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Sunday, November 6th, FUMC will observe All Saints Sunday. During the 11:00 a.m. service, we will remember all persons in the church who have gone to be with the Lord in the past year. Please join us for this special

tribute.

Members that we remember this year are:

Dorothy Baker

Wilbur Cash

Harold Love

Jon Strong

Martha Wallace

Walter Whitehorn



CHILDREN'S FALL OUTING -- Our children had a grand time on Sunday, October 23. They made a trip to Priddy Farms in Memphis where they had a hay ride, stuffed scarecrows, and more.. Returning to the church they had pizza, which was followed by a cotton-filled trailer ride. A ball was had by all! Thanks to all the parents and volunteers who made this event such a success for the children.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 -- Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour.



100% CLEAN COTTON ACTIVITY - The children thank Tommy McDow for a outstanding time on October 23rd riding the cotton-filled trailer. We appreciate all you did to give the children a memorable experience.



ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

October 9, 2011

MorningSong -	79
Sunday School -	107
Traditional Worship -	120
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 2,057.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 4,911.01

October 16, 2011

MorningSong -	90
Sunday School -	123
Traditional Worship -	136
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 1,334.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 3,026.38

October 23, 2011

MorningSong -	84
Sunday School -	136
Traditional Worship -	132
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 1,319.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 2,690.00

October 30, 2011

MorningSong -	90
Sunday School -	125
Traditional Worship -	135
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 848.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 2,825.00

MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTES...

In Memory of **Dorothy Baker**

Bereavement Meal Fund by Stephen and Kaye Parr Smith
 Food Pantry Fund by Paul and Mary Jane Crotty
 Samaritan Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin

In Memory of **Addison Bringle**

Samaritan Fund by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Shelton

In Memory of **Rhea Dabney**

Samaritan Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin
 Samaritan Fund by Henry and Gwen Glass

In Memory of **Henry Hartije**

Samaritan Fund by Ed and Marie Timberlake

In Memory of **Dale Locke**

Christian Counseling Center by Stephen and Kaye Smith
 Samaritan Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin
 Samaritan Fund by Lynne Fisher

In Memory of **Harold Love**

Russia Initiative Fund by Russell and Nancy Lindsey
 Samaritan Fund by Betsy T. Babb
 Samaritan Fund by Henry and Gwenn Glass
 Samaritan Fund by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Shelton
 Samaritan Fund by The Friendship Class
 Worship Fund by Dr. and Mrs. L.C. Bierman

In Honor of **Brandi, Greg, Kingston and Kiptyn Parfait**

Nursery Fund by Roger and Brenda Williams

In Honor of **Marlyn Seagrave and her CIAA Volunteers**

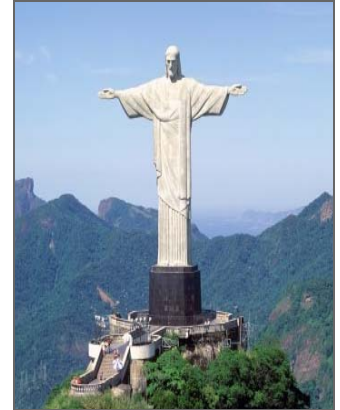
Samaritan Fund by Sara Gangaware

In Memory of **Mary Neal Thorn**

Food Pantry Fund by Russell and Nancy Lindsey
 Samaritan Fund by Henry and Gwen Glass

In Honor of **James and Katie Williams**

Samaritan Fund by Skip and Kendy Erwin



Christ the Redeemer Statue
 Argentina

COUNSELING

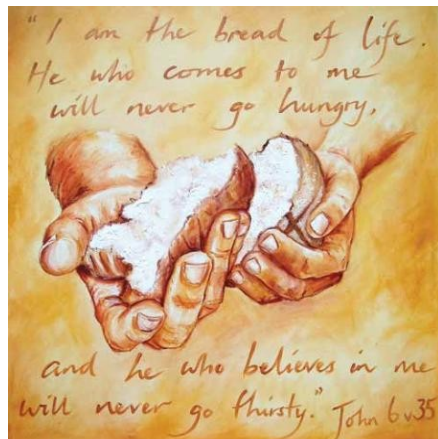
Counseling is available for individuals or couples. Cindy Pease, M.H.S.P., Licensed Professional Counselor, Nationally Certified. For appointment call the FUMC office 476-9694, ext.18.

Fees are based on ability to pay.



Morning Song
ON THE SQUARE
SERVICE OF PRAISE
SUNDAY @ 8:30 A.M.

