

# FOCUS

## First United Methodist Church

Covington, Tennessee

Rev. Tim Carpenter - Pastor

September 7, 2010

### The Gathering

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Matthew 18:20

## Wednesday Nights

5:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 8 - Dec. 8

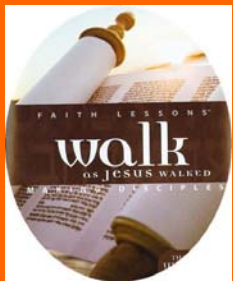
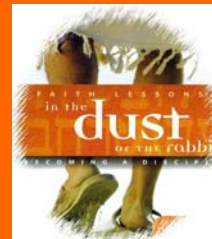
**5:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Dinner** (\$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children)  
**6:00 - 6:30 p.m. - Worship in the Sanctuary**  
**6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Adult & Youth Studies, Children's Studies & Music**

## Pastor's Wednesday Evening Study

September 8-November 3

with Tim Carpenter in Fellowship Hall

*The Dust of the Rabbi: Becoming a Disciple* and *Walk as Jesus Walked* transports you to locations in Israel and Turkey to learn how the early church lived as disciples of Jesus.



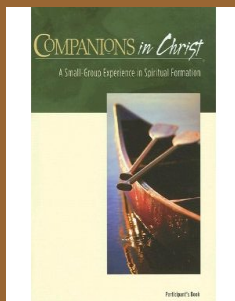
Come and follow teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan in a continuation of the *Faith Lesson Series* into the life of a talmid (disciple). Learn about how following a rabbi wasn't simply a hobby, it was a passion that was the driving force behind every action, every thought. Come and discover the passion of our early Christian brothers and sisters. Follow in their footprints as they loved the Messiah with all their heart, all their soul, and all their might—every moment of every day.

## Women's Study Group

September 8 - November 17

with Grace Phelps in Enjoy Classroom, 3rd floor, Education Bldg.

*Embracing the Journey* and *Feeding on the Word*, the first two units of the *Companions in Christ* series in spiritual formation small group study, focus on learning to see your Christian life as a journey toward wholeness and holiness and learning to listen to God through scripture, allowing your life to be shaped by God's Word. Personal study and reflection with weekly group discussion. Study books are \$8.00.



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### Staff Mission Statement

*"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."*

## CHILDREN'S NEWS

Don't forget Wednesday night activities start again this Wednesday, September 8! We are looking forward to spending this time with your kids! We will begin working on the Christmas music program, so if you want your child to be involved in this special event, please have them at church on Wednesday nights! Also, we have started the children's church rotation. I want to thank those parents that have already served! September 12 Morning Song nursery work will be Barbara David. Children's church will be Laura Thornton. 11:00 a.m. Nursery will be Stephanie Phillips and Cayla Cooke. Children's Church will be Katelyn Aday and Emily Siegler.. If your day or time doesn't work for you, please contact Jaime Hunter at 356.2787! Thank you in advance for your service!

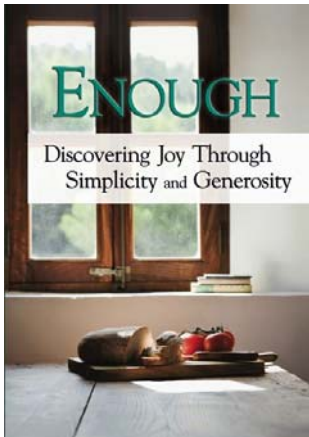
### UPPER ROOM PRAYER MINISTERS SCHEDULE

<b>Sept. 12</b>	<b><u>Morning Song Service</u></b> Don Chastain Carliss Chastain	<b><u>Traditional Service</u></b> Melissa Mitchell Emily Richardson
<b>Sept. 19</b>	<b><u>Morning Song Service</u></b> Janet Gairhan Doris Ann Gray	<b><u>Traditional Service</u></b> Mike Morrison Alice Morrison

### THANK YOU

"Thank you so much for the baby things. The young lady was so proud. Thank you for a partnership of caring for the "least of these". You put feet to your faith. Love in Christ, Elizabeth Dawson, PCS/Covington"

(Donors provided a stroller, pack 'n' play, and clothing items.)



### COMING IN OCTOBER—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 beginning in October for a sermon series entitled ***Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity***. Our nation is experiencing what many have described as the "American Nightmare." 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. We'll hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. 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.

## **SASHA**

Shepherding A Servant's Heart, Amen. Many of us heard Rev. Patrick Whaley, United Methodist missionary, on Sunday, August 29, preach and tell us about his UMC ministry of Evangelism and Discipleship in Eurasia (Russia, Ukraine and other former Soviet Union countries). His ministry is self-supporting and depends wholly on contributions. Contributions can be made through our church or sent directly to SASHA MINISTRY, INC., P.O. Box 38031, GERMANTOWN, TN. 38183-0031.

