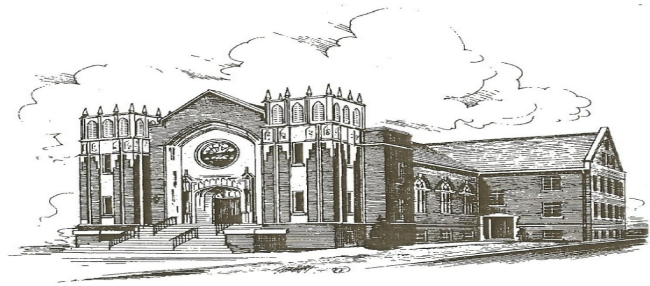


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# Dyer Cumberland News



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**Join us!**  
Sunday School at 10:00 am  
Sunday Worship Service at 11:00 am

**Wednesday Night**  
  
6:00 pm Supper (ALL) (1st, 3rd, 5th meal provided; 2nd & 4th bring favorite pot luck meal/add a dish)  
6:30-7:30 pm Bible Study & Activities

Pastor: Bro. Joey Edwards Cell: 901-573-7579  
Secretary: Michele Spence Cell: 731-414-4065  
Church: 731-692-2594; Office hours: M-Th 8-12

**\*December 18, 2025\***



## Note from our Pastor

Merry Christmas to you and your family! As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we enjoy many traditions with our own families but also with our church family. If our church traditions have not been a part of your family traditions in the past, start it this year. Sunday December 21, I encourage you to make a special effort bring your family to our worship service as we will take a church family photo around our church Chrismon tree. Sunday night, going 53 years strong, is our church's live Nativity Panorama. From 6:30-8:30 many from our community will circle our church to enjoy it. Please be a part. Even if you haven't signed up for a spot, there are ways for you to be involved. We will have refreshments in the fellowship hall during this time as well as Christmas music in the sanctuary. If this is not a part of Christmas tradition for you and your family, start it this year. On Christmas Eve from 4:30-5:30, we will have candlelight come and go communion in our beautiful church sanctuary. This is one of my most favorite times of the year and is a wonderful Christmas tradition that you and your family can be a part of. Come and go as a family. It only takes a few minutes.

May God bless you and your family greatly with a blessed and merry Christmas.

Bro. Joey



*Thanks be unto God  
for his unspeakable gift.*

2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV

### Prayer Concerns

Pray for the Isaiah 117 House, and people of Our Nation, Israel, Ukraine, Missionaries and our World.

#### Our Church Family at Home:

Mike Lewis, Ron Rogers, Bob & Becky McAlexander, Johnny McIlwain, Sarah Jane Owens, June Jones, Jim Sharp, Mae Beth Reed, Jim Beck

#### Assisted Living:

Lucy Bonds, Nell Taylor, Richard Reed

#### Other Prayer Concerns:

Sam Thompson, Melissa Ward Johnson, Pam and Tommy Beasley, Maddie, Lyla & Cara Pereira, James & Terry Dunagan, Bill Burks, Peggy Woods

#### Condolences:

\*Please give names in writing via email or text to Michele, or leave a voicemail or note on the office desk.  
The list will be updated at the end of each quarter.

#### Attendance & Giving

##### December 7, 2025

SS: 23 WORSHIP: 36  
Offering: \$3,240.00

##### December 14, 2025

SS: 23 WORSHIP: 28  
Offering: \$2,715.00

#### December 2025

##### Ushers:

Chuck Whitaker, Eric Dyer, Reed Dyer

##### Acolytes:

Abby & Blake





**Sunday, December 21, 2025**  
**4th Sunday of Advent**  
Younger youth— music 10-10:15  
Sunday School at 10 am  
Worship at 11 am  
Holiday Photos of your family in front of Chrismon tree & congregational photo  
Panorama 6:30-8:30 pm; \*see the schedule attached



