



# THE WORD

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## PASTORAL THOUGHTS

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My name is J Dan Gullett and I have the privilege today of talking to you about the Worship Team, but before I do, I'd like to begin with worship in general. Have you ever wondered why we do certain things during worship? Well, it all began with John Wesley when, in 1784, he gave written instructions to the new Methodists in North America for what to include in worship.

Over time, *The United Methodist Hymnal* (1989) and *The United Methodist Book of Worship* (1992) have become our official worship resources and are the cornerstones of our worship. You may have noticed that, in addition to the hymns that we sing, the hymnal includes *The Basic Pattern of Worship* and *An Order of Sunday Worship Using the Basic Pattern*. And then, there are the formats for the celebration of the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism as well as others.

In addition, the United Methodist Church uses *The Revised Common Lectionary*, which is a calendar of suggested scripture readings for a three-year period. There are four readings assigned to each Sunday, and the pastor's sermon is most often based on one of these scriptures.

In addition to the scripture selections, The General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church suggests hymns for each of the scripture readings and are usually used in our worship service.

So, it might seem that if so much of what we do in worship each week is prescribed, why do we need a Worship Team at all? Plus, since worship is an individual experience, why do we need a committee or team to assist with that individual experience?

*A Dictionary for United Methodists* describes the Worship Team as the work area designed to assist the local church to become increasingly aware of the meaning, purpose and practice of worship. The Worship Team coordinates with the pastor and other worship leaders when needed.

The Worship Team at DFUMC is composed of seven church members and the pastor. Except for the pastor, the members are what might be described as behind-the-scenes workers.

For example, have you ever wondered how the juice served during Holy Communion gets into those little plastic cups? Well, a member of the Worship Team makes that happen prior to the service and then after the service makes sure that the unused elements are discarded in a respectful manner.

Or, what about how the church gets decorated for Advent, Christmas, and Easter? Two members of the Worship Team coordinate the work of the Altar Guild. These two and their band of helpers create beauty around the church, especially here in the sanctuary, to make the church conducive to worship.

What about the lay liturgists, ushers, greeters, communion stewards, acolytes and cross bearers? How is it that these people are always present in our worship services? Again, members of the Worship Team recruit, provide training and schedule these individuals.

And what about the bulletin and the information on the four monitors? While the creation of the bulletin is done primarily by the pastor, the Choir Director and the church administrative assistant, a member of the Worship Team lays eyes on the bulletin and offers suggestions as needed. Preparing the visual slides for the worship service is also done by a member of the Worship Team.

So, being on the Worship Team requires time and commitment. But, we understand that the purpose of every worship service is to provide the best

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## SUNDAY, JUNE 4

### VIDEO RECORDER

John Feith

### LITURGIST

Steve Caldwell

### USHERS FOR JUNE

Jake Browning

Charles Brown

Eddie Dunagan

Patrick Lemons

Mark Hayes

### GREETERS FOR JUNE

David Hayes

Deb Lowrance

### COMMUNION STEWARDS

Jamison and Shelby Gullett

Rachel Smith

Elizabeth Lemons

### HOMEBOUND COMMUNION STEWARDS

Beth and John Feith

Debbie and Rick Hill

Carrie Newsom

### 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 (5/28/2023)

### ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	144
In Person Worship	104
Sunday School	56

### OFFERING

Approved Budget, 2023	\$784,797.00
Weekly Needs	\$15,092.25
Weekly Giving	\$2,955.50
Needed to Date	\$332,029.50
Received to Date	\$216,460.50

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possible experience for the congregation's worship of God. For us to worship, we need a sense of expectancy – we come expecting to meet God, to be in God's presence, to give God praise, to hear God speak, to respond to God's call and to be touched by God's grace. Your Worship Team strives to bring all of this about each time we gather to worship.

I will now give my 30-second elevator speech to describe to someone my feelings about DFUMC, but it's hard to compress 74 years into 30 seconds. I was baptized in this sanctuary a few months after my birth in May 1949. My parents were dedicated members of this church and expected the same dedication from me. And what blessings I received over the years from countless saints who taught me in Sunday School, VBS, choir and MYF. Except for a five-year period during which I moved my membership to the First UMC in Ripley, where Jackie and I were living and teaching, I have been a member of this church. Our children were confirmed here and, later, they both married here. Three of our grandchildren have been baptized here and worship with us.

God speaks about holy ground when he tells Moses "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." I think about the one hundred years of ministry that have gone before us in this very spot. Truly, we are standing on holy ground each time we enter this Sanctuary. Can you imagine the number of sermons, confessions of faith, confirmations, weddings, celebrations of life, and the number of times that the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion have breathed life into this church? And, even more so, I think in awe of the number of prayers that most certainly have been raised to Almighty God in this room.

