



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.

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2022

Held in God's love

We would like to think that once we turn our lives over to Christ, everything will run smoothly. When such is not the case, we might question whether our faith is strong enough or what we are doing wrong. The fact is, we live in a broken world, and sufferings come upon all people.

In the words of 14th-century mystic Julian of Norwich: "If there is anywhere on earth a lover of God who is always kept safe, I know nothing of it, for it was not shown to me. But this was shown: that in falling and rising again we are always kept in that same precious love."

We might take comfort in the fact that our struggles are not so different from those experienced seven centuries ago. We are "normal," after all! But the greatest assurance is that no matter what we face in life, Jesus walks with us, the Holy Spirit strengthens us, and "we are always kept in [God's] precious love."



2022
Graduation
Sunday

*We will be acknowledging
the achievements of all the
graduates in our
congregations on*

Sunday, May 15th

*during worship. We don't
want to leave anyone out!*

*If you have a student
graduating either Jr. High,
High School, or college,
please inform Heather
Scott, Laura Nurrenbern,
Melissa Foster
or Pastor John*

Lasagna Dinner
&
Surprise Box Desserts

Sunday, May 15 @ 11:30am
Fort Branch First UMC

*Lasagna, bread stick, salad ... with a
surprise box dessert auction*



Donations
supporting our

Back School BASH

Gratitude, all year long

It's not Thanksgiving time. But what if we made a point to practice gratitude all year long?

In her book *Grateful*, theologian Diana Butler Bass writes: "As human beings, we possess an intuitive awareness that we depend on others to survive. We are safer and happier when we care for each other in community, when we do things for each other. ... How we live together in and with gratitude makes all the difference in the world. Indeed, living gratefully makes the world different."



Margie Beal ~ 26th
George Heldt ~ 26th
Roger & Nancy Jones ~ 27th
Beverly Boss ~ 28th
Aubrey McCoy ~ 29th
Heather Scott ~ 30th



A Celebration of Life for

Max Jackson

will be at

Central Presbyterian Church
31 N 7th Street.
Lafayette, IN

on Saturday
May 21st @ 2pm

There will be a light refreshment reception following the service. Please contact Laurabelle with your intended attendance at 941-592-8150.

A dose of humor

On the Sunday after Easter, some churches incorporate joy into worship through "holy humor." During his four decades in ministry, Thom Rainer has collected these funny gems heard by real-life pastors:

- "Is it okay to lie if I ask for forgiveness in advance?"
- (during the offertory) "Pastor, do you have change for a twenty?"
- (during an ordination council) "What's your view on Christian missions in space?"
- "My husband's ashes are in two different places. Will Jesus be able to find him?"
- "Pastor, will you pray for my son? He's wild and out of control." (Pastor: "Sure, what's his name?") "Maverick."

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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 First.

Nursery
Attendant:



4/24: Carla Conklin
5/1: Monica Bryant

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

This Sunday

9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~
6:30pm Ω Women's Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:
3:30pm Ω Port Gibson 4-H

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Next Sunday:

"The Hope of Restoration"
Hope
John 21:15-25



Rev. John Baylor Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 577 9:00am *God of Grace and God of Glory*
154 10:30am *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

*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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

PRAYERS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN #382 9:00am *Have thine Own
Way, Lord*
156 10:30am *I Love to Tell
the Story*

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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Jenni Schleter ~ *Forever*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 24:13-34

MESSAGE

“The Hope of the Emmaus Road”

*HYMN # 593 9:00am
163 10:30am

Here I Am, Lord

Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn

Now I Belong to Jesus

*Now I belong to Jesus,
Jesus belongs to me,
Not for the years of time alone,
But for eternity.*

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



Prayer Requests

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

Jane Marginet, Jake Prieshoff, Lynn Prieshoff, Richard Michel, Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson, Poppy Petry, Linda McKimmy, Connie Osborn, Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor, Morgan Whitehead, Lisa & Bill, Linda Reed, Amy Casavant, Randy Jones, Derek Barton, Mark Fear, Jo Eckert, Bruce Rostron, Hattie Kroeger, Gary Sokeland, Ova Salyer, Faith Livermore, Terri Jarboe, Karen & Bro. John Windell, Tammy Lynch, Ruby Wilkerson, Scotti Pitts

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

Listening Guide
“The Hope of the Emmaus Road”
April 24, 2022

Scripture: Luke 24:13-34

What is the hope of the Emmaus Road?

Sharing _____ (vs. 13-24)

_____ (vs. 25-31)

_____ (vs. 32-34)

Personal Application: I personally find hope in the fact that there were so many eye witnesses – over 500 to be exact according to Scripture to the Resurrection of Jesus. Does this account deepen your belief in the Resurrection which provides hope for you?



Luke 24:13-34 NLT

The Walk to Emmaus

¹³ That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴ As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. ¹⁵ As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. ¹⁶ But God kept them from recognizing him. ¹⁷ He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?"

They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. ¹⁸ Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days."

¹⁹ "What things?" Jesus asked.

"The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. ²⁰ But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. ²¹ We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago.

²² "Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. ²³ They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! ²⁴ Some of our men ran out to see, and sure enough, his body was gone, just as the women had said."

²⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. ²⁶ Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?" ²⁷ Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸ By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, ²⁹ but they begged him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So he went home with them. ³⁰ As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. ³¹ Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared!

³² They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" ³³ And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, ³⁴ who said, "The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter."

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!