



# THE WORD

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## PASTORAL THOUGHTS

Mary Beth Bernheisel, Senior Pastor

Dear Dyersburg FUMC Friends and Family,

I want to share a little more about the way we approached the gospel lesson on Sunday.

Lectio Divina is an ancient Christian practice of guided meditation on scripture. In Latin it literally means *sacred reading*. The practice of Lectio Divina typically comprises three steps. In the **first step**, the disciple simply reads the passage slowly. In the **second step**, the disciple reads the passage again and notes what word or phrase catches their attention. In the **third step**, the disciple takes the word or phrase to God in prayer, asking what God might be bringing to their attention, and listens for God's invitation through that word or phrase.

In our worship service last Sunday, we really only covered the first and maybe the second steps. Perhaps during the first reading of the gospel you had already noted which word or phrase grabbed your attention. Maybe it wasn't until the second reading that a word or phrase came to mind. Maybe nothing really stood out to you. Regardless of your experience on Sunday, I hope that you will continue to carry this practice with you throughout the week, proceeding through these steps in whatever way makes the most sense. If you weren't able to hear something that stood out to you on Sunday, continue reading the gospel lesson throughout the week. If you noticed a word or a phrase that meant something to you, but you didn't yet hear God's invitation through it, continue bringing it to God in prayer throughout the week. And if you *did* hear that invitation yesterday morning, let it become part of your life this week through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Some of you came to me on Sunday and shared that you had already heard God's invitation to you through the scripture, and I can't tell you how much I appreciate hearing this! And what's wonderfully amazing is that each of you who came to tell me what God was inviting you to heard something very different from everyone else!

This is exactly what I mean when I say that our scripture is both personal and communal. We can trust that God is speaking to each of us through the scripture, offering us exactly what we need for comfort or growth or peace. And we can also be sure that God is speaking to us as a congregation, inviting us into new ministries and new ways of being that we have never even imagined!

I pray that we continue letting God invite us into ever-increasing discipleship.

Grateful for you,

Mary Beth

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

### VIDEO RECORDER

John Feith

### LITURGIST

Caroline 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



...Mrs. Nellie Pike and family on the death of her sister, Lilly Baddour Icenhour, of Munford, TN who passed away August 7, 2023.

#### RECORD OF LOYALTY (8/13/2023)

##### ATTENDANCE

Online Worship	182
In Person Worship	148
Sunday School	59

##### OFFERING

Approved Budget, 2023	\$784,797.00
Weekly Needs	\$15,092.25
Weekly Giving	\$6,193.50
Needed to Date	\$513,136.50
Received to Date	\$344,356.00

August Communion (UM Backpack Program) \$100.00

#### 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.



Hello!

Bishop Gregory Palmer gave a sermon based on John 15:1-11 at the TWK Annual Conference this past June. I was familiar with this verse, although it was not one that I had

given much thought to because; of course, Jesus is The True Vine! He is the whole reason we are here. Bishop Palmer gave me the opportunity to consider what it actually means to be a branch on The Vine. Being part of the Vine means that you are not only connected to Jesus in a special and personal way, but through Jesus we are also connected to everyone else on The Vine.

It is so easy to only focus on your section of the vine. I have the privilege and challenge of now finding myself grafted into a new part of The Vine. This is outside of the comfort that I was allowed to rest in while at UTM and the community that I was a part of there. However, this season of growing pains allows me to find myself in this community. It gives me the opportunity to expand my heart. I am very happy to have the opportunity to recognize and love more branches on The Vine.

Katy Allen

## Everyone! **UPWARD REGISTRATION**

**OPENS 8/21/23!**

[https://fumcdyersburg.com/  
connect/upward-sports-ministry](https://fumcdyersburg.com/connect/upward-sports-ministry)

#### **PRESCHOOL OPENINGS**

The Preschool currently has student openings for four-day three-year-old class, two-day three-year-old class, four-day four-year-old class and the Fab Fives. For more information, please call the Preschool Director, Paula Brandt at 731-287-1251.



**by Kathy Kail**

The author of "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," Thomas Chisholm, was born in a log cabin in Kentucky. He came to Christ at age 27 under the ministry of evangelist H.C. Morrison. But Chisholm's health was unstable, and he alternated between bouts of illness and gainful employment. Through all the ups and downs, he discovered new blessings from God every morning. The third chapter of Lamentations 3 became precious to him: *His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness* (Lamentations 3:22-23).

Thomas sent several poems to his friend, musician William Runyan, who published the song in 1923. Dr. Will Houghton of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago made "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" the unofficial theme song for the Institute. It was sung at Houghton's funeral. It was popularized later by George Beverly Shea and the choirs at the Billy Graham Crusades.

During his lifetime he wrote 1200 poems and hymns. In addition to "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," he is the author of the well-known "O To Be Like Thee," and the hymn, "Living for Jesus."

This Sunday morning, please join us as we sing together, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

# KIDMIN KORNER

Time is a tricky thing. As kids, we have more than we know what to do with. But as adults—especially once we have kids of our own, it never feels like we have enough. So when it comes to utilizing the time we have with our kids, learning to handle it well is essential. It can be hard work to make the time we have count, especially when you are reminding your kids to put on their shoes and pack their backpack for the 18th time. But as our kids grow up, we must take advantage of the time we already have with them within the rhythm of our day to talk about what matters most. We'll start with:

## **Morning Time.**

*Your Role:* Coach

*Communication:* Encouraging Words

*Goal:* Instill purpose

Mornings can be rough. With babies, it generally starts earlier than any parent wants. With kids, getting the school projects, show and tell, lunches, and child itself out the door is a task of epic proportions. With teenagers, the actual waking them up part is enough to rob you of joy for the rest of the day.

(Read More at: [Make The Most of Mornings](https://theparentcue.org/make-the-most-of-mornings/))(<https://theparentcue.org/make-the-most-of-mornings/>)

## **Upcoming Events**

**8/19:** Kid's Night In - 2-5 pm

**8/20:** Sunday School (9 am), Children's Church (10:15 am), Nursery (10:15 am), Blankets (4-6 pm)

**8/21:** Upward Registration Opens

## **PACK THE PANTRY**

Would you like to help stock the pantry by buying the groceries that go in the pantry? You can go to Walmart.com and place orders on the church's registry page. Walmart will even deliver them here for you. Here's some directions to help you find it on their website. Click on the following areas as prompted: Services—Registry, Lists, Gifts—Registries—Spark Good—Support a Local Charity—First United Methodist Church—Donate Products now. That's It!

Thank you for your support.

## **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.

**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.



## **MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS**

### **GENERAL FUND**

*In memory of:*  
Jane Cole

*Given by:*  
Ginger Voss

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



## Hospitality Corner

From the Evangelism Team

The more we love and offer hospitality to others, the more love changes our actions, our words, our character, our lives and our church.

The **September/October** 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.



### 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>.



### Needs for August

Corn, Tuna fish, Instant potatoes,  
Spam/Treet



### 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.*

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

**Sunday, August 20, 2023**  
**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Genesis 45:1-15**  
**Psalms 133**  
**Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**  
**Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28**

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

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