But, it's not just the past that I think about when I enter the sanctuary. For me, the words of the song *In This Very Room*, which Kathy played for us a few Sunday's ago, describe my feelings. The closing lyrics are "In this very room, there's quite enough love for all the world. And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for all the world. And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom. For Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room." With that wonderful news and the 100-year-old history of this place, how could I be anywhere else?

Thank you.

J Dan

## SUMMER SERMON SERIES

### SUNDAY SCHOOL STORIES FOR ALL OF US

JUNE 4

NOAH'S ARK  
GENESIS 6:1-9:17

JUNE 11

THE TOWER OF BABEL  
GENESIS 11:1-9

JUNE 18

JONAH AND THE WHALE  
JONAH (ALL OF IT)

JUNE 25

SAMSON  
JUDGES 13-15

JULY 2

DAVID AND GOLIATH  
1 SAMUEL 17

JULY 9

THE FIERY FURNACE  
DANIEL 3

JULY 16

THE LION'S DEN  
DANIEL 6

JULY 23

ESTHER  
ESTHER (ALL OF IT)

DYERSBURG FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9AM  
WORSHIP 10:15AM  
100 MCGAUGHEY ST.

### PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

The preschool still has openings in the Tues/Thurs 2yr old class, and in the two-day (M/Th, T/F) 3yr old classes, in which they can enroll for both sessions to equal a four-day 3yr old schedule if needed. Also, the Preschool is accepting applications for staffing for 2023-2024.

# KIDMIN KORNER

Hello Church Family!

Summer has kicked off! We've got a lot going on and we need your help!

Families of kids, there is still time to register for WinShape & DayShore (see links below).

Church Family!

We have opportunities to volunteer and use your gifts in fun and exciting ways. At WinShape Camps there are opportunities to volunteer by packing and delivering lunches, by helping in a small group or activity time, by helping out with the outdoor games and activities, by being a camp nurse, by being our hospitality minded check-point, and so many more fun and exciting ways. We're excited to help the kids and families of Dyersburg and surrounding areas to hear the Word of God.

At DayShore there are opportunities to volunteer by setting up and serving meals, by helping in a small group or activity time, by helping out with the outdoor games and activities, **by being a camp nurse**, by housing our camp staff, by feeding our camp staff breakfast and/or lunches and so many more fun and exciting ways. We're excited to help the kids and families of Dyersburg and surrounding areas to hear the Word of God.

If you're worried that you might or might not be Safe Sanctuary trained, do not worry. We can get you trained and ready to serve in a very small amount of time! We can also use volunteers of all ages from Middle/High School and Beyond!

If you're interested in volunteering in any way, please reach out to me via email ([tfrazier@fumcdyersburg.com](mailto:tfrazier@fumcdyersburg.com)) or text (478-357-8211).

Have a Blessed Day!  
Peace & Grace  
Tori

## Summer Camp

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/>

## DYERSBURG FUMC YOUTH



Summer 2023

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4 6:00PM POOL PARTY  
AND BIBLE STUDY**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10 DAY IN MEMPHIS**

We'll begin our day with an Urban Farm Service Project and end it at a Memphis Redbirds baseball game.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24 DAY IN JACKSON**

SkyZone? Bowling? Mini golf? Who knows? Join us for a daylong mystery trip to Jackson.

**SUNDAY, JULY 2 6:00PM POOL PARTY  
AND BIBLE STUDY**

**JULY 13-15 REELFOOT MINI-MISSION**

Pack your bag for two nights and wear your work clothes. We'll do some home repair and have some fun along the way!

**JULY 28-29 ROCK IN  
AT CLIMB NASHVILLE**

Ever been rock climbing at midnight? Now's your chance!

## NOTES ON OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE

- All activities are open to rising 7th graders through graduating seniors AND FRIENDS!
- Please respond promptly to texts asking you to sign up for events so that we can buy tickets, arrange transportation, etc.
- Chaperones are ALWAYS welcome
- We will provide details as they become available.
- If you'd like to host a Pool Party listed above, please let Mary Beth know.
- Although we will publish a suggested cost for each activity, assistance is always available!





## Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

Jesus' teaching of "love your neighbor" is still relevant today because every generation has the opportunity to increase its capacity to love.

### 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>.

### MEMPHIS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 19 - 21, 2023

Renasant Convention Center in Memphis, TN

Full details at [twkumc.org/AC2023](http://twkumc.org/AC2023)

### MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

#### GENERAL FUND

In memory of:

Dick McCormick

Given by:

Larry and Lauren Chandler

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



## 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  
Hughes Clardy

*\*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, June 4, 2023**  
**Trinity Sunday**

**Genesis 1:1-2:4a**  
**Psalm 8**  
**2 Corinthians 13:11-13**  
**Matthew 28:16-20**

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

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