



MONTHLY

JANUARY 2026

MESSENGER

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Worship Schedule

Sunday School 9:45 am
Sundays 11:00 am & 6:00 pm
Wednesday 6:30 pm
TeamKID 6:00 Youth Group 6:30



Benefits of reading the Bible in a year:

Reading the Bible in a year helps you grasp the overarching story of Scripture, understand God's character more fully, build spiritual discipline, and connect different parts of the Bible, revealing Jesus throughout the narrative, all while fostering a consistent faith habit with manageable daily readings (around 15 mins).

Key Benefits:

See the Big Picture: Connects individual stories, laws, prophecies, and letters into one cohesive narrative of God's redemption plan.

Deeper Understanding: Reveals Jesus in every book and helps you understand the Bible's different genres and themes.

Spiritual Growth: Promotes a closer relationship with God through consistent engagement, introspection, and prayer.

Builds Discipline: Creates a regular, achievable habit for spiritual development, fostering consistency.

Discover New Insights: Forces you to read unfamiliar books and passages, leading to fresh perspectives on God's character.

You can find the 2026 Bible Reading Plan on our website, in the foyer hub, or through the link here.

In the year ahead, ask God each day to speak directly to you from the Scripture portions you read. Be expectant, and let your continual exposure to God's Word reshape your attitudes and behavior as you gain a better understanding of every part of His written testimony to us.

Worship in Music Robert Nanney, Min. of Music rnannay@utm.edu

Christmas week is upon us as you read this. Once again our overwhelming feeling is deep thankfulness for God's sending His son to save us. Our choir and Adult Hand Chime Choir are rehearsing extra special songs for the last Sunday before Christmas. We hope you will worship with us!

Looking back a bit, we are so very thankful for the opportunity to present our Christmas play on the evening of Dec. 7 and our cantata on the morning of Dec. 14. There aren't words to thank all who were involved, especially the adults who served double duty as they sang in the cantata and had acting roles or were otherwise involved in the play. I appreciate their faithfulness and hard work with their extra rehearsals all through the fall and especially the last couple of weeks leading up to the performances of both events. Choir members involved in both were: Rick Finney, Tommy Moore, Kate Bynum, Jake Bynum, Audrea and James Washburn, Jared Anderson and, of course, the director of the play, my wife, Jeanie.



Jeanie is my No. 1 music ministry volunteer, and I could never thank her enough for her many, many hours preparing, writing extra parts/dialogue to the script, keeping everyone informed via texts and hard copy handouts and directing the play, as well as singing in the cantata and helping me so much during its rehearsals. Jeanie and I are also especially proud of the children and youth who stepped up to be in the play, some of whom have stayed with us and participated every year since we started doing these 13 years ago. Now as we look to January, we are again excited about what the new year will bring with its fresh hope and new beginnings. I'm already listening to Easter cantatas to prayerfully choose one for 2026. Easter is April 5 next year, so our rehearsals for the cantata will begin in late January. In the meantime, when school resumes, we'll crank back up with TeamKid music. Our adult choir will also continue its weekly rehearsals. We invite you to join our choir family. There's no better time than the new year. We'll be learning some brand, new music as well.

Jeanie and I praise God for you all and wish you and your family a happy, healthy and safe New Year!



Note from our Associate Pastor, Christian Carr chracarr@gmail.com

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed a meaningful and refreshing holiday season, filled with time spent with family, friends, and loved ones. As we step into a new year together, it is natural for us to pause and reflect on all that the Lord has done. Through every season, His faithfulness has never wavered, and His presence has remained constant.

For some, 2025 may have been a year marked by great joy, answered prayers, and abundant blessings. For others, it may have been a year filled with unexpected challenges. No matter what this past year held for you or your family, one truth remains unchanging; the Lord has been with you every step of the way. He has sustained you, carried you through difficult moments, and faithfully kept His promises. Year after year, His mercies are new, His grace is sufficient, and His love never fails.

As we begin this new year, I encourage you to take time to intentionally remember the Lord and acknowledge His goodness. Let us start 2026 with hearts rooted in gratitude and lives oriented toward Him. As we look ahead, may we commit ourselves to seeking the Lord daily through prayer, through His Word, and through faithful obedience.

