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WE PROUDLY WELCOME THESE NEW FUMC MEMBERS...



Aaron, Daphne, Aubrey,
Connor and Charlotte (not in
picture) Dallner



Sonny and Nancy
Leem



Jane Mayfield



Philip, Emily, Alice and Delia
Sigler

BAPTISMS -



Britton Hayes Rogers was bap-
tized on April 21. His is the son of
Daniel and Casey Rogers. His
Godparents are FUMC's Jared and
Katie Burdette.

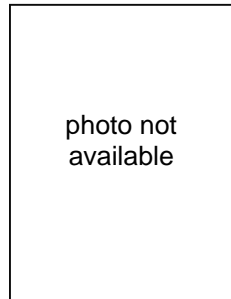


James 'Sonny' Leem was baptized
on April 21. He and his wife joined
FUMC the same day.

CLASS OF 2013 GRADUATING SENIORS - We proudly announce that our 2013 graduating high school seniors are **Spencer Atkins, Jeffrey Glass** and **Kirk Winberry**. We honor these student during the Traditional Service on Sunday May 6. Following the service, the Hope Class will host a luncheon for the students and their families. Bibles for the students are located in narthex. Please take a moment to jot a note in their bibles prior to the 11:00 a.m. service. The Bibles will be presented to the students during the luncheon.



Spencer Atkins



Jeffrey Glass



Kirk Winberry



The Communion Offering on Sunday, May 5 will go to the Golden Cross. This is a service of the Wesley Senior Ministries Foundation and was established to make getting involved even easier. Contributing to the Golden Cross Fund provides for the continuation of care for the daily needs and well-being of residents of Wesley Senior Housing.



James Calvin Smith - Jodi Turner's father who was originally from Tipton County passed away on April 29. Mr. Smith has been residing in Cleburne, TX. Jodi and Mike's home address is 138 Downing Road, Covington, 38019. Please keep Jodi and her family in your prayers.

ATTENDANCE AND GIVING

April 21, 2013

MorningSong -	128
Sunday School	146
"Traditional Worship -	173
Bread of Life Worship (4/20/2013) -	80
MorningSong Offering	\$ 2,022.00
Traditional Worship Offering-	\$ 4,427.00

April 28, 2013

MorningSong -	97
Sunday School -	142
Traditional Worship -	194
Bread of Life Worship (4/27/2013) -	75
MorningSong Offering -	\$ 3,569.00
Traditional Worship Offering -	\$ 6,122.00

GO GETTERS...

Senior adults are invited to join the Go Getters at noon on Monday, May 6, 2013 in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy grilled pork chops, green beans, grilled corn on the cob, rolls and mini lemon tarts prepared by Mike and Alice Morrison for \$5.00. The program will be presented by national award-winning Dance Troupe from Covington Integrated Arts Academy.

BABIES...



Gary and Julie Chandler announce the birth of their granddaughter, Aliza Banks Kircher, weighing 6 lbs, 3 oz. Her proud parents are Chris and Morgan Kircher who reside at 1944 NW 114th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, 97229. Gary and Julie's home address is 2708 Mt. Carmel Rd., Covington, TN, 38019.

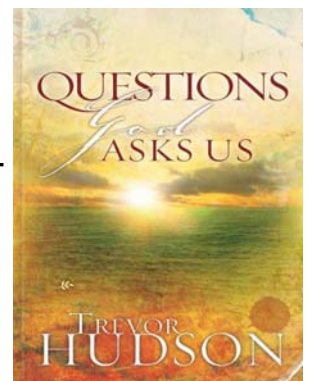


George and Rhonda Patton proudly announce the arrival of Tatum Patton, weighing 6 lbs., 9 oz. Her parents are Shawn and Toni and her big brother is Jace. George and Rhonda's home address is 100 Holly Brook Cove, Covington 38019

SPECIAL OFFERING - On Sunday, April 28 \$1,550 was given for SASHA ministry during Service. SASHA exists to mentor pastors and laity to serve a Risen Savior through teaching, preaching, training and curriculum development. Rev. Patrick Whaley, who brought our message that Sunday, is director of SASHA.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - A new session of the Thursday morning Women's Bible study began on May 2nd. The book for this study is "*Questions God Asks Us*", by Trevor Hudson. Transformation comes from questions, not answers. How often do we consider the challenging questions God asks?



