

Dyer Cumberland News



January 16, 2026

Note from our Pastor

Who are you inviting?

Do you love your church? Do you want it to grow?

Most of us would answer yes. Yet fewer than 10% of churchgoers ever invite someone to church, even though more than 80% of first-time visitors attend because someone they know personally invited them.

If we truly believe the gospel changes lives, then inviting others cannot be optional. I challenge you to ask God to place on your heart the name of someone you know who is not actively involved in another church. Ask Him to prepare their heart for an invitation. Share that name with me, and I will pray for them with you.

Then take the next step—invite them. Meet them in the parking lot or at the door. Sit with them. Take them to lunch afterward if needed. Great Commission churches—and Great Commission Christians—do not wait for people to come; they go.

There are countless things competing for people's time and attention in today's world. If we are not intentional, we will be invisible.

When was the last time you personally invited someone to church?

We must be bold, intentional, and obedient if we want our church to grow.

Pray for our Senior Youth this weekend as they travel to Convo. May each grow closer to the Lord as a result.

Blessings, Bro. Joey

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Attendance & Giving

January 4, 2026

SS: 12 WORSHIP: 36

Offering: 2137.00

Building Fund: 20.00

Total: 2157.00

January 11, 2026

SS: 28 WORSHIP: 47

Offering: \$2541.00

(Total needed weekly: 3617.29)

January 2026

Ushers: Brandt Jercinovich,
Chuck Whitaker, Johnny










Ward

*Acolytes: Gunner & Thalen

*Bell: Tori

*Sr. Youth can fill in as needed

January 2026 New Year New Look

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The month at a glance.	 Where you see a party hat that means that someone in the church has an birthday on that day.	 Where you see a heart means that someone in the church has an anniversary on that day.	The key is at the bottom for the birthdays and anniversaries.	<u>1</u>  HAPPY 2026!	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	
<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> Depart for Youth@Convo 	<u>17</u> Youth@Convo 
<u>18</u> SS@10 WS @ 11 Song Service Youth@Convo	<u>19</u> No School Youth Convo Return 	<u>20</u> 	<u>21</u> 55 Alive 6:00 Meal Provided 6:30 Youth 	<u>22</u> 	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>25</u> SS @ 10 WS @ 11	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> 	<u>28</u> 6:00 Meal Potluck 6:30 Youth 	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u> 	<u>31</u>



16 Wendy Green
19 Jane Kelly
21 Will Edwards
27 Sammy Simpson
26 Jackie Taylor

17 Fletcher Martin
20 Mashelle Cantrell
22 Leigha Whitaker
30 Janet Smith



Grace Convo 2026

Deo volente "For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and my sister." Matthew 12:50

January 16-19

Location: Park Vista Resort, Gatlinburg, TN

Attendees from our church are as follows: Reed, Orren, Will, Aubree, Nate, Bro. Joey, Morgan, and Leanne. Keep everyone that attends in your prayers for safe travels and that God's hand be on their experience.

The Isaiah House is celebrating Isaiah 117 Day on Saturday 1-17-2026. They will have a prayer on the Trenton Courtsquare at 9 AM. From 1-4 pm that afternoon house tours will be held at Isaish House 117 Gibson/Dyer/Crockett. Keep this mission in your prayers.

2025 Highlights
 55 ALIVE Trips
 Snow Day
 Quarterly Communion
 Valentine Sr. Youth Dinner
 Jr. Youth Cookie Decorating
 Denomination Day
 Upward Soccer Planning
 Heritage Sunday
 Fully Devoted Book Study
 Congregational Meeting
 Easter Egg Hunt
 Flowering of the Cross
 Upward Soccer Alumni Game
 CCW Cabin Clean up
 CCW Day Camp
 CCW 65th Celebration
 CCW BBQ Competition
 Memorial Day Service
 Churchwide Breakfast
 Graduation Luncheon
 Game Nights
 Movie Night
 National Day of Prayer
 Jr. Youth BBQ Bologna
 Snack Lunch Fundraiser
 VBS Planning Meeting
 CCW Sr. High Camp
 DSC Youth Rally
 CCW Jr. Camp
 CPYC
 DSC 4th Parade Float
 VBS Decorating/Picnic
 CCW Jr. High Camp
 VBS
 VBS Cookout
 VBS Swimming Party
 VBS Showcase
 Back to School Foam Party
 Blessing of the Backpacks
 Soccer Registration
 CCW Church Picnic
 Soccer Coach/Referee mtg
 Soccer Practices began
 Season 12 Soccer games began
 World Communion Day
 Pumpkin Patch Trip
 Paster Appreciation Day
 Soccer Ribeye Fundraiser
 Soccer Closing Ceremony
 Trunk or Treat
 CCW Fall Retreat
 All Saints Day
 Thanksgiving Luncheon
 OCC Packing Party (30)
 Elder Elections
 Hanging of the Greens
 Lighting of the Chrismon Tree
 Christmas Parade Float
 Christmas Tree Program
 Live Nativity/Panorama
 Christmas Eve Communion
 Elder Ordination
 Elder Installation



