



We Seek to Better Understand
the Teachings of Jesus—
and Live those Teachings.

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WELCOME

Whoever you are,
and wherever you find
yourself on the journey of
faith, you are welcome to
this church as you are to
receive the riches of
God's grace...

The Way...

The earliest Christians were called *The People of the Way*.

This weekly publication is provided to show
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.

4th Sunday of Easter **April 21, 2024**

A glimpse of grace

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!” (Isaiah 55:1, NIV). I thought of this verse when I read about a seven-acre farm in Atlanta where people can pick fruits and veggies straight off the trees and vines, like a fresh-air produce market but bigger — and all free!

The Food Forest at Browns Mill, located amid a “food desert” in a city where one-fourth of the population experiences food insecurity, offers 2,500 edible and medicinal plants for anyone in need. People take only what they can use, and volunteers harvest extras to distribute in the community. It’s one of about 70 free-food forests in the United States. To me, it looks like a glimmer of God’s kingdom.

Imagine a world where everyone’s basic needs are met: food, clean water, shelter, clothing, health care, education, meaningful work, love — and the fulfillment of assisting and supporting one another. Isaiah envisions this reality coming true. Sometimes, even in our troubled world, we catch a glimpse of God’s abundant grace, tangibly lavished on all. Even better, sometimes we’re blessed with the privilege of helping it happen.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

