



# THE WORD

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## PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Good Morning! My name is Mark Hayes. I have been a member of this church since 1988. It is my privilege to currently serve this church as the Chair of the Church Council.

The church council is made up of the chairs of the administrative and ministry teams, including the church trustees, nominations team, staff-parish team, finance team, communications team, formation team, worship team, congregational care team, evangelism team, missions team, safe sanctuary team, youth council, the lay leader, the delegates to annual conference, the pre-school committee, and (certainly not least) our minister.

Church council usually meets on a Monday night in even-numbered months. Team chairs and church staff provide reports on their team's activities and plans. We review our church's state of financial affairs and try to take care of the needs of our physical property, our ministry teams, and the needs of our church. The church council and I invite you to join us at any (or every) church council meeting. Our business is completely open. We sincerely want you to know what we are doing.

It takes many people to do the work of this church, including both the administrative duties which help us keep the doors open and the work in which we advance the mission of this individual church and do the work which we are challenged to do as followers of Christ. We found out a few weeks ago that almost everyone in the church is involved in some work or activity of the church – almost everyone. Our goal is for 100% - every one of us – to be involved on some level. There are opportunities for you on every skill level and every confidence level, whether you have been here 98 years or just a few months.

Our church has numerous strengths: our members, our pastoral and lay leadership, our strong financial reserves, our commitment to assistance to others and so many more. We have a great big (and 100-year-old) building, which is both a strength and sometimes a burden. But this building was built to last, and this church was built to last.

We are going forward. We are going to turn our challenges into opportunities for growth and for service to others. We are working to take care of the resources that we have been given so we may continue to do the work of Christ's followers on this church campus, in this community, and all over the world.

I am also a part of the Forward Momentum Team David Hayes talked about last week. To wrap this up, I will share my homework with you on my 30-second speech about this church:

Dyersburg FUMC has been a part of the community for over 175 years. All are welcome to join in worship in the Wesley tradition. We strive to serve those in need in our community, in our country and the world, and we seek to be a place of love, grace and peace for everyone.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 30

### VIDEO RECORDER

David Wagner

### LITURGIST

Walt Bradshaw

### USHERS FOR APRIL

Walt Bradshaw

Hubert Jones

Lowell Beck

Dustin Seratt

Charles Brown

### GREETERS FOR APRIL

Maralyn Beck

Jake Browning

## Special Dates in May

Thursday, May 4 National Day of Prayer

Sunday, May 7 Senior Sunday

Sunday, May 14 Mothers' Day

Sunday, May 28 Pentecost Sunday

Monday, May 29 Memorial Day

### 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 (4/23/23)**

### **ATTENDANCE**

Online Worship	183
In Person Worship	153
Sunday School	73

### **OFFERING**

Approved Budget, 2023	\$784,797.00
Weekly Needs	\$15,092.25
Weekly Giving	\$11,236.00
Needed to Date	\$256,568.25
Received to Date	\$171,458.00

## **OUR YOUTH AND KIDMIN IN ACTION**



### **YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT**

On April 1st, the Youth went to Reelfoot Rural Ministries to serve in the their food pantry.



by Lenae Baldwin

Hello Church Family,

As I finish up my last week with ya'll, I just wanted to take a second to say thank you! I have loved getting to know all of you, investing in the youth, and laughing with them on various occasions. They are such a wonderful group of students with the most loving and caring servant hearts.

Transitions are never easy, but what I know is He is always faithful in times of transition. We studied one of my favorite passages this week in Sunday School, Joshua crossing the Jordan. I love this passage because of the symbolism that is present. When you look at the similarities between Moses crossing the Red Sea and Joshua, it is a great reminder that the Lord has been faithful in the past and in the present. I love the symbolism at the end of the passage when the 12 tribes build their tower of stones to remind themselves and their future ancestors of when God helped bring them to the promised land like He promised by helping them cross the Jordan. It always makes me wonder if maybe the ancestors would ever go back to it and add rocks to the ways God has been faithful in their present. I do not know if they physically added rocks, but I am sure that mentally they thought of many ways God continued to be faithful. Joshua 4 always reminds me to look back on the ways God has been faithful and to be expectant of the ways He will be present in the future and to be intentional about how I will remember those moments. Reading Joshua 4 reminded me of how the Lord has been faithful to me during transitions. I thought this passage came at the perfect time because I trust that God will be faithful as the youth and all of you continue your journey together here, and God will be faithful as I begin a new journey. My prayer for ya'll as a church is that you continue to be the great church you are, serving and caring for the needy, loving each other well, and loving the Lord deeply.

