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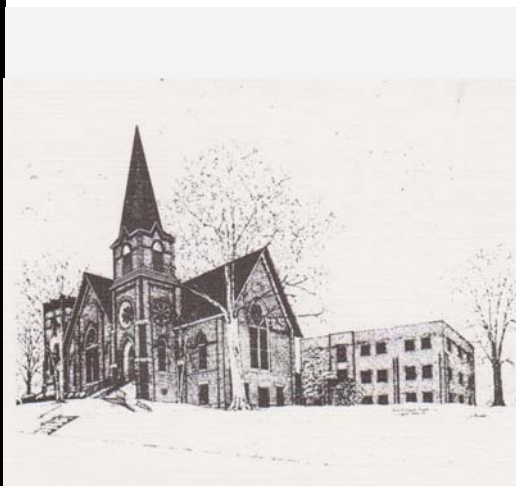
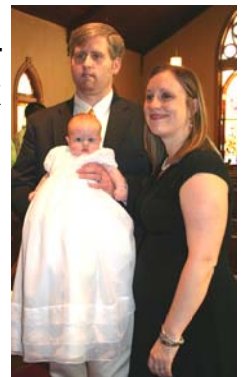
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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDIES RESUME** - All Bible studies will resume on September 4. We'll kick off the Fall season with a Fellowship Supper on Wednesday, August 28. More information on Wednesday nights will be in the next issue of Focus.

**BAPTISM** - Raelyn Elizabeth Hall was baptized on August 4. She is the daughter of Alex and Erin Hall. (Erin is the daughter of Bo and Deb David.) The Hall's home address is 24 Homeview Cove, Jackson, TN 38305



FUMC celebrates 175  
years on  
September 29, 2013.

Mark your calendar to  
join the celebration!

## SPECIAL BIRTHDAYS -

**Evelyn Chapman** celebrates her 90th birthday on August 29. Her home address is 704 West Sherrod, Covington 38019.



**Bill Jim Davis** celebrates his 93rd birthday on August 31. His home address is 1528 Herring Drive, Covington 38019.



The amount donated for the special offering on August 4 for Habitat for Humanity was \$636.00.

**YOUTH, PARENT MEETING** - Parents of Youth are requested to attend a meeting with Sara Palm (Youth Director) on Monday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Enjoy Classroom.

**NOTICE** - The UMW Ruth Circle will meet at Old Town Hall on the Covington Square at noon on Monday, August 12.

**UMW COOKBOOK** - United Methodist Women has compiled a 600 recipe cookbook in celebration of the Salad Tasting Luncheon's 25th anniversary. The divider pages feature color photos of our church. To purchase a cookbook, contact the church office, 476-9694 or Kathy Wallace at 476-7918. Cost is \$17.00.

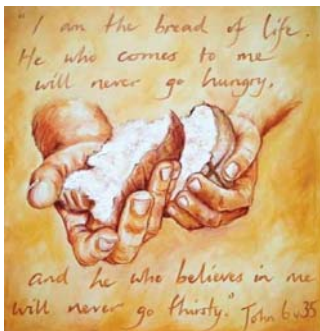
## ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

### July 28, 2013

MorningSong -	79
Sunday School -	120
Traditional Worship -	131
Bread of Life Worship (7/27/2013)	117
MorningSong Offering	\$ 2,800.00
Traditional Worship Offering -	\$ 3,482.00

### August 4, 2013

MorningSong -	93
Sunday School -	114
Traditional Worship -	172
Bread of Life Worship (8/3/2013) -	80
MorningSong Offering	\$ 4,915.00
Traditional Worship Offering -	\$ 9,228.80



## Bread of Life Feeding Ministry Update

### July 2013

Thanks to everyone who served and donated to the Bread of Life food pantry in July! We received two very large canned and dry food donations – one courtesy of the Tipton County Junior Auxiliary and one from the Annual Conference of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church from their gathering held in Memphis.

Local farmer Keith Davis once again planted sweet corn for us and thanks to him and all those who came out to pull and bag the corn, we were able to provide sweet corn to patrons every Saturday in July. We appreciate Henry Glass and the Tipton County Board of Education allowing us to store the corn in their large freezer until it could be distributed.

