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The Gathering

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

Matthew 18:20



**Wednesday Nights
Aug. 24 - Nov. 16
Adult, Youth &
Children's Studies
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

See page 3 for detailed information...

CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR - We are pleased to announce that Charlotte Quinley has been hired to fill the position of Children's Director. Charlotte is the daughter of the late Earl and Mildred Quinley, and sister of Deb David. She is retired from the Tipton County Board of Education after 30 years of service. She has been an active member of FUMC since the age of 12.



On August 28, at 4:00 p.m., Charlotte will meet with parents and Pastor Carpenter in the Fellowship Hall.

Charlotte's hobbies and activities are extensive. She is a member of Covington Canasta Club, Game Night, Memphis Theater Girls, Delta Kappa Gamma, Teacher Society, and is on the Legislation Committee of the Retired Tennessee Education Association. She loves reading and hand crafts and has traveled extensively around America, and to France, England, Spain, Canada, Mexico, San Juan, Barbados, St. Maarten, St. Lucia, St. Kitts, St. Thomas, and Dominica.

We are very excited to have Charlotte on our staff and look forward to her work with our FUMC children. Charlotte will start her position on September 1st. Please extend a warm welcome to Charlotte!

MEMORIAL AND HONORARIUM TRIBUTES

In Memory of **Mary Helen Bradly Blount**

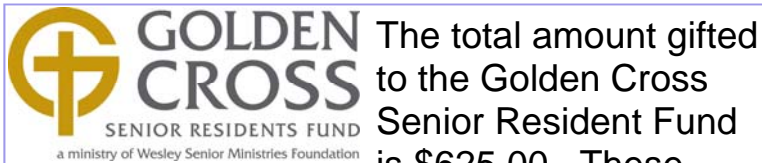
Bradley Scholarship Endowment by Sarah Walton

In Memory of **Duke Brasfield** on his birthday

Family Life Building by the Duke Brasfield Family

In Memory of **Corey Scott Osborn**

Samaritan Fund by John Robert and Erin Baddour



The total amount gifted to the Golden Cross Senior Resident Fund is \$625.00. These

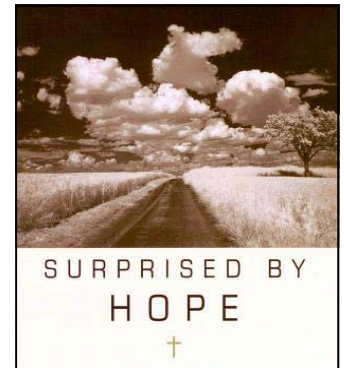
funds will be provided to the Wesley Senior Ministries Foundation.

Your assistance with this important fund drive is greatly appreciated!



THURSDAY WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

The next session for the Thursday morning study group will be August 25 to September 29th. Join Grace Phelps in the Cockrill-Gift classroom from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. weekly. This session's study will be "*Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church.*" In six sessions, learn the full scope of what God's Word has to say about the world to come. Study books are \$9.00 and will be available after worship on August 21.



Explore:

- What is heaven really like?
- Is our main duty as Christians simply to help non-Christians get there?
- What hope does the gospel hold for this present life?
- In what ways does God intend for us to experience that hope personally and

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

July 31, 2011

MorningSong -	102
Sunday School -	139
Traditional Worship -	142
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 3,538.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 6,677.50

August 7, 2011

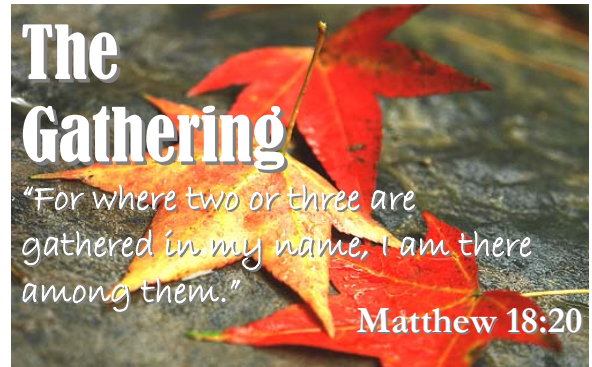
MorningSong -	95
Sunday School -	131
Traditional Worship -	141
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 8,043.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 3,059.00

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RESUME
ON AUGUST 24

Mark your calendar now to be part of our Fall Wednesday evening studies.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL (AUGUST 24TH ONLY)...

We'll begin with a kick-off fellowship meal at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 24, prepared for us by Mike and Alice Morrison.



Adult Menu (\$5.00)

Baked Chicken
 Mashed Potatoes w/ gravy
 Green Beans
 Rolls

Kids Menu (\$3.00)

Corn dogs
 Tater Tots

Dessert

Apple Crisp
 w/ ice cream

If you can join us for the meal, please indicate the number of adults and children on the attendance pads at worship, or contact Peggy Miller at "pmiller_fumc@bellsouth" or by phone at 476-9694. Please be sure your reservation is made by 4:00 p.m., Monday, August 22.

