

# 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

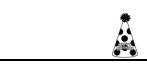
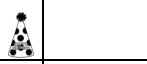
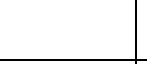
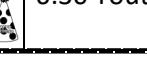
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**Attendance & Giving**  
**January 4, 2026**  
SS: 12 WORSHIP: 36  
Offering: 2137.00  
Building Fund: 20.00  
Total: 2157.00  
**January 11, 2026**  
SS: 28 WORSHIP: 47  
Offering: \$2541.00  
(Total needed weekly: 3617.29)

**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 a 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.	1  HAPPY 2026!	2	3
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Depart for Youth@Convo	<b>17</b> Youth@Convo
<b>18</b> SS@10 WS @ 11 Song Service Youth@Convo	<b>19</b> No School Youth Convo Return	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b> 55 Alive 6:00 Meal Provided 6:30 Youth	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> SS @ 10 WS @ 11	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> 6:00 Meal Potluck 6:30 Youth	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b>



16 Wendy Green  
17 Fletcher Martin  
19 Jane Kelly  
20 Mashelle Cantrell  
21 Will Edwards  
22 Leigha Whitaker  
27 Sammy Simpson  
26 Jackie Taylor  
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 Isaiah 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 Chrismont Tree  
Christmas Parade Float  
Christmas Tree Program  
Live Nativity/Panaroma  
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.



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.



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

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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.