209) and Billy. Billy and Mary's home address is 1846 Kimbrough Drive, Covington, 38019 and their children are Haylee, Alison and Lillie.

PRAYER VIGIL - MEMPHIS EMMAUS COMMUNITY



The coordinators at Memphis Emmaus Walk asks that we (FUMC) pray for our two young men, Dustin Phelps and Tom Rogers, that are going on the Memphis Emmaus Walk on Thursday, October 7 until Sunday, October 10. Our specific time slot to pray will be Saturday, October 9 at 9:00 a.m. Please make a special effort to include this important event in your daily prayers. Thank you for your support!

BI-WEEKLY SAMARITAN REPORT

The following are the latest numbers for the FUMC Samaritan Report:

- 3 households received assistance with rent totaling \$ 771.00 (paid to the vendors).
- 3 households received assistance with utilities totaling \$ 460.03 (paid to the vendors).
- 1 household of two individuals received one hot meal.
- *1 individual received gifts of clothing (per a Professional Counseling request).
- 1 household received \$ 15.00 of vehicular gas (paid to the vendor).

The current balance of the Samaritan Fund of \$ 342.61.

*Mattie Byrd, a counselor with Professional Counseling center and FUMC church member, picked up the clothing for their client. She asked that her appreciation be forwarded to everyone who helped with their most recent request. Mattie is Donna Enzor Camiel's daughter and Bill and Ann Enzor's granddaughter.

ALL SAINTS DAY



FUMC'S 2010 All Saints Day will be held on **Sunday, November 7**. Below is the proposed listing for those that will be honored. If you know of someone that should be included on this list, please contact the church office at 476.9694 so the records can be changed.

Thank you for your assistance.

NAMES:

Bill Barber
Duke Harris Brasfield
Charles Eugene Butler
Horace Cooley
Louise Cooley
Leslie Culver
Lewis Daniel Elliston
Linda Gatlin
Mildred Peeler Gray
Geoffrey Max
Marie McDivitt
Ruth Ann McDow
Clara Jane Phelps
Michael Shoaf Thornton
Billy Wilson
Leo Wingate

THANK YOU

The following note is from a lady that FUMC was able to assist with needed items.

“Dear First United Methodist Church,

I would like to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the clothes and gift certificate. I appreciate everything you have given me. It boosted up my self-esteem and made me happy to have new clothes to look better and feel better about myself.

God Bless You All,
Sincerely Yours,
Jeanna Jones”

UPCOMING MENUS FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Make your reservations no later than Monday at 4:00 p.m. for the meal. You may contact the church office at 476.9694 or email: hmorris_fumc@bellsouth.net Thank you! "Standing" reservations are encouraged!

Adult Menu for October 13

Children's Menu

Dessert

NO MEAL WITH TIPTON COUNTY SCHOOL FALL BREAK

Adult Menu for October 20

Penne Rigate with Meat Sauce
Salad
Garlic Parmesan Bread Sticks



Children's Menu

Pizza
Macaroni and Cheese

Dessert

Chocolate Pudding

Happy Birthday to EVERYONE!

Birthdays...



October 8 through October 20

- October 8 - Shannon Beasley
- October 10 - Brenda Elzie, Tami Jackson
- October 11 - Cathy Elam
- October 13 - Norma Beasley, Bob Buxton,
Janet Gairhan, Janet Klutts
- October 14 - Mary Poole
- October 15 - Hudson Freeman,
Katie Henderson
- October 16 - Candace Cook, Gwendolyn Glass
- October 17 - Gil Erwin, Ferd Fisher III,
Aiden German, Adeline Shankle,
Preston Wright, Mary Ruth Young
- October 18 - Clara Nell Williams
- October 19 - Chris Gangaware



