

THE WORD

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MISSION MOMENT

Your Mission Team

Dear Church Family,

Our March communion offering will benefit our preschool and our preschool teachers. Each year each preschool class gets a stipend of \$300 to spend on their classroom. They use that money to buy supplies for the year, but we all know how expensive basic school supplies have become.

Our teachers have been using their own money to continue to keep the children supplied with crayons, construction paper, etc. The teachers are compiling a wishlist that will be shared with parents, and our congregation can also help those needs. With our help our children can continue to learn and flourish.

“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

Mark 10:14

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

USHERS

Tim Taylor
Mark Hayes
Joe Yates
Dustin Seratt
Charlie Caldwell

GREETERS

Cindy Taylor
Sandy Prince

LITURGIST

Mark Hayes

VIDEO RECORDER

David Wagner

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Paul and Connie Stewart
Burt and Jeri Chandler

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION STEWARDS

Porter and Joan Ryland

Our Mission Statement

*To Know, Love, Share,
and Serve Christ*

Our Vision Statement

*We seek to love God above
everything and to love our
neighbors as ourselves*

Our Values

*Hospitality, Outreach, Loving,
Tradition, Community,
Teaching, Family*



RECORD OF LOYALTY (2/22/2026)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	35
In Person Worship	116
Sunday School	53

OFFERING

Income Year to Date	\$37,633.03
Expenses Year to Date	\$5,680.61
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Expenses (January)	\$5,680.61

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS: A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE 70½ AND OLDER

If you are age 70½ or older, there is a meaningful and tax-wise way to support ministries and charitable organizations you care about — including our church.

Through what is commonly called an IRA charitable rollover, or Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), you may give directly from your IRA to a qualified charity without paying income taxes on the distribution. This year, individuals can transfer up to \$111,000 from their IRA to eligible charities.

Why might this be helpful? First, your gift goes to work immediately, supporting vital programs and outreach. If you are required to take a minimum distribution (RMD), your QCD can satisfy all or part of that requirement. Additionally, because the transfer does not count as taxable income, it may help reduce your overall annual income level. This can potentially lower Medicare premiums and decrease the portion of Social Security benefits subject to tax.

As always, we encourage you to consult your financial or tax advisor to determine what is best for your individual situation.

**YOUNG
ADULT**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:15AM

Room 218



MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

GENERAL FUND

<i>In memory of:</i>	<i>Given by</i>
Joe Boyd	Ann McCoin
Dawson Whitkopf	Ann McCoin
Dr. John Reaves, Jr.	Ann McCoin
Dr. John Reaves, Jr.	Kent and Laura Busch
Max Maddox	Ann McCoin

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

<i>In memory of:</i>	<i>Given by</i>
Dr. John Reaves, Jr.	Dr. and Mrs. Legan
Max Maddox	Keith and Lockey Rodden
Max Maddox	Ben and Susan Wilson Foundation
Max Maddox	Eddie and Vicki Dunagan
Max Maddox	Koinonia Sunday School Class
Max Maddox	K-K Veterinary Supply
Max Maddox	J. Steven and Tempe Stafford

PANTRY FUND

<i>In memory of:</i>	<i>Given by</i>
Dr. John Reaves, Jr.	Joan Gilliland
Max Maddox	Joan Gilliland



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LENT 2026

18
FEB

ASH WEDNESDAY
12:00 PM Service-Chapel
5:30 pm Meal - Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM Service-Chapel



3
APRIL

GOOD FRIDAY
6:00 - 7:00 PM Service - Sanctuary

29
MARCH

PALM SUNDAY
9:15 AM - Sunday School
10:15 AM - Worship



5
APRIL

EASTER SUNDAY
6:30 AM - Sunrise Service - Vesper Ring
10:15 AM - Worship - Sanctuary

2
APRIL

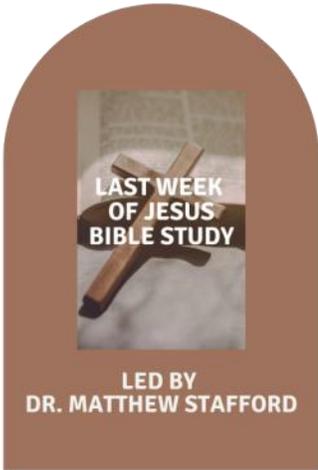
MAUNDY THURSDAY
6:00 - 7:00 PM Service - Sanctuary

