



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.

12th Sunday after Pentecost August 20, 2023

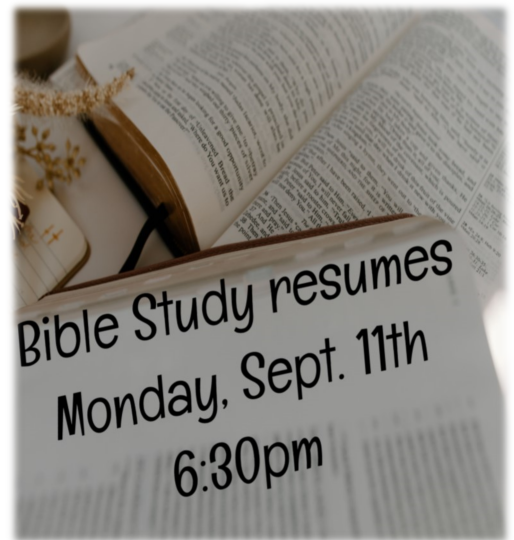
When we least deserve love

“Love me when I least deserve it,” says a Swedish proverb, “because that’s when I really need it.” My mom recounts how my 1-year-old sister, scooting around in a walker, somehow got hold of and spilled a loosely capped bottle of cooking oil. As Mom cleaned up, my sis scooted into the bathroom and unwound all the toilet paper.

Mom went to investigate the ruckus, and as she respooled the TP, my sister went back to the kitchen, pulled crackers out of a lower cupboard, tossed them on the floor and drove over them — in the remaining oil. At that point, Mom decided it was naptime! Yet I know Mom laid her little one in her crib with tender love. After a rest, they’d start afresh.

In John 21, the risen Jesus addresses Peter, who had denied him three times the night of Jesus’ arrest. But Jesus didn’t treat Peter harshly. In love, the Savior offered his disciple a fresh start. So too, when we’re at our worst, hurting God’s heart by hurting others and creation, God loves us all the more. He loves us into a fresh start — even, and especially, when we least deserve it.

—Heidi Hyland Mann



Save-worthy

I was teaching a junior high Sunday school class about salvation and that age-old question, “Are you saved?” Before diving in, I asked the students what they collect and why. Answers included sports cards, coins, stamps and rocks — items you may have saved as a child too. We save because items seem special or interesting to us. Collecting implies worth and a desire to keep something safe.

In our class, that led to discussion about what it feels like to be saved by or for Jesus ... to be the “savee” instead of the “saver.” How amazing that God deems us special, interesting and worthy of safekeeping. We are God’s precious, well-loved “collection,” and he’s reserving space and preparing a place for each one of us.

—Julie Lee

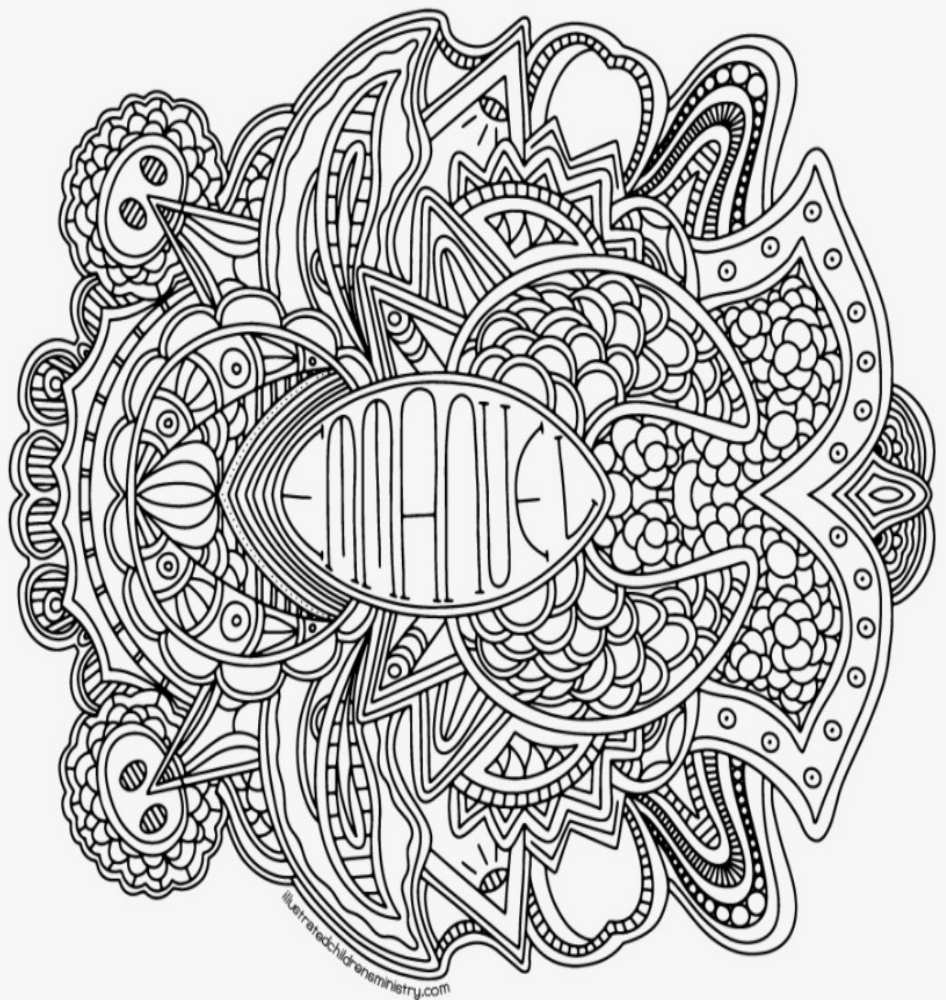
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CHARGE
CONFERENCE
Sun., Nov. 5th,
2pm via Zoom**

