



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

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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.

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany      February 12, 2023

*Today!!*

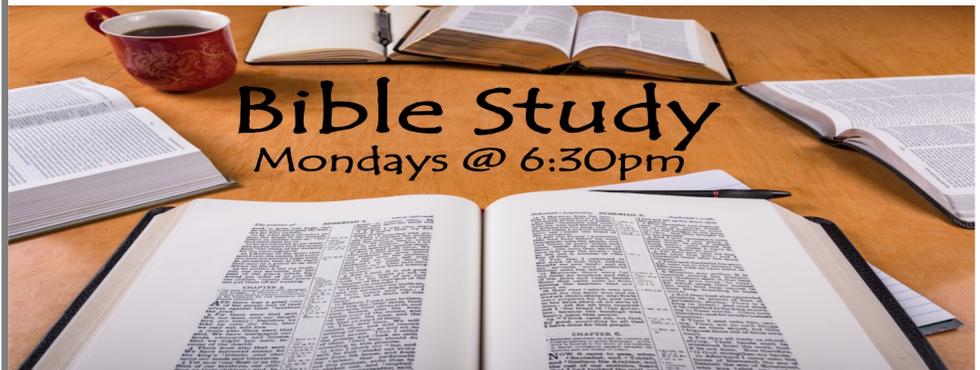
After 10:30<sup>am</sup> worship service

Pizza, Salad, Dessert & BINGO

Prizes will be

*Valentine's Goodies*

Come relax and have fun!  
Everyone invited...Something for all ages!  
*Free will donation accepted.*



Ash  
Wednesday

February 22nd  
Blythe Chapel  
7pm

Prayer service with ash distribution.  
Everyone welcome.

*Celebrating with you!*

Shannon Dilbeck ~ 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Nathan Hargiss ~ 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Alexander Hargiss ~ 15<sup>th</sup>  
 David Lewis ~ 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Steven Schleiter ~ 17<sup>th</sup>

**FREE 2023**  
 Wall Calendars are  
 available in the narthex,

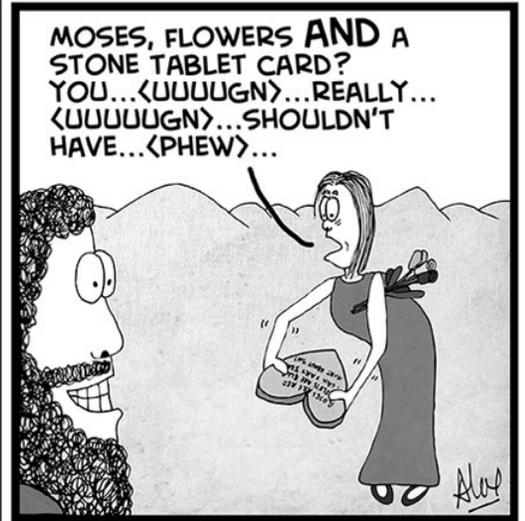
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**Stodghill Funeral Home**

**AARP**<sup>®</sup>  
 FOUNDATION  
**FREE TAX HELP**  
 @ the Library

AARP TaxAide volunteers will be available to prepare in person Federal and Indiana state taxes free for those who are over 55, low to moderate income, beginning Thurs and Fri, Feb 9, 10 and each Thurs and Fri from 9:30 -1:30 by appointment. TP may sign up in person at the Princeton Public Library on S Main St. and pickup a required form on Thurs and Fri. No phone calls please. Any amended returns will be done late Mar/early Apr. The program is also available at many Evansville Public Libraries and SWIRCA.

**CAKE OR DEATH**

by alex baker



**MOSES - A TIMELESS ROMANTIC**

**Love aces the test**

Author Adele Calhoun describes life as "our 'open-book' test on love." How can we ace it? In *Invitations From God*, she points out that daily decisions are the make-or-break factors: "Day in and day out as we plan, work, produce, commute and relate, we make life-altering choices to either love or neglect others."

For another study guide, reflect on St. Augustine's timeless words: "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of [people]. That is what love looks like."

**JESUS**  
 LOVES YOU  
*and so do we!*



March 12<sup>th</sup> | 12pm | \$8 donation  
 Carry-Outs Available

**LOADED POTATO BAR**

100% Proceeds to help with expenses for  
 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox.