	<u>July 2013</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>
Households served:	206 (Covington) 213 (Brighton) <b>419 (Total)</b>	426 (Covington) 490 (Brighton) <b>916 (Total)</b>
Individuals served:	600 (Covington) 765 (Brighton) <b>1,177 (Total)</b>	1,268 (Covington) 1,304 (Brighton) <b>2,572 (Total)</b>
Volunteers serving:	175 persons served at least once	
Pounds of food:	12,477 (Mid-South Food Bank) 658 (Save-A-Lot) 624 (Kroger) 1,325 (Wal-Mart) 3,500 (corn, JA & CME Church) <b>18,584 (Total) – 9.3 tons</b>	105,281 (Mid-South Food Bank) 3,277 (Save-A-Lot) 3,789 (Kroger) 3,561 (Wal-Mart) 5,500 (purchased / donated) <b>121,408 (YTD Total) – 60.7 tons</b>
Cost of food:	\$1,438.27	\$6,842.16
Cost per pound:	7.7 cents	5.6 cents
Average cost per household:	<b>\$3.43 for a distribution of food in July</b>	

### YOUTH CALENDAR

Aug 7	no activities		
Aug 11	Sunday	5:00 p.m.	UMYF
Aug 14	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Aug 18	Sunday	5:00 p.m.	GOOSE
Aug 21	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study
Aug 25	Sunday	5:00 p.m.	UMYF
Aug 28	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Bible Study



## MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTES...

In Memory of **Gene Butler**

Christian Life Center Fund by Ken and Norma Kugler

In Memory of **Willis Calloway**

Christian Life Center Fund by Stephen and Kaye Smith

In Memory of **Mary Culver**

Samaritan Fund by Jackie McDivitt

Samaritan Fund by Nancy Simpson

In Memory of **Charles and Bess Fisher**

Samaritan Fund by Tommy and Susan Cheairs

In Honor of **Raelyn Elizabeth Hall**

Children's Fund by Chris and Susan White

In Memory of **Butch Lavender**

Christian Life Center Fund by Stephen and Kaye Smith

In Honor of **Dot Peyton**

Samaritan Fund by Shirley and Tom Bready



**CHILDREN'S SWIM PARTY** - Children, birth to 5th grade, are invited to a swim party at the home of Don and Carliss Chastain (1409 Countrywood Cove, Covington) on Saturday, August 10, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Watermelon and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to Charlotte Quinley at [cquinley\\_fumc@bellsouth.net](mailto:cquinley_fumc@bellsouth.net) or 476-9694 ext. 20. A parent must be in attendance with their children. If rain should cancel this date, we'll reschedule for August 17...same time and place.



**MEN'S PRAYER  
BREAKFAST** **THURSDAYS  
7:00 A.M.**

**IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**ONLY \$3.00**

**Bread for the Journey**

Daily Readings and Prayers on the Revised  
Common Lectionary



## CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS...



Installation of drainage system



Sign displays drawing of new Christian Life Center

*August 16 -  
August 31*



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

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Frances Austin	Betty Ferris	Family of Butch	Mike Neal	Sonny Sherrod
Miskell Baskin	Ruth Glass	Lavender	Kerry Overton	Bill Simonton
Earl Beckett	Bruce Gray	Nancy Lindsey	Charlie Peeler	Chad Stafford
Gary Bilderback	Susan Huffman	Peggy Massey	Russell Phelps	Sam Stitt
Gary Cranford	Doris Jackson	Edith McBride	Rachell Ruppe	Leslie Trumbo
Rain Critz	Greg Knox	Phyllis McIntosh	Forrest Scott	Barry White
Joe Daniels	Lucy Krull	Walter McIntosh	Adeline Shankle	Annie Laurie Wrather
Shannon Daniels		Alice Morrison		

## SAMARITAN FUND 2013



### July 20 through August 2, 2013:

# of Awards	Amount	Type of Assistance
		Bus Ticket
2	65.00	Food
5	320.00	Lodging
		Miscellaneous
1	\$50.00	Rent
11	\$584.82	Utilities
		Vehicle Gas
<b>19</b>	<b>1,019.82</b>	<b>Total</b>