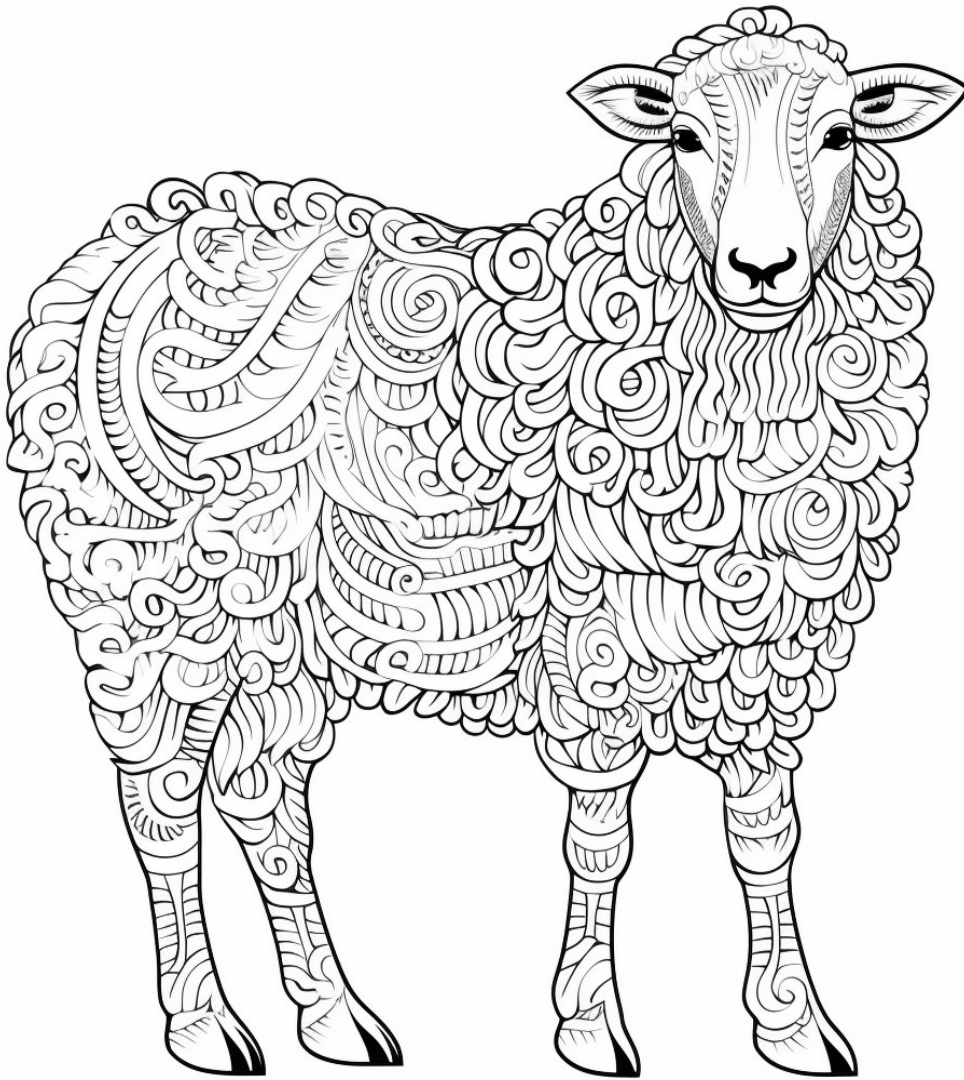
CHURCH
YARD
SALE



Saturday,
June 8
8am ~ 12pm

*Donations can begin to
be dropped off in
fellowship hall on June
2, not before.*

Contact is Kristi 812/664-1108



Trustworthy Steward

After making people in his own image, God entrusted them with the rest of his creation. He wants us to manage well our bodies, our minds and our earthly home.

Consider these stewardship quotes from Christian thinkers:

“We ourselves are not masters of our own ability and knowledge. They, like our talents and health, are a loan presented for our use. We must live as people who know that such temporary possessions are not true belongings and that we must give account for our management of them.”

—Albert Schweitzer

LIVING DISCIPLESHIP Christian theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who was hanged by the Nazis in April 1945, taught that Christianity and discipleship are intertwined. “Discipleship means adherence to Christ,” he wrote in *The Cost of Discipleship*. “An abstract Christology, a doctrinal system, a general religious knowledge ... render discipleship superfluous”

Bonhoeffer continued, “With an abstract idea, it is possible to enter into a relation of formal knowledge, to become enthusiastic about it, and perhaps even to put it into practice; but it can never be followed in personal obedience. Christianity without the living Christ is inevitably Christianity without discipleship, and Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ.”



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Larry & Margie Beal ~ 22nd
Margie Beal ~ 26th
George Heldt ~ 26th
Roger & Nancy Jones ~ 27th

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CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship service! We do offer options. Following the Children's Sharing, children may attend Sunday School at Blythe Chapel or Nursery at Fort Branch First.

† Indicates location is Blythe Chapel
Ω Indicates location is First UMC



This Sunday

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

6:30pm Ω Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

3:30pm Ω Port Gibson 4-H

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

We Love
Our
VOLUNTEERS

Welcome to Worship
"Take care of my sheep."

Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #175 9:00am *Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee*
AV 10:30am *Here I Am to Worship*

*GREETING AND PRAYER

We offer a cordial greeting to all worshipers who have come to praise the Lord. Your presence helps lift our spirits, and we welcome you in Christ's name.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please add your name to the attendance register located in your pew and pass to the next person until reaches everyone in your row.

PRAYERS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN #405 9:00am *Seek Ye First*
#2165 10:30am *Cry of My Heart*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

THE OFFERING:

The Gathering of the Gifts

*Presentation of Gifts with DOXOLOGY:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Derek Robicheaux

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:15-21 NLT

MESSAGE

“Peter’s Restoration, Part 2”

***HYMN #398** 9:00am

Jesus Calls Us

#2140 10:30am

Since Jesus Came into My Heart

***BLESSING**

Pastor

***THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD**

Acolytes

***DEPARTING SONG: #2152** *Change My Heart, O God*

*Change my heart, O God,
make it ever true.*

*Change my heart, O God,
may I be like you.*

*You are the Potter,
I am the clay.*

*Mold me and make me,
this is what I pray.*

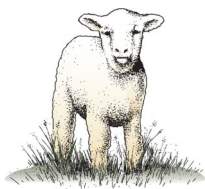
*Change my heart, O God
make it ever true.*

*Change my heart, O God
may I be like you.*

***PASSING THE PEACE:**

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



“Our God is not a God who discards what he has made, who is defeated by sin and evil. Our God is a redeeming God, a God who is determined to reclaim his fallen world, setting it free from its enslavement to corruption and bringing it to a final state of glory.”