AT THE CHAMBER CENTER



Bread of Life Feeding Ministry Update *October 2011*

Thanks to everyone who served and donated to the Bread of Life Food Pantry during October! Our special appreciation goes out to both the Venture Troop and Cub Scouts, who meet here at our church, for all the canned and dry food items they have donated to the pantry. Kids and their adult leaders from both of those troops work every month at the Covington pantry.

We are also grateful for food donations from the Munford United Methodist Youth Group. Thanks also to the Brighton and Covington Future Farmers of America chapters for helping twice a month unloading food at our pantries. Thanks to all those who helped us feed the need this month!

	<u>October 2011</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Households served:	206 (Covington) 128 (Brighton) 334 (Total)	545 (Covington) 333 (Brighton) 878 (Total)
Individuals served:	529 (Covington) 466 (Brighton) 995 (Total)	1,470 (Covington) 1,055 (Brighton) 2,525 (Total)
Volunteers serving:	175 persons served at least once	
Pounds of food:	9,499 (Mid-South Food Bank) 112 (Save-A-Lot) 127 (Kroger) 500 (donated) 10,238 (Total) – 5.2 tons	112,661 (Mid-South Food Bank) 1,632 (Save-A-Lot) 1,135 (Kroger) 1,950 (donated miscellaneous) 350 (purchased – Naifeh's) 117,728 (YTD Total) – 58.9 tons
Cost of food:	\$846.91	\$7,804.60
Cost per pound:	8.2 cents	6.6 cents
Average cost per household:	\$2.64 (for a distribution of food)	





LAKESHORE YOUTH FALL RETREAT - The Lakeshore retreat is November 4 - 6. The youth will leave the church for Lakeshore on Friday, Nov. 4 at 4:00 p.m. They will need money for fast food, that night, on the way to Lakeshore. The youth will arrive back at the church about 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 6. Please contact Jason at (205) 542-2281 with questions or for more information.

SHARE THE WARMTH, COAT MINISTRY UPDATE -- Since October 1, 331 coats have been donated to our coat closet ministry! Tipton-Rosemark Academy will hold a coat drive for this ministry this week at school. We give thanks for their participation! Coats will be available to food pantry recipients in Covington beginning Saturday, November 5. Brighton food pantry recipients will be given information about getting a coat here at the church. **Thank you to all who have made this caring ministry possible!**



coat

 In preparation for the November 27 Advent Procession, our youth will be collecting 1-gallon plastic jugs to be used as luminaries. Please bring your "clean" gallon jugs to the Fellowship Hall and place into the box on the stage. The collection will be from Oct. 30 to Nov. 27.

UPWARD BASKETBALL -- Last chance to sign up at Oak Grove Baptist Church, 4048 Hwy. 59 West, Covington. For more Information call 476-1263. 
Tues., November 8, 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

YOUTH CALENDAR...



Wed. Nov 2	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Sun. Nov 27	5:30 p.m.	Advent Procession
Fri. Nov 4	4:00 p.m.	Depart for Lakeshore Retreat	Sun. Nov 30	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Sun. Nov 6	3:30 p.m.	Return from Lakeshore Retreat	Sun. Dec 4		Youth Group
Wed. Nov 9	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Wed. Dec 7	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Sun. Nov 13	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Sun. Dec 11	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Wed. Nov 16	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Wed. Dec 14	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Sun. Nov 20	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group	Sun. Dec 18	6:00 p.m.	Progressive Dinner
Wed. Nov 23		no youth activity	Dec. 21 - 28		no youth activity



Go Getters will celebrate their "Thanksgiving Feast" on Monday November 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Turkey and ham will be provided ...just bring the rest of the fixins! Rev. Norman Crittenden will be the guest speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.



SAMARITAN FUND -

October 15 through October 28, 2011:

- 2 households received 2 nights lodging totaling \$128 (paid to the vendor).
- 9 households received \$604.31 in utility assistance (paid to the vendor).
- 3 household received \$65 in vehicular gas (paid to the vendor).
- 2 households received \$446.65 in miscellaneous assistance (paid to the vendor).

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

- 3 individuals received \$344.82 for a bus ticket to return home (paid directly to vendor)
- 25 individuals received \$530 total in groceries (paid directly to the vendor).
- 39 households received lodging totaling \$2,552.99 (paid to the vendor).
- 15 households received \$1,046.65 in miscellaneous items (paid to the vendor).
- 3 households received \$104.27 in assistance with prescriptions (paid to the vendor).
- 27 households received \$2,406.70 in rent assistance (paid directly to the vendor).
- 186 households received assistance with utilities totaling \$14,406.09 (paid to vendor)
- 36 households received a total of \$900 in vehicular gas (paid directly to the vendor).

