

JANUARY 29, 2009



# Dyer United Methodist Church

*...Where the adventure begins*

Church Family,

I am amazed everyday when I wake up, take a minute and truly stop and think about the eternal love our eternal God has for us. We wake up each day with the opportunity to be in a personal, real relationship with a personal, real God, and all too often- we have to really force ourselves to stop and think about that concept. We get caught up in our day to day tasks, our "to do lists" and where in the midst of that "to do list" is "intentionally spend time with God?" It is as if we live our lives each day knowing we need to spend time with God but only doing it when we complete all the other tasks on our "to do list." I want to challenge you as we enter February, yes it's already February, to really examine whether or not you are making time for your quiet times with the Lord, or you are settling for finding time for the Lord. I want to challenge you to make the time! ☺

Have you ever been truly alone with God? I mean, truly alone. No distractions. No television. No radio. No cell phone. No people. Just you, your Bible, and the Lord. Have you ever been in true solitude with God? As I was walking into my office on January 12, I picked up my daily devotional that I read each day, and staring me in the eye was that question- "Have you ever been truly alone with God?" As I began to read, I thought to myself, wow- what a question that needs to be answered constantly. If you have not ever been truly alone with God, the next question is, what is holding you back?" I want to share a quote from my daily devotional which is "My Utmost for His Highest" by Oswald Chambers. Chambers writes, "When God gets us alone through suffering, heartbreak, temptation, disappointment, sickness, a broken friendship, a new friendship, a promotion, a time to rejoice and celebrate—when He gets us absolutely alone, and we are totally speechless and in awe of God, unable to ask even one question, then He begins to teach."

We have an amazing opportunity to be in a personal relationship with a living God, and spend time with Him daily. What will you change in your personal life to stop just finding time for God, but start making time for God?

I want to leave you with a couple books, and a video which I have been reading or read lately, and the video has radically transformed my view of God.

The Books are:

"Crazy Love- Overwhelmed by a Relentless God" by Francis Chan  
([www.crazylovebook.com](http://www.crazylovebook.com))

"The Faith- What Christians Believe, Why They Believe it and Why it Matters" by Charles Colson

The video is on you tube, search "the awe factor of God" It is the first one that will appear by Francis Chan. I hope you will get your hands on these resources and continue to press on toward the Goal which Christ Jesus has called us to! Always remember—it is all about Him! Praying for you.

Be Blessed,

*Pastor Mike*

Is Your  
**Pledge**  
Up to Date?

### **Record of Faithfulness**

Totals to Date as of 01/29/2009

**Weekly Stewardship to Reach  
Budget**  
\$7,555.00

### **Weekly Stewardship Received**

12/21/2008	\$5,830.15
12/28/2008	\$9,628.52
01/04/2009	\$6,214.50
01/11/2009	\$11,288.70
01/18/2009	\$5,262.60

### **Weekly Attendance**

12/21/2008	- 207
12/28/2008	- 170
01/04/2009	- 193
01/11/2009	- 227
01/18/2009	- 205



# Church News

## Newsletter Changes

Beginning next month, our primary method of sending the newsletter will be through email. Hard copies will be available for pickup in the Narthex, and will be mailed to shut-ins and those unable to come to church. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 865-8947.



## A Perfect Place to Volunteer

As we think about how we can tithe our time to do God's work, we have the perfect opportunity to do just that. Our Sunshine Person is no longer able to serve in this capacity. This person sends cards to those who are ill, have suffered a loss or are celebrating the birth of a baby, a birthday or anniversary. A current directory, cards, and postage are provided. Perhaps 2 or more people could do this, splitting up the areas in which cards are sent. Please pray about this very special ministry. It is a wonderful way to serve, especially if you may be unable to do so in other ways. If you would be willing to do all or part of the job or if you have any questions or need more information, please contact Gayle Podowski at [gtimmer@ameritech.com](mailto:gtimmer@ameritech.com) or 322-8781 or Nancy Gray at [n.gray@comcast.net](mailto:n.gray@comcast.net) or 322-2387.



## Conference News

The Indiana Area Bishop's Confirmation Rally is coming up on March 7, 2009.

