

THE WORD

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MISSION MOMENT

Missions Team

Church family,

For hundreds of children in northwest Tennessee and southwest Kentucky, the joy of opening brand-new gifts on Christmas morning begins with the generosity of the supporters of Reelfoot Rural Ministries. The RRM Christmas Toy Store is preparing for another season of sharing hope and holiday cheer with families throughout the service area. The Toy Store will open for shopping beginning December 7, 2026, giving registered families an opportunity to select meaningful gifts for their children in time for Christmas.

The program's reach was clear in 2025, when 250 families visited the Toy Store and 585 children each received three brand-new gifts. The opportunity for area families will happen again in 2026. Family registration is scheduled for November 4, 6, and 11.

Community support is essential to make the Christmas Toy Store possible. Reelfoot Rural Ministries welcomes both monetary contributions and toy donations. Every donated item should be brand new, in its original packaging, and left unwrapped so parents and caregivers can choose the gifts that are right for their children. December 4, 2026, is the last day for toy donations to be delivered to the RRM office at 6923 Minnick Elbridge Road, Obion, TN 38240. Monetary donations can be mailed to the same address or submitted online at www.reelfoot.org/donate

Donors can help meet the needs and interests of children of all ages by contributing infant gifts, gaming chairs, bicycles, arts and crafts sets, hair and beauty care items, musical instruments, remote-control toys and devices, electronics, or gift cards.

Each donation, whether a toy, a gift card, or a monetary contribution, helps create a brighter Christmas for a local child. By coming together, we can ensure that more families experience the dignity of choosing gifts and the happiness of celebrating the season of Christ's birth with hope.

Thank you to the entire Dyersburg FUMC family for the continued support you offer each year to make the RRM Christmas Toy Store possible.

Robert Craig

NOVEMBER 1, 2026

USHERS
Charles Brown
Tim Taylor
Billy Ozment
Dustin Seratt
Sam Petty

GREETERS
Maralyn Beck
Lisa Traverse

LITURGIST
Amy Lewis

VIDEO RECORDER
Jared Agee

COMMUNION STEWARDS
Bill and Abby Yates
Will and Kristen Bird

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION STEWARDS

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

ATTENDANCE (10/25/26)

Online Worship	59
In Person Worship	90
Sunday School	43

OFFERING

Income Year to Date	$335,083.12
Expenses Year to Date	$467,065.98
Income (August)	$35,455.32
Expenses (August)	$73,313.64



OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO...

...family and friends of Keith Rodden who passed on October 22, 2026. Services will be held in Hendersonville, TN on October 30, 2026. Please see more from his obituary: https://www.hendersonvillefh.com/obituaries/keith-rodden

MEMORIALS/HONORARIUMS

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of:	*Given by*
Will Hopper	Danny & Merrill Lemon

LOVE OFFERING FOR PRESLEY

This Sunday, November 1, will be Presley's final Sunday with us. We are deeply grateful for the ways she has shared her many gifts with us through music and worship since September 2025. If you would like to contribute to a love offering in appreciation of Presley's ministry, please bring your gift this Sunday and indicate "Presley Dishman Love Offering" on the memo line or in online giving. We give thanks for every note sung and every moment of praise we've shared together as we send her off with prayers and blessings for the journey ahead.





LARGE CANNED CHICKEN

SMALL BAGS - DRIED BEANS

15OZ TOMATO SAUCE CANS

SHAMPOO



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

As we are nearing the end of another quarter, please be on the look out in your email, or in your physical mailbox for your Quarterly Contribution Statement.
We are working to get them out to you as soon as we can. If you have any other questions regarding your Quarterly Statement, please call the Church Office (731-285-6454) or email Karen (kkesterson@fumcdyersburg.com).

HOW TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER?

Hello Church Family,

As we look ahead, we anticipate some necessary changes in how The Word is shared. To help us plan, we are asking every household to let us know how you would like to receive the newsletter—or if you would prefer not to receive it at all. You can complete the form online (link below) or call the church office for a paper version.

This change is needed because we are soon to fall below the minimum number of recipients required for the USPS bulk mail rate. Your response will help us continue sharing The Word in the best way possible.

Peace & Grace
Tori

https://min.link/g5n







Prayer Requests

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

Jacqueline Stafford
Greg Corley (Bobbie Williams Son-in-law)
Samantha Garcia
Linda DeBerry
Rebecca Sanders (Vicki Dunagan's mother)
David and Sara Hayes
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.

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

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Sunday, November 1, 2026
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday

Revised Common Lectionary Readings:
Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Fellowship Time
10:15 am Worship
4:00 pm Blankets
5:30 pm Youth Group

Rev. Emily Sanford, Preaching

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