### Year-To-Date January 1 - August 2, 2013:

# of Awards	Amount	Type of Assistance
1	\$76.60	Bus Ticket
4	\$95.00	Food
66	\$3,976.00	Lodging
8	\$342.94	Miscellaneous
16	\$775.57	Rent
177	\$10,448.19	Utilities
20	\$500.00	Vehicle Gas
<b>292</b>	<b>\$16,214.30</b>	<b>Total</b>

Samaritan Funds available as of 8/02/2013 is \$597.95

### STORY OF INTEREST:

- On May 10 Grace shared this story: *“Worked with a 37 year old mother of three teenage children who has lost her home for failure to do community service. She has lupus and has been floating between friends’ houses. Her request was for gas to go to a shelter outside of Tipton County. She has placed her children with friends or relatives to allow the children to finish out the school year.”* Please be in prayer for this situation.
- On Monday, July 29, the woman mentioned above returned to the office requesting help with her utility bill of \$136.50. Since May, she has been homeless, relocated herself to the Dream Center (a homeless shelter) in Jackson while her children remained in Covington, has satisfied her Covington Housing debt and secured a new apartment which included rental deposit and utility deposit via Covington Housing. She and her children are all living together. What a positive turn-around for the home. Thank you for your prayers to this need.

## WORSHIP BROADCASTS

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

Delayed broadcast of the Traditional Worship on KBJ Cable TV, Channel 5 (city) and 19 (county). Sundays at 1:00 p.m., Tuesdays at 12 Noon and Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

Also, live streaming of the traditional service is available at [www.covingtonfumc.com](http://www.covingtonfumc.com), as well as streaming of past services, at any time.





## FUMC CALENDAR AUGUST 7, 2013 - AUGUST 20, 2013

### Wednesday, August 7, 2013

5:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal  
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Classroom  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study  
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday, August 8, 2013

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 1-3:00 p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary

### Saturday, August 10, 2013

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

### Sunday, August 11, 2013

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  
 5:00 p.m. UMYF

### Monday, August 12, 2013

12:00 p.m. UMW Ruth Circle  
 - Old Town Hall, Covington  
 7:30 p.m. UMW Martha-Rebekah Circle  
 - JoAnn Anderson's home

### Tuesday, August 13, 2013

9:30 a.m. UMW Mary-Adah Circle - New Beg.  
 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting  
 - Friendship Classroom  
 7:00 p.m. Administrative Board Meeting  
 - New Beginnings Classroom

### Wednesday, August 14, 2013

5:00 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal  
 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Classroom  
 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study  
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

### Thursday, August 15, 2013

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
 1-3:00 p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary

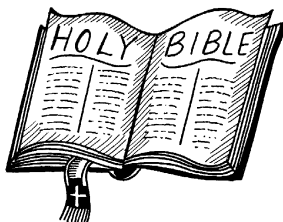
### Saturday, August 17, 2013

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry - Covington

### Sunday, August 18, 2013

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service  
 5:00 p.m. UMYF

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



## COUNSELING. . .

Counseling is available for individuals or couples. *Fees are based on ability to pay.*

**Faye Beckett**, D.C.C. Doctorate in Christian Counseling, Master of Science in Psychology. For an appointment call the FUMC office 476-9694, ext. 19.



**Cindy Pease**, M.H.S.P., Licensed Professional Counselor, Nationally Certified. For an appointment call the FUMC office 476-9694, ext. 18.





FIRST  
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Traditional Worship  
Sundays @ 11:00 a.m.



Morning Song

ON THE SQUARE

SERVICE OF PRAISE

SUNDAY @ 8:30 A.M.

AT THE CHAMBER CENTER

UPPER ROOM PRAYER SCHEDULE



August 11

**Morning Song Service**

Frank and Barbra Racy

**Traditional Service**

Rhonda Patton and Nancy Peeler

August 18

**Morning Song Service**

Ellen Clark and Doris Ann Gray

**Traditional Service**

Phillip and Angela Mathis

August 25

**Morning Song Service**

Elizabeth Posey and Kathy Wallace

**Traditional Service**

Arnold Bull and Tom Rogers

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Learning to Be Disciples,  
Loving through Service.”

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