—Douglas J. Moo, *Creation Care*

Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests —last names are printed for individuals requesting prayer for themselves or with explicitly given permission.

Jane Marginet, Richard Michel, Morgan Whitehead, Terri Jarboe, Ruby Wilkerson, Scotti Pitts, Gretchen Young, June Regenhold, Brian Price, Triston, Tegan, Pastor John, Thelma & Len Robicheaux, Wyatt Wagner, Kim Stratman, Deanna Wilson, Kenny Shaw, Laynie Speicher, Scott Ingler, Cathy Starky,



With deepest sympathies for the Roberta Maikranz Family

*Duncan Maikranz
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John 21:15-25 NLT

¹⁵ After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.”

“Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.

¹⁶ Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

“Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.”

“Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said.

¹⁷ A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.”

¹⁸ “I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don’t want to go.” ¹⁹ Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, “Follow me.”

²⁰ Peter turned around and saw behind them the disciple Jesus loved—the one who had leaned over to Jesus during supper and asked, “Lord, who will betray you?” ²¹ Peter asked Jesus, “What about him, Lord?”

²² Jesus replied, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? As for you, follow me.” ²³ So the rumor spread among the community of believers that this disciple wouldn’t die. But that isn’t what Jesus said at all. He only said, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?”

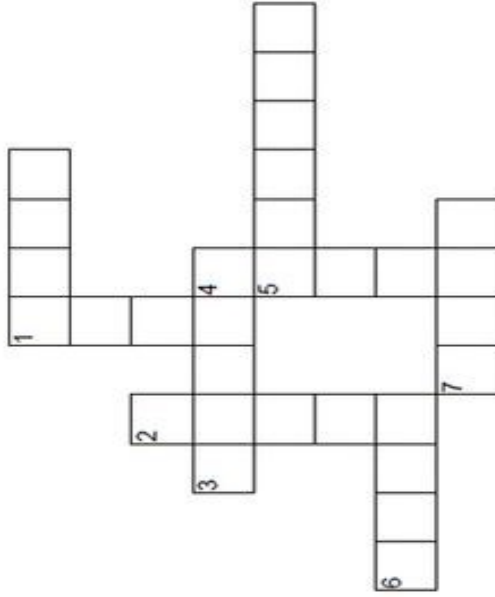
²⁴ This disciple is the one who testifies to these events and has recorded them here. And we know that his account of these things is accurate.

²⁵ Jesus also did many other things. If they were all written down, I suppose the whole world could not contain the books that would be written.

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Feed My Sheep

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. John 21:17 (NIV)
Puzzle is based on John 21:15-19



ACROSS

1. A young sheep
3. Woolly animals similar to goats
5. Taking food into the body through the mouth
6. To give food to be eaten
7. The Almighty, Creator, God; the One we worship

DOWN

1. A deep, tender, feeling of affection toward another person
2. The person or thing following the first and second
4. A fisherman who was one of Jesus' disciples

Feed My Sheep

W Z F S G X I N L D Z P R A Y E R
 U X I H E N F O L L O W D G O D G
 Q D S A Z Z G G R A C E H W D D J
 U K H R S N J S J Z L G A Q R I Z
 W G E O Q E V G K L G N U J S Y
 W B R V S D S H E E P B N Q W C V
 O F S S H R U J O H N C A K H I D
 R D O U E J S Q L G U L H S Z P A
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fishers of men disciples shepherd believe
 worship andrew landon hannah
 follow prayer grace Jesus
 Peter share sheep joey
 feed John love God

LAMB	FEED	EATING	THIRD
LORD	PETER	SHEEP	LOVE