25
FEB

Every Wed through 4/16

LENTEN WED. NIGHTS
5:30 PM Meal - Fellowship Hall
6:00 - 7:30 PM Bible Studies - For All Ages

Wednesday Night Bible Studies During Lent



ADDITIONALLY: CHILDREN'S CLASS WITH MRS. TORI (AGES 2-12)

5:30 SUPPER | 6:00PM SMALL GROUPS

WEDNESDAYS: FEB 25 - APR 1

Gather in the Fellowship Hall



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER



THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent is the season where we identify with the passion and death of Jesus. Its aim is the renewal of our faith. Lent begins with a special day of repentance on Ash Wednesday and concludes with the crucifixion of our Lord on Good Friday.

The Lenten season developed over a thousand years or so. It began as an observance lasting 40 hours in the church of the first century because the Lord's body rested in the tomb that length of time between burial and resurrection. Later, the season was stretched to six days of fasting and special observance called Holy Week. In the fourth century, Holy Week was practiced in Jerusalem by going to various sites associated with the passion of our Lord, later referred to as the stations of the cross.

Next, six days grew into 36 days, a title of the number of the days in the year. Around 730 A.D., four days were added to total 40. The significance of 40 refers to the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, the 40 days Moses was on Mount Sinai to receive the commandments and the 40 days our Lord was tempted by Satan.

Sundays were never considered a part of Lent, since Sunday was always celebrated as the Lord's resurrection day. The purpose of Lent is to help us enter the redemptive drama of Christ's death. The aim is transformation and renewal. Lent helps us experience anew Jesus' death and resurrection.



The **March/April** Upper Rooms are in! Please remember to save and recycle your previous devotional. Bring it with you when you pick up your new devotional. Both can be dropped and picked up in the Connect Center.



Preschool Open Enrollment is Happening Now!

We are excited to share that preschool open enrollment is officially underway! We serve children ages 2–5 years, with flexible program options designed to meet your family's needs—from half days, 2 days a week to full days, 5 days a week (7:00 AM–5:15 PM).

Enrollment is quick and easy—just scan the QR code to access registration information and get started. Spaces fill quickly, so don't wait!



We can't wait to welcome our church families and friends into the preschool!

APRIL 10-12 **1ST - 5TH GRADE**

OPERATION: RESCUE

KIDMIN RETREAT

REGI: \$75

ADDRESS: NACOME RETREAT CENTER
3232 SULPHUR CREEK ROAD,
PLEASANTVILLE, TN 37033

Safe, engaging, and unforgettable — our retreat is the perfect place for kids to learn, grow, and create lasting memories

SUNNY DAYS, HAPPY HEARTS, AND NEW ADVENTURES!

<https://min.link/Y2h>

Sunday, March 1, 2026
Second, Sunday of Lent

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 12:1-4
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship Time
10:15 am Worship
2:00 pm Parish Choir Rehearsal
4:00 pm Blankets
4:00 pm Fuel For The Soul

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Rev. Steve Lefebvre, Preaching

**OFFICE
HOURS**

Monday - Friday
8:30am – 12:00pm
1:00pm – 4:00pm



Vegetable Beef Soup
Canned Fruit
Small Jelly
Toothpaste

LITURGICAL COLORS

During this season, the liturgical color of the paraments in the chancel is purple. This color designates seasons of preparation (Advent and Lent) and represents both royalty and penitence. This color will be used throughout the Lenten season as we prepare for Easter. On that day, white will be used to designate the beginning of a festival season and to symbolize the joy of Christ's Resurrection.



Prayer Requests

In order to keep our teams informed about persons you've requested prayer for, please send updates every **three weeks**.

Maddox Family
Tiffany Riggins (Elaine McCormick's daughter)
David West
Carolyn Cooper - Bells Nursing and Rehab. Center,
213 Herndon Drive, Room 218, Bells, TN 38006

Bill Troy
George Robertson
Cherry Robertson
Linda Jones

**Please continue to remember the Home Bound.
*If you'd like to send cards, contact the church office for
addresses if you need them.*

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The mission and ministry of Dyersburg FUMC is now more vital than ever. Although you can bring your offerings with you to church on Sunday, you can also still mail them or go online. It's easy: mail your check to the church at P.O. Box 452, Dyersburg, TN 38025 OR give online by going to <https://fumcdyersburg.com/donate>.