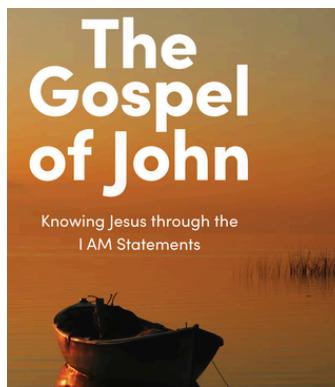
Here are some dates to remember:

Jan. 4: We begin our Sunday Night January Bible study. We will cover the I AM statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John.

Jan. 9-10: Youth Winter Retreat at Reelfoot Retreat Center.

Jan 14: TeamKid Starts Back

Jan 20: JOY meeting



Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus makes seven "I am" statements that provide insight into who He is and what He came to do.

Join us for the Sunday Evening Winter Bible Study starting Jan. 4 at 6:00 pm as Bro. Christian leads this 6 week study as we see Jesus identify Himself with the Father and give us teaching to remember and reflect on who He is.



The turbulent waters of culture can be unsettling. In the sea of voices calling for our attention and allegiance, trying to determine truth from deception is overwhelming and can leave us exhausted. Is there a trustworthy voice? A safe and certain stronghold of truth? Yes, there is.

His name is Jesus.

Join us for the **Ladies Winter Bible Study starting**

Sun. Jan. 11 at 4:50 and Wed. Jan. 14 at 6:10.

Reserve your study book (\$20) through the church office.

Outreach Ministries



Submitted by Sheila Swearingen, JOY coordinator

We had a wonderful day on December 16th at our monthly JOY meeting. 46 festive attendees were treated to an awesome devotion by Dr Don McCulley. So many stated how much they enjoyed Bro. Don speaking. We had approximately 15 visitors from other towns and churches and they unfortunately don't hear our preacher as often as we do. Such a treat for our visitors.

Following a delicious lunch, we were all treated to a musical program given by Kevin Hamilton, former worship leader at the church at Sugar Creek in Humboldt. Kevin portrayed the Elf on the Shelf while performing a variety of songs in Kevin's own unique comedic way. Such a talent! We were all blessed by his presence.

The new year is upon us and as we plunge into it let us be mindful of our many blessings. God certainly blessed our church in SO many ways in 2025. He certainly blessed me and I look forward to what 2026 holds in store for each of us and our JOY ministry. If you're not a part of this group why not? It's a wonderful time of food for thought and also nourishment, fellowship and entertainment. Our devotions are brief but meaningful and the programs are certain to entertain and bless. We'd love to have you join! As always, just let us know you're coming! January 20th will be our next meeting date. Always the 3rd Tuesday at 11:30 am in the family life center. We love you.

The JOY committee



Submitted by Judy Cleek and Linda Pollard

As we reflect on 2025, the Lively Ones made many great memories from our trips to places near and far. The trip to Branson for Spring Jubilee 2025 and experiencing the impactful presentation of "David" at the Sight and Sound Theater was a highlight of the year! However, outings closer to home where we enjoyed fellowship and wonderful meals around the table at Mallard's, Tom's, Brookies' Barn, Boyette's, and even Dairy Queen added to our fun times throughout the past year. We even went to the Eiffel Tower!! Southern Gospel music at Jackson Sings the Gospel provided a wonderful evening of worship and some of the best gospel music.

We invite you to join our senior adults for more fun and fellowship in 2026 as we stay On the Move!!!! Watch for our trips and outings that will be promoted on the Lively Ones board in the north hallway. Also check out photos of our recent Christmas outings to "Christmas at the Dixie" and the "Renaissance Christmas!" Suggestions for future outings are always welcomed!!

Wishing all a wonderful New Year of good health to enjoy new adventures and sweet memories of outings with the Lively Ones!!



Blessing Box - take what you need, leave what you can, above all be blessed. Donations are appreciated to keep the box full. Ideas of donations are at the Welcome Center table. You can also give monetary donations through the church office or online to help purchase items.



