

THE WORD

A publication of Dyersburg First United Methodist Church

Volume LI

June 02, 2026

Copy 22

MISSION MOMENT

Respite Steering Committee

Hey Church Family,

Matthew 11: 28: Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Caring for others through missions has long been a vital part of our ministry here at Dyersburg First UMC. When a church member's family was featured in a documentary titled "*A Place of Belonging*" about an organization called "*Respite for All*," we felt called to learn more and discern whether this could become a meaningful mission opportunity for our church and community. <https://min.link/bMU>

"Respite for All" is a nonprofit foundation that helps faith-based communities create volunteer-led respite programs for individuals living with dementia and their caregivers—offering a true place of belonging and social engagement. So, what does that mean in practical terms? This program provides caregivers with a few hours of rest and renewal while their loved ones are cared for by trained volunteers in a safe, structured, and welcoming environment. It is a non-medical program focused on meaningful interaction and engagement.

Not only does this ministry give caregivers a much-needed break, but it also reduces isolation and fosters community—helping both participants and caregivers build new relationships. Key aspects of "Respite for All" include being volunteer-driven, faith-based, intergenerational, and centered around structured activities—without requiring medical staff.

A small group of dedicated volunteers has been researching, reaching out, and even visiting churches where this program is already in place. They are now working toward establishing a respite ministry here—one that can become a proven response to a real need, bringing hope, healing, and renewal.

If you're thinking this will take many volunteers—you're right! But the vision extends beyond our church. We hope to partner with other churches and organizations throughout the community, and encouragingly, others have already expressed interest in joining this effort.

We invite you to be part of the conversation. Join us this Sunday, May 31, at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to learn more and explore how you might be a part of this exciting opportunity.

See You Sunday,
Respite Steering Committee

JUNE 07, 2026

USHERS

Lowell Beck
Walt Bradshaw
Baird Lewis
Charlie Caldwell
Pierce White

GREETERS

Cindy Taylor
Sandy Prince

LITURGIST

Walt Bradshaw

VIDEO RECORDER

Will Bird

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Kevin and Sam Petty
Matthew and Jacqueline Stafford

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION STEWARDS

Lisa and Duane Traverse

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 (5/24/2026)

ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	58
In Person Worship	51
Sunday School (Farewell Reception)	34

OFFERING

Income Year to Date	\$141,425.88
Expenses Year to Date	\$239,919.04
Income (April)	\$25,744.48
Expenses (April)	\$66,375.41

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

GENERAL FUND

In memory of:
Janie Stafford

Given by
Calcutt Farms

OFFICE HOURS

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

WinShape Camps

Dyersburg
8-12 JUNE

COST \$275

camp is calling

SCAN TO LEARN MORE!

Completed K-5TH Grade

MUSIC, DANCE, SPORTS, GAMES, ARTS, CRAFT AND MORE!

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP FROM ANYWHERE
Our Sunday morning service is viewable each Sunday morning at 10:15 am from our church's webpage at <https://www.fumcdyersburg.com/media> or our Facebook page at Dyersburg First United Methodist Church. You can also watch previous sermons on either site.

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Do you have information to be printed in the newsletter? Maybe you have a birth announcement, a wedding announcement, a prayer request/update, or an upcoming Sunday School social. Please send your information to Tori in the church office. It's easy. Call 731-285-6454 or email - tfrazier@fumcdyersburg.com.
Deadline is Tuesdays at noon the week before.



- Shampoo**
- Bar soap**
- Canned fruit**
- Beef stew**
- Canned soup**

I AM THE CHURCH

My Church is composed of people like me.

We make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship, if I bring them.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things I want my church to be.

VOLUNTEER

WITH US!



It takes a whole crew to have a full week of camp and there are so many different ways to serve!

JUNE 8-12, 2026

Ages: 15 through 100+

Join us!

<https://camps.winshape.org/volunteer/>



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.

SUMMER KIDS CLUB 2026

WINSHAPE CAMP: JUNE 8-12

JUNE 06

POOL PARTY
2 PM - 4 PM

GAMES NIGHT

5 PM - 7 PM

JUNE 13

JULY 11

POOL PARTY
2 PM - 4 PM

MOVIE NIGHT

6 PM - 8 PM

JULY 18

JULY 26

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH
2 PM - 5 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL TORI:
KIDMINFUMCDYERSBURG@GMAIL.COM

LAKESHORE SUMMER CAMP

While you are looking forward to the warm days of summer and making plans for your children's activities, don't forget our United Methodist camp, Lakeshore. Lakeshore is for kids from seven-years-old through Senior High School. There are also specialty camps.

For years, Dyersburg FUMC has encouraged our kids to attend Lakeshore by paying \$100 toward the camp fee. **This year, the church will pay \$200 of each of our camper's fees.** Those of you whose child attended Lakeshore last year have received registration forms and camp information in the mail. You can go to lakeshorecamp.org for more information.

LAKESHORE
camp and retreat center

#13490
Periodicals
Paid at
Dyersburg, TN

Sunday, June 07, 2026
Second Sunday after Pentecost

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:

Genesis 12:1-9
Psalm 33:1-12
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

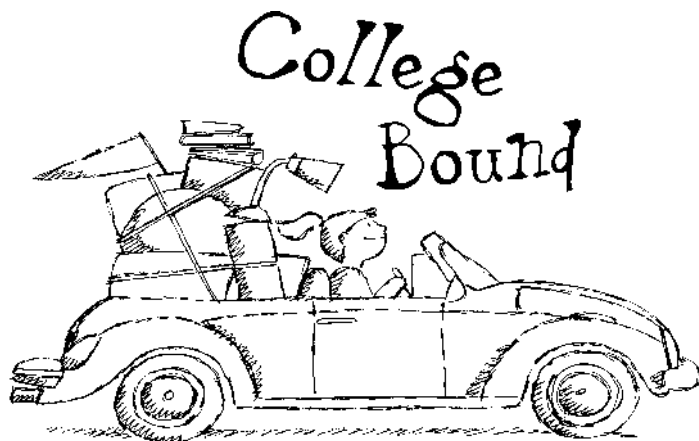
9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship Time
10:15 am Worship
5:00 pm WinShape Volunteer Meeting - DMS

Rev. Robert Craig, Preaching

Weekly published by
First United Methodist Church
100 McGaughey, P.O. Box 452, Dyersburg, TN 38024
Church: 731-285-6454
Web Page—www.fumcdyersburg.com

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements through the end of March have been sent out, mostly by email. If you do not have an email on file, your statement was automatically sent in the mail. If you do not receive yours, please let Karen know. She will be glad to print one for you.



If you have a child going off to college, now would be a great time for them to sign up on the church's webpage to get e-newsletters from the church. It's a great way to keep in touch with some home town news. <https://fumcdyersburg.com/media/newsletters>

Prayer Requests

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

- Tiffany Riggins (Elaine McCormick's daughter)
- 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>.