Fort Branch First UMC  
 P. O. Box 116  
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Deliver to:

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when found in the Order of Service  
invites you to stand - if able.

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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  
11:30am Ω Valentine's Dinner &  
Bingo

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~  
6:30pm Ω Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday

#### Next Sunday:

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

Complete Schedule @ [www.fbfirst.org](http://www.fbfirst.org)

#### Next Sunday's Message:

"James—  
Having an  
Undivided Faith...  
Practical Faith"  
James 5



*Rev. John Baylor, Jr.*



#### PRELUDE

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

\*HYMN # 600 *Wonderful Words of Life*

#### \*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 #507

*Through It All*

#### 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**

*Derek Robicheaux ~ He Is Here  
Derek Robicheaux & Jenni Schleter ~ Lord, I Offer My Life*

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

*James 4 NLT*

**MESSAGE**

“James ~ Having an Undivided Faith:  
*An Effective Faith*”

**\*HYMN # 714**

*I Know Whom I Have Believed*

**\*BLESSING**

Pastor

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

Acolytes

**\*DEPARTING SONG: insert**

*Thank You, Lord*

**\*PASSING THE PEACE:**

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

**POSTLUDE**



**Walk in  
love**

Ephesians 5:2

**PRAYER**  
*list...*

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

*Jane Marginet, Jake Prieshoff,  
Richard Michel, Becca Manolov,  
Carla Jackson, Connie Osborn,  
Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor,  
Morgan Whitehead, Terri Jarboe,  
Derek Barton, Jo Eckert,  
Ruby Wilkerson, Scotti Pitts,  
Deanna Wilson, Don Colvin,  
Gretchen Young, Effie Dilbeck,  
Bill Conklin, Frances Burns,  
June Regenhold, Sam Smith,  
Ruth Ann Sokeland, Margie Beal,  
The Debi & Terry Phillips Family*

With the current tax laws,  
not everyone will need to  
itemize their

**2022 Federal Income  
Taxes.**



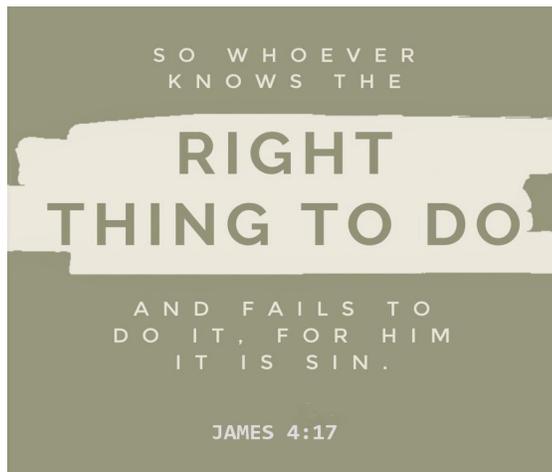
As to save our Financial  
Secretary (aka volunteer)  
a lot of extra work,  
a financial statement  
of your offerings and tithes  
will only be prepared for you  
upon request.

Please contact

**Paul Cardinal**

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**Listening Guide**  
**“An Effective Faith”**  
**February 12, 2023**



**Scripture:** James 4

**What does an effective faith look like?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Prayer (vs. 1-3)**

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**It Seeks God’s** \_\_\_\_\_ **(vs. 4-6)**

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**Resists the** \_\_\_\_\_ **(vs. 7-10)**

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**Resists** \_\_\_\_\_ **(vs. 11-12)**

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**Knows Proper** \_\_\_\_\_ **(vs. 13-17)**

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**Personal Application:** Faith must be effective. There are activities and behaviors that make it more or less effective. Are you on the road to an effective faith?

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## Drawing Close to God

<sup>4</sup> What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. <sup>3</sup> And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.

<sup>4</sup> You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Do you think the Scriptures have no meaning? They say that God is passionate that the spirit he has placed within us should be faithful to him. <sup>6</sup> And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say,

“God opposes the proud  
but gives grace to the humble.”

<sup>7</sup> So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. <sup>9</sup> Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.

## Warning against Judging Others

<sup>11</sup> Don't speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law. But your job is to obey the law, not to judge whether it applies to you. <sup>12</sup> God alone, who gave the law, is the Judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor?