**8/31/23 6pm,
training via Zoom
or....**

**9/7/23 1pm,
training via Zoom**

**10/17/23 Charge
Conference completed
Packet SUBMISSION
DEADLINE**

**10/27/23 Charge
Conference approved
packet SIGNATURE
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John & Anita Baylor ~ 20th

Anita Baylor ~ 21st

Alec & Vanessa Steinmetz ~ 21st

O'Ryan Prater ~ 23rd

Shelby Wynn ~ 23rd

Don & Sharon Colvin ~ 25th



**New selection of
snacks &
Hot Apple Cider
K-cups**

Supports



The fields are growing
ripe for harvest.
Spirit, continue
to cultivate
your *fruits*
in my life, too.

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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 ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

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Welcome



Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 451

Be Thou My Vision

*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 #349 x2 Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus

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.

CHILDRENS MOMENT

Next Sunday's Message:

*"Faith of the Blind
Man, Part 2"
John 9:1-9*



MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Derek Robicheaux ~ Daystar
Jenna Schleter ~ Who You Say I Am

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *insert*

John 9:1-9 NLT

MESSAGE

"Faith of the Blind Man, Part 1"

*HYMN #2146

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG:

Hymn # 63 Blessed Be the Name

Blessed be the name!

Blessed be the name!

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Blessed be the name!

Blessed be the name!

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



We're so glad
**YOU'RE
HERE!**



**Friends
needing
prayers**

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

*Jane Marginet, Richard Michel,
Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson,
Connie Osborn, Tommy Osborn,
Morgan Whitehead, Terri Jarboe,
Derek Barton, Jo Eckert, Ruby
Wilkinson, Scotti Pitts, Don
Colvin, Gretchen Young, June
Regenhold, Brian Price, Triston,
Tegan, Chad Windell, Pastor
John, Thelma & Len Robicheaux,*

*Thank you for your
thoughts, prayers and
kindness during this
difficult time.*

*From the family of
Effie Dilbeck*

*Thank you so much
for the meat/cheese
tray. Thank you for
all the love you have
shown our Grandma
Effie, especially
Pastor John and his
visits with grandma.*

*Many thanks,
Laura*

Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

¹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. ² “Rabbi,” his disciples asked him, “why was this man born blind? Was it because of his own sins or his parents’ sins?”

³ “It was not because of his sins or his parents’ sins,” Jesus answered. “This happened so the power of God could be seen in him. ⁴ We must quickly carry out the tasks assigned us by the one who sent us. The night is coming, and then no one can work. ⁵ But while I am here in the world, I am the light of the world.”

⁶ Then he spit on the ground, made mud with the saliva, and spread the mud over the blind man’s eyes. ⁷ He told him, “Go wash yourself in the pool of Siloam” (Siloam means “sent”). So the man went and washed and came back seeing!

⁸ His neighbors and others who knew him as a blind beggar asked each other, “Isn’t this the man who used to sit and beg?” ⁹ Some said he was, and others said, “No, he just looks like him!”

But the beggar kept saying, “Yes, I am the same one!”

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

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

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EYES
HOME
RECEIVED
NIGHT
LIGHT
PARENTS
OPENED
BIRTH
POOL

Listening Guide
“Faith of the Blind Man – Part 1”
August 20, 2023

Scripture: John 9:1-9

How is faith used in healing blindness?

_____ **Down Fallacies (vs. 1-2)**

Brings the _____ **(vs. 3-5)**

Brings _____ **(vs. 6-7)**

Brings _____ **(vs. 8-9)**

Personal Application: It takes faith in each step of this process. How deep is your faith in breaking down fallacies, bringing the truth, bringing sight, and bringing involvement?