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## **RUSSIA INITIATIVE / UKRAINE FUNDRAISER**

Money for this mission was not included in the 2010 budget; therefore, it depends on contributions and a fundraiser to continue to support this mission ministry. This ministry supports Pastor Igor Pak's salary, church and program assistance of the Kharkiv, Ukraine UMC. Also, last year we purchased property and the Kharkiv congregation is in the process of building a church. To raise money, "Boston Butts" which can be purchased **next Sunday, September 12**, before and after Morning Song and traditional church services. The cost is \$ 30.00 and can be picked up the following Sunday, September 19 at the church.

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## **SPECIAL COMMUNION OFFERING**

The communion offering taken on Sunday, September 5 totaled \$ 770.00. It was designated to the Russia Initiative. Thank you for your support of this worthy cause.

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## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAY**

Habitat will be having another work day at our project house at 316 North High on Saturday, September 18. I hope you and your group will be able to join us. We will begin work at 8:00 a.m. and will finish at noon. Everyone should wear clothing they don't mind getting dirty - the house had a fire, and it's still pretty nasty. Closed-toe shoes are a must also because of the construction debris. For each worker, we will have the following for their use on site: Gloves - Hard Hat - Safety Glasses (these can be work over eye glasses) - Dust Mask. We will also have drinking water and cups on site. There is a portable toilet facility on the property. I hope you and your group can join us on the 18th. I look forward to seeing you then.

Mike Morrison

President Habitat for Humanity of Tipton County.

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## **SPECIAL MUSIC OFFERING**

During the choir's concert on September 1 there was an offering taken that will benefit the choir. The total for this netted \$ 300.80. Thank you to those who gave to this worthy cause.

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## **ALTAR GUILD THANK YOU**

A special thank you to our Altar Guild leaders, Bernice Liles, Charlotte Jones and alternate Mary Eve Dawson, who do their altar duties on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thanks for their time and effort each week to prepare our altar area for worship.

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## **TIPTON COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING NEWS...**

TCCA is pleased to present "Living Fully, Dying Well" an 8 week series on living your best life! Classes will be held on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. beginning on September 7 in the meeting room downstairs at the Covington Senior Center. Gail Ganier will be the Instructor.

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## TRIBUTES RECEIVED AS OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

### (DESIGNATED TO THE BEREAVEMENT MEAL FUND OF FUMC)

In memory of Horace Cooley by Russell and Nancy Lindsey; In memory of James Paul Layne by Stephen and Kaye Smith.

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

In memory of Gene Butler by Henry and Gwen Glass; In memory of Horace Cooley by Henry and Gwen Glass; In memory of Leslie Culver by Henry and Gwen Glass; In memory of Albert Uttz by Henry and Gwen Glass.

### (DESIGNATED TO THE FOOD PANTRY FUND OF FUMC)

In memory of Horace Cooley by William and Ann Enzor; In memory of Leslie Culver by The Friendship Sunday School Class of FUMC.

### (DESIGNATED TO THE MEMORIAL FUND OF FUMC)

In memory of Gene Butler by Thomas and Margaret Hayes, Steve and Flo Kinney, Bill and Barbara Renfrow, Larry and Georganna Veccho, and Gladys Whitley; In memory of Horace Cooley by Dr. Jim Baddour III, James and Mary Britt, Pat Bellingrath, Jimmy and Yvonne Bryant, Herbert and Linda Ferguson, Lynn Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hazelrig, Rodney and Faye Hughes, Rebecca May, Pete McDow, Walter and Elaine Mullins, Bill and Carolyn Scruggs, David and Tobie Smith, Mary Lee Tipton, Gordon Tomlin, Ted and Carolyn Turner, Nancye Williams and Gladys Whitley; In memory of Dalton and Leslie Culver by Thomas and Margaret Hayes; In memory of Leslie Culver by Jimmy and Yvonne Bryant and Gladys Whitley; In memory of Frances Glenn by Peter and Emily Turner and Suel-len White; In memory of Andy Knight by Jimmy and Yvonne Bryant; In memory of Albert Uttz by Peggy Massey and Family.

### (DESIGNATED TO THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY FUND OF FUMC)

In memory of Leslie Culver by Jane Whitaker; In memory of James Paul Layne by Jane Whitaker.

### (DESIGNATED TO THE SAMARITIAN FUND OF FUMC)

In memory of Gene Butler by Tommy and Susan Cheairs, Keith and Grace Phelps and Bettye Shelley; In memory of Horace Cooley by Tommy and Susan Cheairs, Skip and Kendy Erwin, Chris and Sara Gangaware, Ray and Janice Newbill and Keith and Grace Phelps; In memory of Leslie Culver by Ray and Janice Newbill and Keith and Grace Phelps; In memory of James Paul Layne by Tommy and Susan Cheairs; In memory of Tom Shoaf by His Family.

### (DESIGNATED TO THE UMW CANDLEBURNING FUND OF FUMC)

In memory of Gene Butler by Mr. and Mrs. Claud Billingsley, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Brooks, Virginia Dillard, The Friendship Sunday School Class of FUMC, Bill Harrison, Rodney and Faye Hughes, Ripley Rotary Club, Rite Aid Coffee Club, Ted and Carolyn Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wheatley and Jane Whitaker; In honor of Elizabeth Bryant 101st Birthday Recognition by Ray and Janice Newbill; In memory of Kay Scott by Ray and Janice Newbill; In memory of Horace Cooley by Keith and Peggy Watson.

