



# THE WORD

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## PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Dear Dyersburg First United Methodist Church Friends and Family,

This Sunday, August 13, begins a journey through Matthew's gospel as we explore and experience what it means to Walk in the Way of Jesus.

The season of the church year in which we find ourselves is called the Season after Pentecost. Sometimes you will hear it called Ordinary Time. During this long stretch of Ordinary Time between Pentecost and Advent, the gospels take us on a journey with Jesus as we hear him teach and watch him in action.

Each week we will focus on just one facet of what it means to walk in the way of Jesus.

As I mentioned several weeks ago, I encourage you to read the entirety of Matthew for yourself before we get started. And then, use the schedule below to read each Sunday's scripture *before* you come to worship.

August 13: Don't Be Afraid (Matthew 14: 22-33)  
August 20: Keep Asking (Matthew 15: 21-28)  
August 27: Know Who You're Following (Matthew 16: 13-20)  
September 3: Take Up Your Cross (Matthew 16: 21-28)  
September 10: Stay Accountable (Matthew 18: 15-20)  
September 17: Forgive (Matthew 18: 21-35)  
September 24: Celebrate Mercy (Matthew 20: 1-16)

I'm looking forward to embarking on this journey with you!

With grace and love,

Mary Beth



## SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

### VIDEO RECORDER

David Wagner

### LITURGIST

Pierce White

### USHERS THIS WEEK

Charles Brown, Patrick Lemons,  
Tim Taylor, Jamison Gullett, and  
Mark Hayes

### GREETERS THIS WEEK

David Hayes

Sandy Prince

### 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



...Mr. Ralph Lawson and family and friends in the death of his wife, Mrs. Patsy Lawson, who passed away August 3.

#### RECORD OF LOYALTY (8/6/2023)

##### ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	105
In Person Worship	139
Sunday School (Back to School Breakfast)	120

##### OFFERING

Approved Budget, 2023	\$784,797.00
Weekly Needs	\$15,092.25
Weekly Giving	\$11,725.00
Needed to Date	\$482,952.00
Received to Date	\$338,162.50

August Communion (UM Backpack Program)\$1,016.00

#### **SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 2023**

The MS River District invites you to a special worship service at 4:00 p.m.  
Milan First UMC, 2000 Jones Blvd., Milan, TN

Rev. Dr. David Weatherly will be the guest preacher.  
Special Music will be under the direction of  
Rev. Sammy Tillman.

#### 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>.



by Kathy Kail

Some people think the great old gospel song, "Precious Lord" was written by the famous big band leader, Tommy Dorsey. It wasn't; the author was named Thomas Andrew Dorsey, and he was the son of a Black revivalist preacher.

Thomas was born in a small town in Georgia in 1899. When he was 11, the Dorseys moved to Atlanta where Thomas began playing piano at a vaudeville theatre. Later, his family moved to Chicago where he attended classes at the College of Composition and Arranging. His stage name was "Georgia Tom" and he played piano in one of Al Capone's Chicago speakeasies and leading jazz bands.

After attending the 1921 National Baptist Convention in Chicago, Thomas began writing and publishing gospel songs. After his wife and child died suddenly, he didn't want to serve God anymore or write anymore gospel songs. A week after the funerals, Thomas sat down at a piano and had a "strange feeling" - a sudden calm and a quiet stillness. His fingers and voice fell into place with "Precious Lord take my hand, Lead me on Let me stand, ..."

Today Thomas A. Dorsey is remembered as the "Father of Gospel Music" and the author of hundreds of gospel songs including his equally famous, "Peace in the Valley."

We'll be singing "Precious Lord" this Sunday! Don't miss it!

# KIDMIN KORNER

Hello Everyone!

SCHOOL IS BACK! I know that it is a time of change as kids get back into a (new) school schedule, meet new teachers, and get back into daily routines. I hope that everyone has had a beneficial and productive week.

We're getting back into our regular routines in KidMin as well. Blankets and Children's Church will be back on Aug 13. Sunday School is still happening as a One-Room (K-5th) until we get more teachers. Preschool Sunday School and Children's Church will be in the Nursery with Todameka.

If you're interested in serving with children, youth, and vulnerable adults there's still a chance to be Safe Sanctuary trained, just reach out to me.

Upward Sports will kick off registration on AUGUST 21st!



## 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.



## HOSPITAL AND RECENTLY ILL

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

Bishop McAlilly  
Cherry Robertson  
Nancy Hardin  
Greg Corley (Bobbie Williams' son-in-law)  
Carolyn Joslin (Bobbie Williams' friend)  
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  
Joann Lewis  
Eddie Anderson  
Bill Troy  
Jimmy Wilkes  
Patti Hill  
Lorna Donaldson

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

## WELCOME OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY!

My name is Katy Allen and I am so excited to be working with the youth at First United Methodist Church. In addition to the church, I also work at the McIver's Grant Public Library. If you stop in and see me at the desk, make sure to say Hi! I graduated this past May from the University of Tennessee at Martin with a Bachelor's of Art in Vocal Music with a minor in English. During my time at UT Martin, I was very active with the Wesley Foundation, and held many leadership positions there and continue to be a part of their board. The Wesley Foundation is where I felt my Faith and relationship with God grow the most. The Wesley Foundation was also the first place that I felt called to serve God through serving my community, and especially young people who are not just the future, but the present of the church. I am looking forward to walking with the youth of this church as they embark on their own journeys with God.





## Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

Just as God's love and hospitality has been freely, generously, and unconditionally poured out upon us, so are we called to lavish love and hospitality freely and generously without condition.

The July—August 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.



### DID YOU KNOW?

- You can sign up for weekly e-newsletters from the webpage.
- You can read our weekly newsletter on the church's webpage.
- Both the church calendar and the Family Life Center calendars can be found on our webpage.

Check us out <https://fumcdyersburg.com/>.



### Needs for August

Corn, Tuna fish, Instant potatoes, Spam/Treet

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**Sunday, August 13, 2023**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28**  
**Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b**  
**Romans 10:5-15**  
**Matthew 14:22-23**

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

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