## Warning about Self-Confidence

<sup>13</sup> Look here, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit.” <sup>14</sup> How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone. <sup>15</sup> What you ought to say is, “If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that.” <sup>16</sup> Otherwise you are boasting about your own pretentious plans, and all such boasting is evil.

<sup>17</sup> Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

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

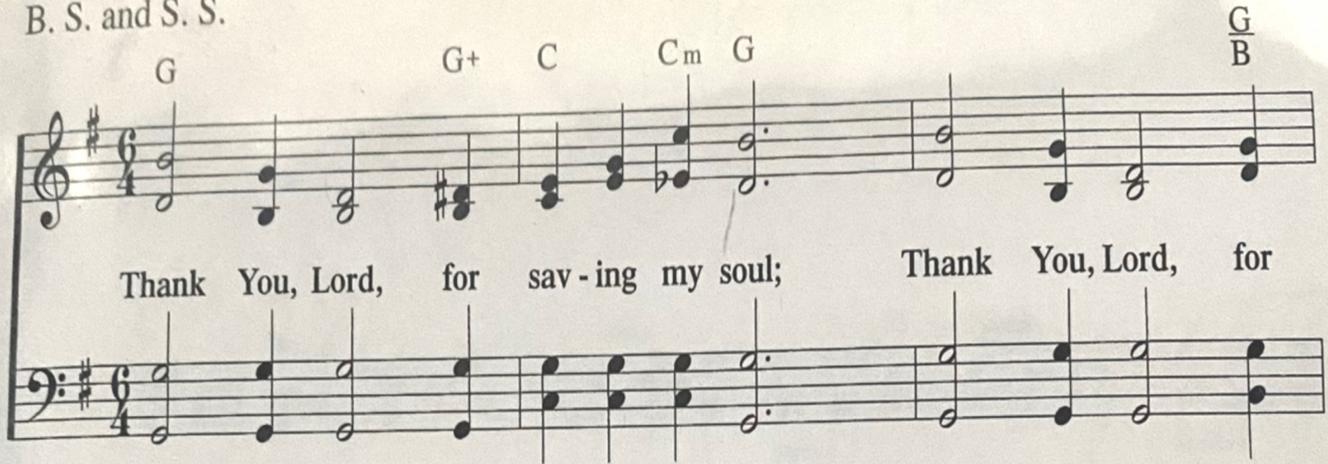
# Thank You, Lord

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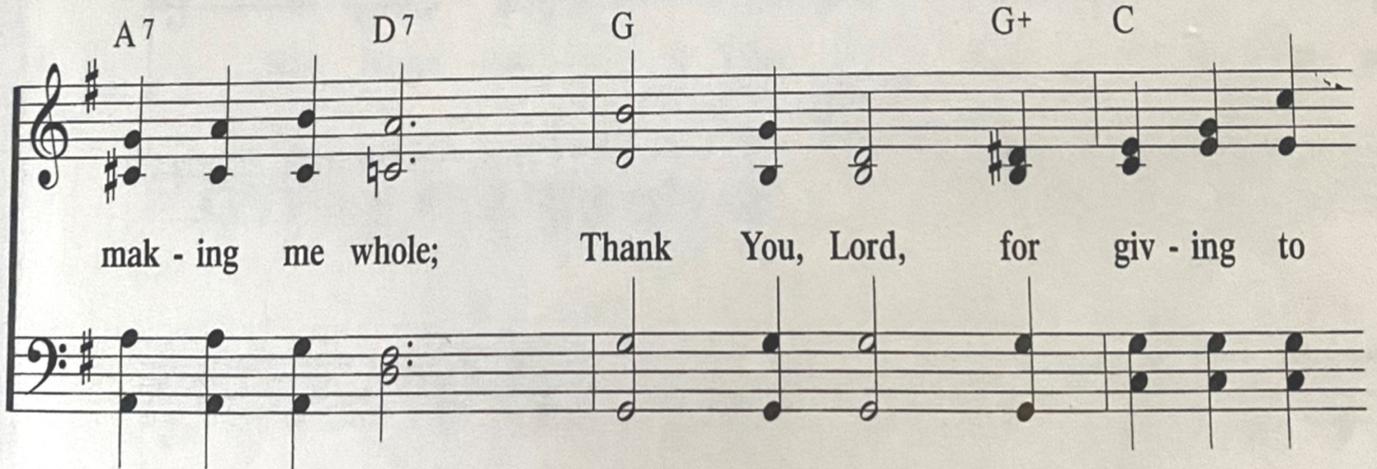
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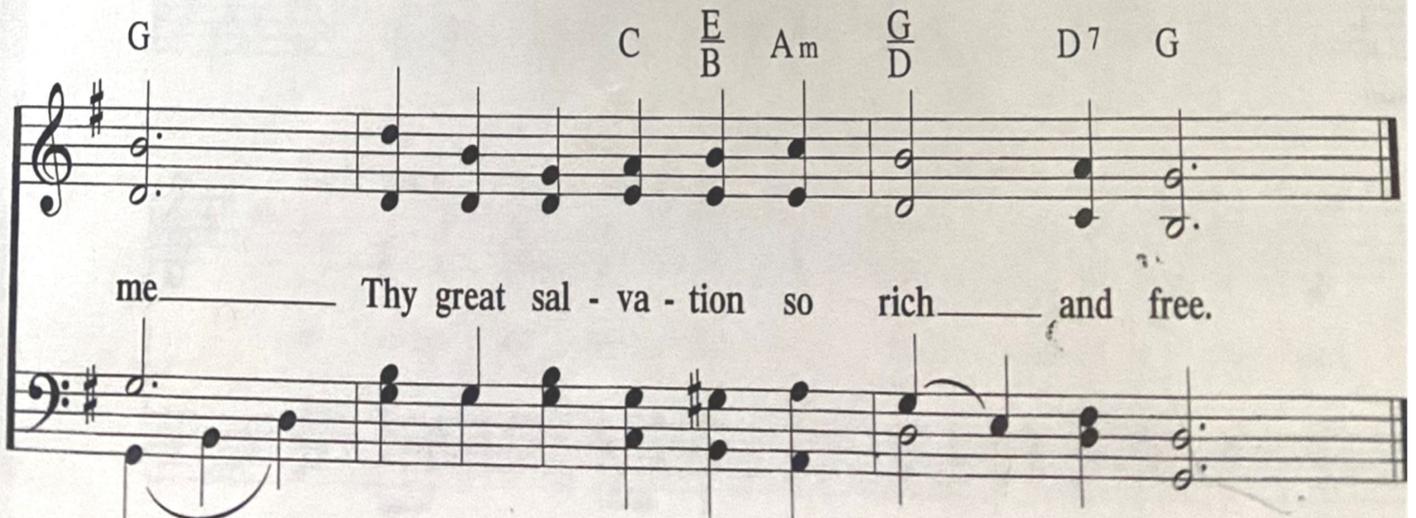
Thank You, Lord, for sav - ing my soul; Thank You, Lord, for

A7 D7 G G+ C



mak - ing me whole; Thank You, Lord, for giv - ing to

G C  $\frac{E}{B}$  Am  $\frac{G}{D}$  D7 G



me Thy great sal - va - tion so rich and free.

WHAT IS LOVE ?  
Bible Word Search Puzzle

Can you find the underlined words from this Bible verse about what love is in the puzzle below?  
Think about what God says love is while you answer the questions at the bottom of the page.

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way [selfish]; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing [evil], but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things [protects], believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Word search puzzle grid containing the following words:

VEUCVYVGMV  
 RPHDHTPEGUD  
 ENIEPRHXNDNL  
 EURECAFWDOLPH  
 MSJOKIWLBLEP  
 QIORAFWBEFCAT  
 URCTZGYAXVSB  
 BZEHXUSQXNDG  
 TSSMISAPUKXN  
 RUMFARRRAGIND  
 XIKTSWRRKIETH  
 SWPHAM  
 BDIUGGHOPI  
 SELFISHPKSESB  
 CVBEREUGNZZFN  
 NQWENZVDEOPH  
 WPTQDZYLAEFC  
 JIIVRJHFAEQP  
 ABOTREGJSGD  
 JROJOGMPJLN  
 VAVDHRXTOQX  
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 IVEVJXVZ  
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 IVEVJXVZ

- How could you show love to someone else?
- How has God shown you His love?
- Which words in this verse best describe you?
- What do you think, say, or do that is not loving?