THANK YOU

"Dear Prayer Shawl Ministry,
Thank you so much to the maker of my beautiful shawl. I was delighted when I received it by way of Jenny Nix. Losing my son, Bryan, was a tragedy, but I wrapped the shawl around my daughter and me during the memorial service and we both felt great comfort as I held the cross attached to the end. What a blessing your ministry is. I keep my shawl on the back of my favorite chair and use it often. I am truly grateful." Kathy Glover Davenport

VOLUNTEER HOSPICE TRAINING

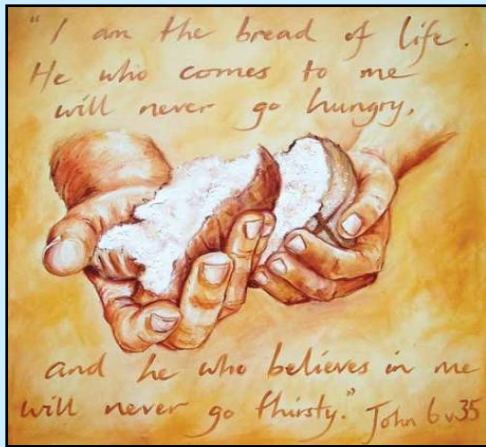
Just a few hours each month can help ease the loneliness, fear, and isolation of a person with a terminal illness. If you can listen to life stories, hold a hand, read, sing, bake cookies, play a musical instrument, or just want to help, there's someone who needs your friendship. Give the gift of gratitude. Become a volunteer!

The next training class for Crossroads Hospice of Tennessee will be Saturday, October 16 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

If you are interested, please contact the Volunteer Coordinators, Emily or Sandy at 382.9292. Thank you.

Bread of Life Feeding Ministry Update

September 2010



Thanks to everyone who served and donated to the Bread of Life Food Pantry during September. Thanks for your donations of cereal and canned fruit and the bountiful plastic grocery bags! **A special thanks to the administration and students of Covington Integrated Arts Academy for contributing 194 cans of fruit to our pantry.**

In order to use our resources as wisely as possible, we are now re-using the cardboard boxes the food comes to us in and your donated plastic bags rather than paper sacks to distribute the food to the recipients.

Thanks to the young men and women and their Scout leaders of Venture Crew #1420 who work bag take-out at all Covington food pantry days. This is the scout troop which meets in our education building each week.

	<u>September 2010</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Households served:	186 (Covington) 114 (Brighton) 300 (Total)	469 (Covington) 215 (Brighton) 684 (Total)
Individuals served:	584 (Covington) 368 (Brighton) 952 (Total)	1196 (Covington) 755 (Brighton) 1951 (Total)
Volunteers serving:	134 persons served at least once	
Pounds of food:	10,418 (Mid-South Food Bank) 474 (Save-A-Lot) 142 (Kroger) 1,100 (donated items) 12,314 (Total)	71,125 (Mid-South Food Bank) 751 (Save-A-Lot) 1,642 (Kroger) 2,500 (donated items) 5,400 (West TN Prison) 81,418 (Total)
Cost of food:	\$1,007.82	\$5,496.88
Cost per pound:	8.2 cents	6.7 cents
Average cost per household:	\$3.36 (for a 7 day allotment of food)	

\$74.00 per

IGNITION FALL RETREAT 2010

October
22-24



IGNITION
STUDENT MINISTRIES

ACTIVITIES

We will have....

Worship

Bible Study

Prayer Activities

Bone fire

Small Groups

Disc golf

And many more fun and amazing things!

We are going to Lakeshore for our Fall of 2010 youth retreat. This retreat is for both Jr. and Sr. High. We will leave Friday around 5 p.m. and will arrive back at the church on Sunday around 2 p.m. So make plans to come with us on this amazing one of a kind Fall retreat.

\$74.00 is due by October 13th.

If you have any questions about the retreat or if you need help with the cost of the trip feel free to call me or email me.

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The mission of First United Methodist Church is...
'Leading people to Christ; Learning to be disciples; Loving through service'