All women are invited to join this study at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday mornings in the New Beginnings Classroom. Child care can be available if needed.

COLLEGE GRAD - David Caldwell, Ann and Joey's son, will graduate from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, on May 10, 2013. He has earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree (BFA) in Studio Art and a minor in English. His family is proudly shares his accomplishment with you. The Caldwell's home address is 114 Country Lake Drive, Covington 38019.

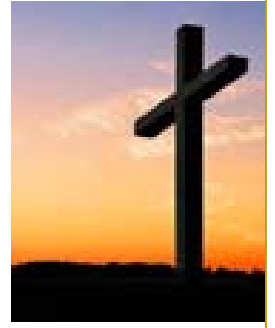
MEMORIALS AND TRIBUTES...

In Memory of **Luther and Dorothy Baker**

Family Life Building Fund by Bob and Wanda Lakey

In Memory of **Walter Fletcher**

Samaritan Fund by the Go Class



AUCTION - Tipton County Habitat for Humanity will host a BBQ Dinner and Live Auction on Friday, May 10 at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. The dinner is from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The auction will take place from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Cost for the dinner is \$7.50.

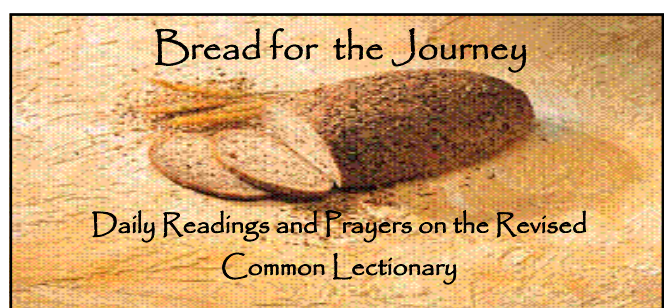
HELPING THE COMMUNITY - Sherie Gilbreath and Marlyn Seagrave have been working with a Chinese family in their quest to become American citizens. Sheri and Marlyn have worked with this family for several years. Recently, one family member, Ming Guang Zheng, passed his naturalization test and became an American citizen. Please keep this family in your prayers.

May 15-

May 31



May 16	Rita King	May 26	Jude McDaniel
May 18	Cambria Oldham	May 27	Steven Holt
	Charly Oldham		Jennifer Lazure
May 19	Evan Gangaware		Matt McDaniel
May 20	Courtney Cook	May 29	Hugh Cook
	Vickie Creasy		David Wright
	Adam Shelley	May 30	William Clark
May 21	Sara Brasfield	May 31	Claudine Elder
May 22	Russ Hughey		Ryan Ford
May 23	Paula Cook		Lincoln Rogers
May 24	Jake Winberry		





May 05	5:00 p.m.	Safe Sanctuary
	5:30 p.m.	Parent Meeting - planning summer activities
May 19	1:00 p.m.	Outing to Mud Island
June 24 - 27	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	VBS - Kingdom Rock

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING - All persons who work with the children and youth of FUMC are required to complete Safe Sanctuary training annually. Please mark your calendar for the 4th annual Safe Sanctuary meeting on May 5 at 5 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. This yearly meeting is mandatory to fulfill First United Methodist Church directive. All those who will be assisting with 2013 VBS (June 24-27) are requested to attend as well. This will include the staff and crew leaders from last year.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES PLANNING MEETING - What's up for summer? What do the kids want to do? Let's plan dates and times for a great summer. Parents are requested to meet on May 5th at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

LAKESHORE SUMMER CAMP - Lakeshore is accepting applications for Children and Youth Summer Camp. First United Methodist Church covers half the cost of its member's camp (one per year) as a way of encouraging this opportunity for encountering Christ. The link to Lakeshore's website is <http://lakeshoreuma.com/main/>.

2013 VBS - KINGDOM ROCK

June 24 - 27

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Sign-up your Pre-K through 5th graders for this summer's VBS program. Registration forms are available on the bulletin boards located in the hallway leading from the sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall.

Volunteers of all ages are still needed.
Contact Charlotte Quinley at 476-9694 ext. 20.