STUDIES...



Studies for adults, youth and children will meet from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Children will have 30 minutes of study time and 30 minutes of music. Youth will gather with Jason Smith for their time of study together.

Adults may choose from five different study options:

- *What United Methodists Believe* with Rev. Bill Franklin
- *Study of Romans - "Don't Conform, Be Transformed"* with Rev. Tim Carpenter
- *Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, the Resurrection, and the Mission of the Church* with Rev. Grace Phelps
- *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* with Brenda Wrather
- *Family Caregiver Education and Support* with Margaret Fleming and Carol Roy

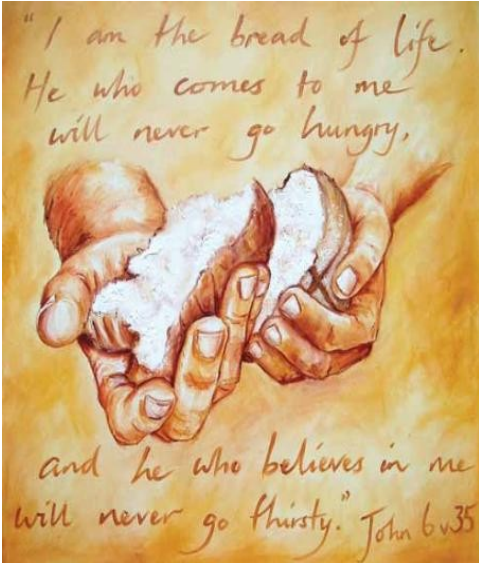
Registration for the adult studies will take place after worship services on August 14th and 21st. We hope to see you there!

CHOIR REHEARSAL...

We'll finish the evening with choir rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. If you are musically inclined and don't presently belong to the choir, why not give it a try? We'd love to have you!

Bread of Life Feeding Ministry Update

July 2011



Thanks to everyone who served and donated to the Bread of Life Food Pantry during July! A special word of thanks to those who drive our food pantry truck to pick up at the Mid-South Food Bank each week and to those who meet that truck to unload the food at the pantries. Working outside in this extreme heat is a challenge and they have been very faithful over the hot summer months. This food is important to many in our community who are living in poverty. Often, persons who come to the church in need of food have a completely empty pantry at home. You make this important caring ministry possible. Thank you!

	<u>July 2011</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Households served:	155 (Covington) 113 (Brighton) 268 (Total)	434 (Covington) 293 (Brighton) 727 (Total)
Individuals served:	398 (Covington) 367 (Brighton) 765 (Total)	1,199 (Covington) 948 (Brighton) 2,147 (Total)
Volunteers serving:	175 persons served at least once	
Pounds of food:	10,283 (Mid-South Food Bank) 216 (Save-A-Lot) 10,499 (Total)=5.2 tons	81,388 (Mid-South Food Bank) 1,272 (Save-A-Lot) 972 (Kroger) 1,250 (donated miscellaneous) 84,882 (YTD Total)=42.4 tons
Cost of food:	\$708.19	\$ 4,393.44
Cost per pound:	6.7 cents	4.2 cents
Average cost per household:	\$2.64 (for a seven-day distribution of food)	

SAMARITAN REPORT

July 30 through August 5, 2011:

- 2 households received \$50 in food items (paid to the vendor).
- 1 household received 2 nights lodging (totaling \$64.00 and paid to the vendor).
- 1 household received \$20 worth of baby items (paid to the vendor).
- 2 household received assistance with rent totaling \$309 (paid to the vendors).
- 7 households received utility assistance totaling \$336.76 (paid to the vendor).

1 household received a bed mattress while another household received an electric skillet. Both items had been donated earlier by membership.

Grand Totals January 1, 2011 through today's date:

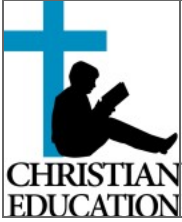
- 3 individuals received \$344.82 for bus ticket to return home (paid directly to the vendor)
- 19 individual received \$375 total in groceries (paid directly to the vendor).
- 24 households received lodging (totaling \$1,489.99 and paid to the vendor).
- 11 households received \$560.00 in miscellaneous items (paid to the vendor).
- 2 households received \$59.39 in assistance with prescriptions (paid to the vendor).
- 21 household received \$2,142.70 in rent assistance (paid directly to the vendor).
- 114 households received assistance with utilities totaling \$9,262.77 (paid to the vendor)
- 29 households received a total of \$685 in vehicular gas (paid directly to the vendor).