### Where:

First United Methodist Church  
2051 E. Monument St.  
Noblesville, IN 46060  
Tel. 317-773-2500

### Why:

To be affirmed by Indiana Area Bishop Michael J. Coyner on your confirmation, and to meet and worship with other confirmands in Indiana.

### Who should attend?

All confirmation classes and their adult leaders.

### Costs Per Person:

\$8.00—Confirmands  
\$4.00—Adults

Registration/Photos/Check-in will begin at 10:30am. A schedule will be sent to each registered church before the event. Once pictures are taken, the youth and leaders will participate in fellowship activities followed by lunch. A praise team will lead the music for worship and then Bishop Coyner will speak to the youth and answer their questions. Please let the young people know ahead of time that they should come prepared to ask questions.

### Agenda:

- 10:30 Registration/Photos/Check-in followed by fellowship time
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:20 Move to Sanctuary
- 12:30 Worship through music
- 1:45 Bishop Coyner
- 3:00 Worship, Holy Communion, and Sending Forth

## Thank You

Dear Church Family,

You are awesome! As most of you know, I was able to come home Christmas Eve in the afternoon so I was home for Christmas – it was great to be home after four weeks and 1 day in the hospital. I continue to do my exercises and in a few weeks I'll know whether I can put any weight on my right foot. For now, hopping on my left foot with a walker or a wheelchair is how I get around. Thank you for being so caring. Cards, calls, visits, gifts, and prayers were greatly appreciated. The cards and Christmas Cactus from the Sunday School gave me tears of joy and gratitude. Pastor Ken's visits were a wonderful time of sharing. Thanks – my deepest appreciation for such a warm, caring, church family. God Bless.

Yours in Christ,  
Nancy Stivers



## Thank You

Our heartfelt thanks to our entire church family for the love and support you've shown us when we need it the most. Throughout Pat's battle with cancer, your thoughtfulness and prayers gave her the strength to continue. There were many, many kind gestures, often when they were needed the most but also at random times just to let her know that she was in your thoughts and prayers. Her strong, unwavering faith, as well as yours, gave her the opportunity to experience some tremendous events during this period. We express our sincere gratitude to all of you for your sympathy and compassion.

The Grisham Family,  
Jim Grisham  
Jackie, Nick, and Colin Mauch  
Christy, Jason, and Braidly Cooper



## Thank You



Thank you to Dyer UMC Church Family for your generous Christmas gift. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. I look forward to working with you in the year ahead.  
Char

## Thank You

I would like to thank everyone for your thoughtfulness and prayers during my recent illness. Your cards and calls were very much appreciated.  
Mary



## Thank You

Thanks for your generous gift. It's a blessing to be part of the church family.

Mike



Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...

Our Service Members

Alger & Puent Family

Debbie Busch

Linda Crowder

Tom Fizer

Rob Fizer

Melba Fixter

Rollin Flanagin

Robert Galbreath

Olive Han

Eldon Johnson Sr.

Jackie Smith

Eileen Stiemart

Nancy Stivers

Lorraine Warmelink

Fran Werth



## Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer need that you would like to add to the prayer chain, please call the church office, Cathy Millard at 365-3954 or send email to Roseann Piercy at: rr\_piercy@comcast.net

## Here to Serve...

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 Dyer, Indiana 46311



## Upcoming Events

### Priorities of Dyer United Methodist Church

**#1 To Give Glory  
 To Christ and  
 Build His Kingdom  
 In All That We Do.**

**#2 To Serve and Reach Out  
 In Love To Those Outside The  
 Body Of Christ.**

**#3 To Love, Support and  
 Serve Those In Our  
 Church Family In Order  
 To Raise Up Disciples  
 of Jesus Christ.**



- Shoreline Super Bowl Party—February 1, 4:00pm
- Galatians Bible Study— begins February 2, 7:00pm
- New Membership Class— February 8
- Kids' Valentine's Party—February 13, 6:30pm
- Shoreline Guys Retreat— February 19
- Ash Wednesday—February 25
- First Sunday in Lent—March 1
- UMW—World Day of Prayer—March 6, 12:00PM
- Kids' St. Patrick's Day Party— March 13, 6:30pm