- **December 19-Jan. 5th**— GCSSD Winter break
  - **December 24**— Christmas Eve Communion; 4:30-5:30pm; come and go (no youth services)
  - **Merry Christmas!**
- JANUARY 2026**
- Happy New Year!**
- **January 6**— GCSSD resumes
  - **January 11**— Tacos for Convo
  - **January 16-19** (Friday-Monday) Grace Convo 2026

Please remember to save your Best Choice labels! The collection bag is outside the office

**UPDATE**  
Time to update the church directory. Please send any additions or corrections to Michele.



Those dining at Slingshot Charlie's on 55 Alive's last outing include: Jerry, Donna, Sandy, Marshall, Bro. Joey, Joe and Brad. The next destination will be posted soon. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age!



In Memory of John & Dale McIlwain In Honor of Johnny McIlwain & Sherrie Kinton By Beckie Jo Maxwell	In Memory of Andy Martin Lewis & Ruth Edwards In Honor of Shirley Harwell By Bro. Joey & Leanne Edwards
In Memory of Will Orr By Vanessa Orr	In Memory of Curtis Halford By Charlotte Halford
In Memory of Venice & Alice Raines By Jeannie Ward	In Honor of Martha Nell Taylor By The Thompson Family
In Honor of Martha Nell Taylor In Memory of Joann Dalton By Sandy Moss	In Honor of Chuck & Gaela Whitaker In Honor of Marshall & Sandy Moss In Honor of Joe & Pam Penn By Brad Simmons
In Honor of the men that keep our church running In Honor of the women that keep our church running By Judi Beck	In Memory of June Meador By Brandt & Gail Jercinovich
In Honor of Richard & Mae Beth Reed By Jana Lee Ellis	In Memory of Kenneth McCaig In Honor of Tori & Charlee Hunt By Donnie & Jennifer Cox
In Memory of George Ellis By Jana Lee, Georgia, Hamilton & Robert Ellis	In Honor of Rita Moore By Mae Beth Reed

\*New need: Volunteers for Wednesday nights beginning January 14th; 3-4th grade boys & 5-8th grades

Sign up sheets are on the office bulletin board for the following: Nursery/Church; Van Drivers (2 each), Sunday & Wed., and Children's Sermon. Please help us fill the open spots. :



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6:30-7:30 pm Bible Study & activities  
**Rides available on request**  
**No Wed. Services until Jan. 14**

Fun, food and fellowship and a special guest!



**Grace Convo 2026**  
**Deo volente**  
**January 16-19**  
**Registration deadline:** Dec. 10th  
**Cost:** \$250 (covers conference, lodging, t-shirt, breakfast and lunch on Saturday and Sunday, and breakfast on Monday).  
**Refund Policy:** No refunds after December 31, 2025  
**Location:** Park Vista Resort, Gatlinburg, TN

**Christmas Prayer: The True Gift**

Dear Lord,

You have brought us to Christmastime once more. Help us not to get lost in the glitter and the glow, but to see the true glory of the birth of Your only begotten Son. Keep our hearts from clinging too tightly to parties, presents and decorations, and turn our eyes instead to Christ — who bears Your very image and brings us Your message of love and hope.

In the glorious name of Christ, we pray. Amen.



Due to the increase in postage, we ask that you consider receiving your bi-monthly newsletter via email.. Just let Michele know. Thanks.



**Reconsider the Rush**

The Christmas rush leads to stress for many people. But author Burton Hills viewed the madness from another perspective:

"Eventually, the hour comes when the rushing ends and the race against the calendar mercifully comes to a close. It is only now, perhaps, that we truly recognize the spirit of Christmas. It is not a matter of days or weeks, but of centuries — [more than] twenty of them now since that holy night in Bethlehem. Regarded in this manner, the pre-Christmas rush may do us greater service than we realize. With all its temporal confusion, it may just help us to see that by contrast, Christmas itself is eternal."