Total households assisted: 334
 Total amount expended: \$22,291.52

The current balance of the Samaritan Fund is \$110.42

Stories of interest:

- † A young woman whom we assisted last week with food and a utility bill returned this week with two sacks full of baby food that her child no longer needed. She asked that we distribute the food to others coming to the church for assistance. She expressed her appreciation for the help we provided when it seemed she had no where to turn.
 -- Just about 30 minutes after this young woman left the food, a mother of three children came in requesting diapers, formula, and baby food. The baby food left by the woman earlier was given to this mother.
- † A woman came to the church requesting assistance with her sister's COBRA health insurance payment. The sister has cervical cancer. The woman visiting the church had made payments for her sister but could no longer afford to make the payments. An e-mail appeal was made to the church....*and was answered in 20 minutes!* When the woman called Grace later, she was crying. She was so thankful for the amount that had been given! Another UMC will assist with the balance. Please keep this woman and her sister in your prayers.
- † A young mother of four children requested assistance with her utility bill. Services had been terminated for four weeks. FUMC assisted on prior visits with the June and August bills. The woman appears able-bodied, lives in government housing, has exhausted all her Families First funding, receives a utility check and has made no attempt for child support for her children. The decision was made that we could not assist for at least six months...we had already helped twice recently. This was a tough decision because children are involved. The children are the ones pulling at your heart. Please be in prayer for this situation and for the staff members having to make these difficult determinations.

FUMC CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2 - NOVEMBER 15, 2011

Wednesday, Nov 2, 2011

6:00 p.m. Bible Studies
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Classroom
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, Nov 3, 2011

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 1-3:00p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary/Cockrill Gift
 4:00 p.m. Youth Fall Retreat Departure
 - Lakeshore
 5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.

Saturday, Nov 5, 2011

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry - Covington

Sunday, Nov 6, 2011 - All Saints Sunday

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 3:30 p.m. Youth Return from Lakeshore
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, Nov 7, 2011

7:00 p.m. Go Getters - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Nov 8, 2011

9:30 a.m. Adah-Mary Circle - Cockrill Gift
 5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.

Wednesday, Nov 9, 2011

6:00 p.m. Bible Studies
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl—Go Classroom
 6:00 p.m. Youth Group
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, Nov 10, 2011

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Cockrill Gift
 1-3:00p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary/
 Cockrill Gift
 5:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Education Bldg.

Saturday, Nov 12, 2011

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

Sunday, Nov 13, 2011

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

Monday, Nov 14, 2011

12:00 p.m. UMW Ruth Circle - Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. UMW Rebekah Circle
 - Mary Ann Gulley Home

Tuesday, Nov 15, 2011

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

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

November 16 -

November 30



Nov 16	Dawn Carpenter Jacob Delashmit Amelia Simpson	Nov 24	Melanie Enzor Bob Hensley Charlotte Quinley
Nov 17	Jackie McDivit George Patton John Ethan Smith	Nov 25	Stacy Buxton Trent Thornton
Nov 18	Billy Anderson Rowan Maxwell	Nov 26	Norma Kugler
Nov 19	Bill Wallace Reese Shipley	Nov 28	Carliss Chastain
Nov 23	Cathy Adams	Nov 29	Nancy Simpson
		Nov 30	Dee Anna Aday Jordan Carpenter Peggy Portis Lauren Smith



UPPER ROOM PRAYER SCHEDULE



November 6

Morning Song Service

Elizabeth Posey and Kathy Wallace

Traditional Service

Mike and Alice Morrison

November 13

Morning Song Service

Ray and Janice Newbill

Traditional Service

Joe and Debbie Winberry

November 20

Morning Song Service

Frank and Barbara Racy

Traditional Service

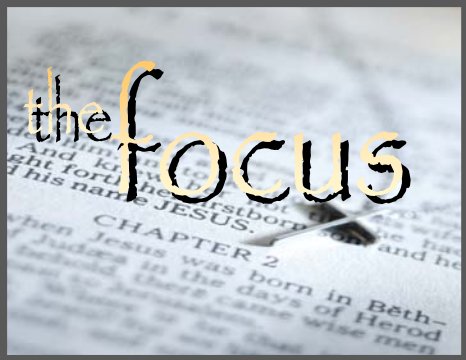
Arnold Bull, Dennis McDuffie and Tom Rogers

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Learning to Be Disciples,
Loving through Service."

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