Blessings,  
Lenae

### **KIDMIN RETREAT**

Kids spent a weekend retreat at the New Life Union Mission Camp on April 14 - 16.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

In Honor & Remembrance of all our  
Beloved Moms

May 14th, 2023  
Sunday | 9am-10am

DFUMC Fellowship Hall

*During our normal Sunday School time we will  
get together for breakfast and fellowship with a  
special treat for the mothers.*

### We Need Your Pictures!

Hello Church Family, we'd love it if you'd send us some pictures of you as a mom, your mom, or motherly figures in your life. We'd love to have a slideshow during our Mothers' Day Brunch. You can send pictures to [fumcdyersburgtech@gmail.com](mailto:fumcdyersburgtech@gmail.com). We'd love to have them by 5/11/2023 by 2:30 pm.

### KidMin Families! Afterschool Gathering

We hope you'll join us for our next KidMin Afterschool Gathering on May 10th from 2:30 pm until about 5:15 pm in the Family Life Center.

We will continue to work on some Mothers' Day crafts and learn how to serve people in unique ways. We hope you'll plan to join us!

### Summer Events

Kid's Gathering  
May 10th  
After school in the Family Life Center  
"Come join us!"

#### Summer Camps:

WinShape (K-5th Grade)  
June 5-9 - Dyersburg Middle School  
\$230  
Register: <https://min.link/CFH>

DayShore (1st-5th Grade)  
June 19-23 - FUMC Dyersburg  
\$150  
Register: <https://min.link/CFK>

Lakeshore  
Multiple Dates  
More Info: <https://lakeshorecamp.org/schedule/>

Upward Sports  
K5-5th Grade  
July 8, 15, 22, 29  
Registration Coming!

KidMin Summer Fun  
Pre-K-6th Grade  
June 3, 10, 17, 24

### MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

#### PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

##### In memory of:

Dick McCormick  
Dick McCormick

##### Given by:

Randy and Sandy Prince  
Lloyd and Susan Ramer

*Memorials not listed this week, will be listed in  
next week's issue.*

The May - June 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.





## Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

Like Jesus' disciples, we may find that learning to love God with our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and loving our neighbors as ourselves involves opening our circle up to people Jesus wants us to meet.

## SENIOR SUNDAY

Sunday, May 7  
9:00 A.M. Sunday School  
10:15 A.M. Morning Service



### Needs for April

Granola bars, Pre-packaged salt and pepper shakers, pasta sauce, spaghetti noodles, nonfat dry milk, plastic jars of grape jelly



## HOSPITAL AND RECENTLY ILL

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

Patty Rosemeyer - friend of Ginger Voss  
Jason Jones - Hubert and Delores Jones' son  
Marie Hardy  
Amy Pope McIntosh - Steven Parker's cousin  
Jerry and Carolyn Cooper - Bells Nursing and Rehab.  
Center, 213 Herndon Drive, Room 218, Bells,  
TN 38006

Jake Gold - Ginny Acree's nephew  
LoAnn Burgess - Deb Lowrance's sister-in-law  
Andrea Young Pope - Steven Parker's Mom  
Patty Kleber - Marty Jasper's niece  
Joann Lewis  
Eddie Anderson  
Bill Troy  
Jimmy Wilkes  
Patti Hill  
Lorna Donaldson  
Patsy Lawson

*\*Please continue to remember the Home Bound.*

### FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Family Life Center Walking Track is available Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 4 pm. To gain access to the building call the church office at 731-285-6454 when you get to the FLC.

Send form #3579 to The Word, P.O.Box 452, Dyersburg, TN 38025, FUMC

**Sunday, April 30, 2023**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

9:00 am Sunday School  
9:45 am First Cup Fellowship  
10:15 am Worship  
Rev. Dr. Mary Beth Bernheisel,  
preaching

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