Celebration Pool Party will be at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27 at Ripley Water Park. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

SAMARITAN FUND 2013 -



April 13 through April 26, 2013:

# of Awards	Amount	Type of Assistance
1	15.00	Food
	\$240.00	Lodging
		Miscellaneous
		Rent
20	1491.74	Utilities
		Vehicle Gas
25	1746.74	Total

Year-To-Date January 1 - April 26, 2013:

# of Awards	Amount	Type of Assistance
1	15.00	Food
47	2,952.00	Lodging
8	342.94	Miscellaneous
7	375.00	Rent
125	7,859.94	Utilities
11	320.00	Vehicle Gas
199	11,864.88	Total

Samaritan Funds available as of 4/30/2013 is \$ 108.09

STORIES OF INTEREST:

- Willie Mae Gayden, a food pantry patron whom several Bread of Life volunteers from our church and community drove to her radiation treatments back in November and December, had a follow-up PET scan in April to determine the status of her cancer. Kendy Erwin reports that the scan was completely clear - no cancer! Mrs. Gayden and her daughter Ebony have moved from their tiny apartment to a two bedroom rental house and are doing well. Thanks be to a good and gracious God! (Ms. Gayden was at the pantry Saturday herself for the first time in months)
- A woman, about age 60, was accompanied by her Professional Care Service (PCS) caseworker and shared that her water was disconnected. The cost to reinstate the services was \$165.00. The reason for the financial emergency was her roommate had left leaving all of the household expenses to this lady. The woman would not make eye contact, she deferred the majority of the questions to her caseworker and she appeared very simple.

When a third party such as PCS is involved with a need, FUMC does as much as possible with the case. Using Samaritan Funds, the complete \$165 was paid. Up to this point, the woman had been very unemotional but when she realized the check was for the complete amount, she asked if there was a mistake. When she was assured that no mistake had been made, the lady started crying uncontrollably. Before she left, she was voicing her thankfulness and giving hugs. As shared before – there are hugs and then there ARE real hugs. This was a real hug from her heart.

FUMC CALENDAR MAY 1, 2013 - MAY 15, 2013

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl - Go Classroom
 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study - Education Building
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, May 2, 2013

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 9:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study - New Beginnings
 1-3:00 p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m. Adult Scouts - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 4, 2013

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry - Covington

Sunday, May 5, 2013

8:30 a.m. MorningSong Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 12:00 p.m. Senior's Luncheon - Fellowship Hall
 5:00 p.m. Safe Sanctuary - Fellowship Hall
 5:00 p.m. UMYF
 5:30 p.m. Parent's Planning Meeting
 - Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 6, 2013

12:00 p.m. Go Getters - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

6:00 p.m. Scouts - Edu. Building & Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

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

Thursday, May 9, 2013

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 9:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study - New Beginnings
 1-3:00 p.m. Altar Guild - Sanctuary
 6:00 p.m. Adult Scouts - Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 11, 2013

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

Sunday, May 12, 2013 - Mother's Day

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

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

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, as well as streaming of past services, at any time.



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.





UPPER ROOM PRAYER SCHEDULE

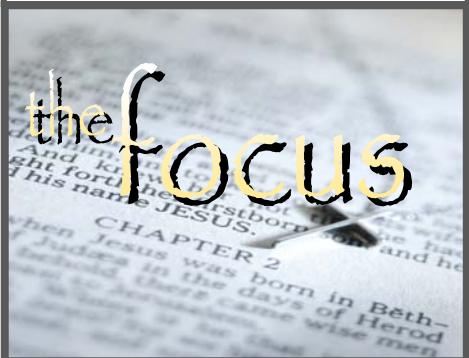
	<p>May 5 MorningSong Service Joey Caldwell</p>	<p>Traditional Service Phillip and Angelia Mathis</p>
	<p>May 12 MorningSong Service Ellen Clark and Doris Ann Gray</p>	<p>Traditional Service Phyllis Richmond and Brenda Wrather</p>
	<p>May 19 MorningSong Service Elizabeth Posey and Kathy Wallace</p>	<p>Traditional Service Rhonda Patton and Nancy Peeler</p>

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Learning to Be Disciples,
Loving through Service.”

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