Gifts to the Church

In Memory of Phillip, Violet, and Zachary Jackson by: Duane Jackson (LMCO)

In Memory of Robbie Holt by: Brad & Stephanie Robinson (Bldg)

In Memory of Chad Parsley by: Nyle & Cathy Carlton (Bldg)

In Honor of Sheila Swearingen by: Brad & Stephanie Robinson (Bldg)

In Honor of Kathy Simmons and Emily Lewellen by: Ron & Pat Phillips (LMCO)

Thank you cards to the church family are posted at Information Station Board



- 2nd Maureen Sledd, Lisa Williams
- 3rd Ivy Grogan, Chris Harris
- 4th Janice Sims, Betsy McDaniel, Jerrie Moseley, Ginger Cary
- 5th Tommie Pettit, Jerry Gallimore, John Gallimore, Ginger Melton
- 7th Ron Jackson
- 8th Miller Workman, Lori Mathis
- 11th Alex Bynum
- 12th Kathy Simmons
- 14th Maddox Kibbler
- 15th Ellie Poole, Emily Gallimore
- 16th Jonathan Cianfarani, Ginger Forrester
- 17th John Clark
- 19th Mollie Oliver, Judy Cleek, Jordyn Ferrell
- 20th Sheila Cianfarani
- 21st Julie Mathis
- 24th Ashley Ritz
- 25th Will Forrester, Alan McClain
- 26th Drake Simpson
- 27th Ronald Winstead
- 28th Roger Tibbs
- 29th Alex Cianfarani, Ethan Cianfarani
- 30th Kasen Allen
- 31st Levi Rempel, Addison VanMeter, Richard Bennett, Bruce Slusser, Amy Finney, Rhonda McDaniel

January Volunteers

January 4

Nursery AM: Christie Carpenter, Ashleigh Greer, Gwen Joyner, Carrie Esch | PM: Becky Anderon

Kids Worship not meeting

Greeters: Andrew & Hannah Wilhite, Jerrie Moseley

Deacon: Ricky Finney

Safety & Security: AM: Keith Forrester | PM: Jim Moseley | Wed. 7: Adam Harrison

January 11

Nursery AM: Pat & Allie Phillips, Pam Caldwell, Kenra Simpson | PM: Janet Robinson

Kids Worship: Amber VanMeter

Greeters: David & Denise Boane, Kelley Swearingen

Deacon: Ben Moore

Safety & Security: AM: Brian Mathis | PM: Larry Pollard | Wed. 14: Andrew Pritchett

January 18

Nursery AM: Lisa Williams, Misty Gilmer, Becky Anderson, Jennifer McClain | PM: Pat Phillips

Kids Worship: Kristin Kibbler

Greeters: Ron & Pat Phillips, Sheila Swearingen

Deacon: Kenneth Gatewood

Safety & Security: AM: Richard Ferrell | PM: Don Cleek | Wed. 21: Ben Moore

January 25

Nursery AM: Bendy White, Kayla Strain, Janie Clark, Janet Robinson | PM: Becky Anderson

Kids Worship: Anita Dunn

Greeters: Phillip & Tina Davis, Keith Forrester

Deacon: James Washburn

Safety & Security: AM: Jeremy Allen | PM: John Johnson | Wed. 28: Kelley Swearingen

January Offering Ushers: Jay Oliver, David Esch, Travis Davis, Ron Phillips, Mark Williams, Phillip Davis



If you would like to serve on any of these ministries, please see Janet in the church office to be added to the rotation.



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4 9:45 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 4:50 pm WOM 5 pm Deacons Mtg 6 pm Worship/WBS	5 Christian Carr 6 years Staff Anniversary	6 12 pm WC Backpack	7 6:30 pm Youth Group 6:30 pm Prayer/Bible Study 7:20 pm Adult Choir	8	9  YOUTH RETREAT January 9-10	10	
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on Sundays at 11 am & 6 pm and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Sunday 11 am Radio Broadcast on 95.1fm
Sunday School lesson 10 am on live stream options

Three Ways to Give



At Church
offering plates or
boxes in foyer



Online
dresdenfbc.org/Give



By Mail
PO Box 176
Dresden

Thank you for your faithful giving . 2 Corinthians 9: 6-8

DFBC Staff available if we can help in anyway

Dr. Don McCulley, Pastor
Bro. Wayne Perkins, Min. of Ed.
Dr. Robert Nanney, Min. of Music
Christian Carr, Student Minister
Becky Anderson, Nursery Director
Janet Robinson, Ministry Assistant
Lisa Harris, Custodian