Total households assisted: 225
Total amount expended: \$15,149.45

The current balance of the Samaritan Fund is -\$13.79

Stories of interest:

- A woman called today requesting help to secure a propane tank to cook with. Initially, I thought her request was for propane heating but found out that she has been using a grill and propane tank for cooking because she does not have a stove. She said she had not had money to purchase propane and had not been able to heat food items since sometime in July. She had heard about FUMC helping families in need. I asked if she would she prefer an electric skillet and I wished you could have seen her eyes light up. She said "Oh yes that would be so much cheaper than propane!". Would you believe the electric skillet was dropped by the church office earlier that morning!
- A young mother came to the church requesting assistance with her utility bill of \$104.59. Her husband had been detained in Louisiana as an illegal alien and deported back to his homeland – which I believe is Mexico. She indicated he was detained for 7 months and just was deported recently. The couple have two boys ages 4 and 3 who are adorable and very well behaved while in the church office. The young lady appears in shock and numb. I assured her that I would share parts of her story with the membership for your prayer considerations.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY - Please join us in honoring Christian Education on Sunday, August 21. A tribute will be made to all our students and teachers. A Bible will be presented to children entering the 4th grade.

YOUTH BOWLING - Our next youth group outing will be to Bartlett for bowling on Sunday, August 21st. Youth should be at the church by 4:00 p.m. for departure. They are expected to return to the church at 8:00 p.m.

If you have questions for need further information regarding this event, please contact Jason Smith at (205) 542-2281.



AUGUST/SEPTEMBER YOUTH CALENDAR -

Sun. Aug 14	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Sun. Aug 21	4 - 8 p.m.	Bowling - Bartlett Lanes
Wed. Aug 24	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Sun., Aug 28	6:00 p.m.	Youth Kick-Off
Wed. Aug 31	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Wed. Sep 7	5 - 9 p.m.	Dutton Concert—Collierville
Sun. Sep 11	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Wed. Sep 14	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Sun. Sep 18	4 - 8 p.m.	Laser Tag—Memphis
Wed. Sep 21	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Sun. Sep 25	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Wed. Sep 28	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group



COUNSELING

Counseling is available for individuals or couples. Cindy Pease, M.H.S.P., Licensed Professional Counselor, Nationally Certified. For appointment call the FUMC office 476-9694, ext.18.

Fees are based on ability to pay.



WORSHIP BROADCASTS

Live radio broadcast of the Traditional Worship on WKBL AM 1250 @ 11 a.m.

Traditional service: Delayed broadcast on KBJ Cable TV, Channel 5 (city) and 19 (county). Sundays at 1:00 p.m. and Tuesdays at 12 Noon.

MorningSong on the Square: Delayed Broadcast on KBJ Cable TV, Channel 5 (city) and Channel 19 (county). Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

Also, live streaming of the traditional service is available at www.covingtonfumc.com, as well as streaming of past services, at any time.

FUMC CALENDAR AUGUST 10 - AUGUST 23, 2011

Wednesday, Aug 10, 2011

6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl—Go Classroom
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, Aug 11, 2011

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
1-3:00p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary/
Cockrill Gift
5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.

Saturday, Aug 13, 2011

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry - Trust Co. Bank,
Brighton

Sunday, Aug 14, 2011

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. UMW Hope Circle - Hope Classroom
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Tuesday, Aug 16, 2011

5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.
7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting - Cockrill Gift

Wednesday, Aug 17, 2011

6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Classroom
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, Aug 18, 2011

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
1-3:00p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary/
Cockrill Gift
5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.

Saturday, Aug 20, 2011

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry - Covington

Sunday, Aug 21, 2011

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
4 - 8:00 p.m. Youth Group Bowling - Bartlett

Monday, Aug 22, 2011

6:30 p.m. Joint Finance and Admin Board
Committee Meeting

Tuesday, Aug 23, 2011

10:30 a.m. UMW Executive Committee -
Chapman Room
5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.

**FUMC Regular Office Hours:
8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday**

CHARGE CONFERENCE - The annual Charge Conference will be Sunday, September 18 during the Traditional (11:00 a.m.) worship service.

August 16- August 31



Aug 18	Savannah Buxton Tommy Holland Beverly Smith Richard McKenzie Alison Timberlake	Aug 27	Christie Caldwell Matthew Hughes
Aug 19	Henry Glass Jr.	Aug 28	Tammy Orton Gage Stone
Aug 21	Rachel Gangaware	Aug 29	Evelyn Chapman Rick David
Aug 22	Mattie Byrd	Aug 30	Wayne Locke Don Chastain
Aug 23	Jerry Deen		Annalea Posey
Aug 24	Wally Burdette Jimmie Bryant Jamie Hunter	Aug 31	Beth Ziarko Nancy McKenzie
Aug 26	Landon Myers Rylee Ford		



UPPER ROOM PRAYER SCHEDULE



August 14
Morning Song Service
Ellen Clark and Bonnie Wright

Traditional Service
Mike and Alice Morrison

August 21
Morning Song Service
Janet Gairhan and Doris Ann Gray

Traditional Service
Joe and Debbie Winberry

August 28
Morning Song Service
Bob and Shirley Hensley

Traditional Service
Arnold Bull, Dennis McDuffie,
Tom Rogers

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Learning to Be Disciples,
Loving through Service."

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