Spotlight



Senior Youth Director
 Morgan Whitlock

Morgan is happy to be our new senior high youth director. He says he wants to do this because he fell in love with ministry and knows that God has called him to spread the word. He felt that the best place to start and gain experience is where he found God first himself. A few facts about Morgan include: his favorite food is potato soup with bacon bits, but he also loves hot wings. He participates in shotgun shooting at Bethel University but he grew up playing baseball. He is very naturally inclined to all sports including bowling and frisbee golf. One trait that he wants people to know about him is that he strives to learn more and more; whether it is about the Bible, to learning to ride a skateboard, he believes trying new things helps you see how amazing all things can truly be. If you need to contact Morgan his cell phone number is 901-562-7352.

Tacos for Convo Fundraiser Note

Dear Church Family,

The Sr. Youth would like to express their sincere appreciation for your awesome support for tacos for convo. We thank you for your continued support of our Youth Programs here at Dyer CP.

The Sr. Youth

Dear Friends of CP Church,
 Thank you so very much for the beautiful flowers you sent for Mother's funeral. She would have been pleased. The meal you all prepared for our family was delicious, thoughtful and appreciated. To be able to gather with your family and friends was a perfect way to end her celebration of life. Mother loved her church and was very thankful for the visits Bro. Joey made as well as others. When any of you called, sent a card or brought food by she told me about it. Mine and Tony's faith were rooted and nurtured at this church and we are forever grateful. May God continue to bless each and every one of you.
 In Christian love,
 The Family of June Jones

Takeaways from Bro. Joey's Sermons

January 4

Title: Exhortation

A exhortation is earnest advice, encouragement, or an impassioned plea urging someone to do something good, often involving strong, persuasive language to inspire commendable action or a virtuous path, as seen in biblical teachings and leadership. It's the act of strongly encouraging or advising, or the message itself, focusing on spiritual growth, moral duty, or positive conduct.

The scripture reading was from Romans 12:3-8. And the sermon notes were spiritual goals, Paul's encouragement and our encouragement. The gift of encouragement to encourage others and to be an encourager. We should use the clean slate of the new year to lift others up when possible. The ultimate goal is spiritual maturity, moving people closer to God's intended purpose for them. Other scriptures: 2 Timothy 2:15; Hebrews 10:22-25; Hebrews 3:12-15; Titus 2:15

January 11

Title: Church Leadership. This week's service was centered around the ordination of April Martin and reinstallation of Joe Penn as session members. Bro. Joey explained what an elder was, who could be an elder and what the responsibilities of an elder entail. He quoted Acts 20:28 - *Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.* Ask yourself how can I be the leader God wants me to be to make the church better. God is our boss and we need to be aware of this in all things.

Memorials for Mrs. June Jones

To the Building Fund

By Jerry & Donna Phillips

To the church

By Jeannie Ward

To the church

By James & Debbie Williams

To the Building Fund

By Lynn & Jackie Tucker

To the church

By Mary Beth Wilson, Natalie McMullen, Rob Wilson



Note from Bro. James Cantey concerning the newsletter:

Belinda and I look forward to news about the church and people in the Dyer congregation. You remain in our daily prayers. Even after 25 years, Dyer has a special place in our hearts. So please, keep us on the mailing list. Grace and Peace, James Cantey



Our church consists of many parts that work together. To keep our mission running seamlessly we need volunteers in areas. Here are examples of some of those areas:

- Bus/Van Drivers and Rider
- Sunday Morning Youth Sermon speakers.

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

Contact the church office if you need a ride: 731-692-2594



The 2026 Church Directory is being printed and put together and will be available shortly. When you receive yours, please check your and your families information. The committee worked very hard to make sure the information was correct but of course no one is perfect. Corrections will be posted in the newsletter throughout the year for you to keep your copy updated. Thank you to everyone who helped complete this project.



If you have any issues with the newsletter just email the church and I will try to help you. If you would like to receive an email instead of print please send the church the email address that you prefer. Thank you.

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Prayer Concerns

Pray for the Isaiah 117 House, and people of Our Nation, Israel, Ukraine, and Missionaries. Students going back to school.

Our Church Family;

Mike Lewis, Ron Rogers, Bob & Becky McAlexander, Johnny McIlwain, Sarah Jane Owens, Jim Sharp, Jim Beck, Betty Rose & Sam Thompson, Vanessa Orr

Assisted Living:

Lucy Bonds, Nell Taylor, Richard Reed

Community Prayer Concerns:

Melissa Ward Johnson, Pam and Tommy Beasley, James & Terry Dunagan, Bill Burks, Brian & Brandon Petty, Barry Workman, Paul Needham, Andrea Penn

Condolences: The Family of Ellen Sullivan, The Family of Charles Hill, The Family of James Carson, The Family of Brian P. Degan, The Family of Joyce Finch, The Family of Shirley Hester, The Family of Tammy Bennett, The Family of Claude Grady, The Family of Paul Newbert

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