### (DESIGNATED TO THE WORSHIP AND CHOIR FUND OF FUMC)

In memory of Horace Cooley by Jim and Beverly Smith.

### (DESIGNATED TO THE YOUTH FUND OF FUMC)

In memory of Rebecca Wilson Acree by Betty Pannell Thomas; In memory of Horace Cooley by Bill Jim and Helen Davis; In memory of Leslie Culver by Bill Jim and Helen Davis.

## OH HAPPY DAY



Samuel's adoption was finalized this morning. Samuel Kobe Clark is pictured with his parents, Jennifer and Robert and his grandparents, Jean and Ron. God has blessed us with this precious child. We are so thankful He has given us this gift.

Praise God! Ron and Jean Jones' address is 368 Countrywood Road, Covington, Tennessee, 38019.

# Scheduled Events for September 8 through September 22, 2010

## Wednesday, September 8, 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, September 9, 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, September 11, 2010

9:00 a.m. Brighton Food Pantry

## Sunday, September 12, 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  
 3:00 p.m. Handbell Practice  
 5:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

## Monday, September 13, 2010

6:00 p.m. Rebroadcast of Morning Song worship service KBJ  
 6:00 p.m. UMW and UMM General Meeting - Fellowship Hall

## Tuesday, September 14, 2010

6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting - Fellowship Hall  
 6:30 p.m. ZUMBA - Sr. High Class

## Wednesday, September 15, 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 Classroom  
 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

## Thursday, September 16, 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  
 6:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting - Fellowship Hall  
 6:30 p.m. ZUMBA - Sr. High Class

## Saturday, September 18, 2010

9:00 a.m. Covington Food Pantry

## Sunday, September 19, 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  
 3:00 p.m. Handbell Practice  
 5:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study

## Monday, September 20, 2010

6:00 p.m. Rebroadcast of Morning Song worship service KBJ

## Tuesday, September 21, 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, September 22, 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

### August 29, 2010

MorningSong -	94
Sunday School -	119
Traditional Worship -	141
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 867.10
Traditional Worship Offering -	\$ 3,769.75

### September 5, 2010

MorningSong -	62
Sunday School -	na
Traditional Worship -	114
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 1,309.00
Traditional Worship Offering -	\$ 5,699.36

## 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](mailto:hmorris_fumc@bellsouth.net) Thank you!

### Adult Menu for September 15

Parmesan Crusted Chicken  
Italian Green Beans  
Loaded Mashed Potatoes  
Rolls

### Children's Menu

Pigs in a Blanket  
Mac and Cheese  
Tater Tots

### Dessert

Apple Crisp



### Adult Menu for September 22

Pot Roast  
Roasted Red Potatoes & Carrots  
Whole Kernel Corn  
Rolls

### Children's Menu

Corn Dogs  
Mac and Cheese

### Dessert

Strawberry Shortcake



## CHURCH SERVICES LIVE ON THE INTERNET

FUMC is pleased to now be providing a link on our website that enables the user to watch our 11:00 a.m. service live on the internet. In addition, there is another link that enables the user to view archived recordings of our services for several weeks after they take place. This has already proven to be a wonderful ministry, enabling interested parties to be a part of our church who don't have access to the cable TV or radio ministries. For instance, our college students, members who have moved away, military in other parts of the world, and even our own members while they are traveling can still be a part of our services. Check out our website and note the two links at the bottom of the home page and please help us to notify people who would benefit from this new ministry.

## SAMARITAN FUND REPORT

*One never knows who will enter or call the church requiring assistance. This week, a lady who was 63 years old did not have a home. It is heartbreaking to think at a time when retirement should be so close, that basic needs are still required.*

**110** households received goods from the Covington food pantry

**78** households received good from the Brighton food pantry

**5** households received assistance with utilities totaling \$525.96 (paid to the vendor).

**1** household received one night lodging and one hot meal.

**2** households received total of three nights lodging totaling \$96 (paid to the vendor).

**1** household received assistance with rent totaling \$ 250.00 (paid to the vendor).

**1** household received assistance with mortgage totaling \$300.00 (paid to the vendor).

**1** household received one meal.

**1** household referred to the FUMC Ripley Food Pantry as they live in Henning.

The current balance of the Samaritan Fund of **\$ 428.50.**

Thank you to everyone who has responded with gifts and prayers to the Samaritan Fund.





# UMW AND UMM GENERAL MEETING



Rev. Dr. Cynthia Davis

Monday, September 13 will be the General Meeting of the UMW and UMM. There will be a light dinner provided beginning at 6:00 p.m. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m., it is entitled "We Are The Church". Special guest speakers will be Rev. Dr. Cynthia Davis of Friendship UMC in Millington and Chaplain Sonny Davis of UM Neighborhood Centers.

Make your plans now to attend.



Chaplain Sonny Davis

\$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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*'Leading people to Christ; Learning to be disciples; Loving through service'*