



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

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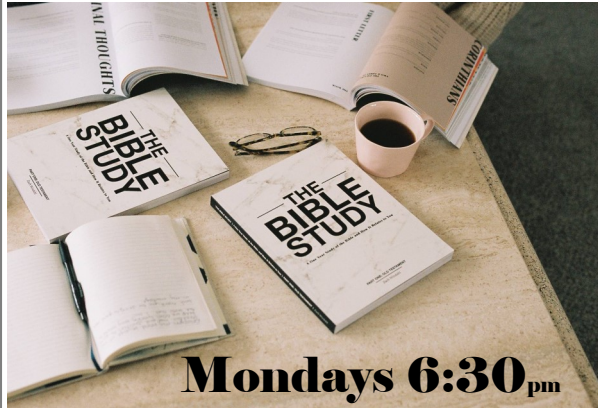
**WELCOME**

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.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany January 22, 2023**



**Mondays 6:30<sup>pm</sup>**



**Cold Sodas in the church  
kitchen fridge and the  
basket full of snacks in  
fellowship hall all benefit  
the Back to School Bash.**



*Happy 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding  
Anniversary  
Alan & Elizabeth Creamer*

*Vow renewal  
February 11, 2023*



*Ceremony @ 1<sup>pm</sup> Blythe Chapel  
Reception following @  
Owensville Community Center*

Congrats to Bailey Draper  
for getting accepted to Purdue  
(undergraduate/veterinary)



Congrats to Jenna Schleter  
for getting into the  
Southern Indiana Career

Finance  
Committee  
meeting with  
Danny Cathro  
from Edward Jones  
Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>  
10:30am  
Church Office

*Time to Celebrate!*

Alan McBee ~ 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Owen Foster ~ 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Izabella Hargiss ~ 25<sup>th</sup>  
Eli Robicheaux ~ 26<sup>th</sup>  
Shane Springer ~ 25



## Time for a spiritual assessment

"Hardly anything else reveals so well the fear and uncertainty among [people] as the length to which they will go to hide their true selves from each other and even from their own eyes," says A.W. Tozer. For insights into who we really are as Christians, the theologian proposes "rules for self-discovery." According to Tozer, "we may be known" by these seven things: what we want most, what we think about most, how we use our money, what we do with our leisure time, the company we enjoy, who and what we admire, and what we laugh at.

The "wise Christian" will find other tests, says Tozer, but these are a starting point to reveal if our desires and priorities conflict with God's will. "Our self-judgment is almost certain to be biased and imperfect," he adds, yet there's "every good reason for us to work along with the Holy Spirit in his benign effort to locate us spiritually in order that we may make such amendments as the circumstances demand."

## Fatherly goodness

In *Wrestling With an Angel*, Greg Lucas describes the challenges of parenting a son with special needs. Bathing, for example, is a dangerous, two-person job due to constant resistance. The struggle makes Lucas wonder how to "care for someone ... who opposes your very presence, even when that presence is necessary for his good."

Lucas admits he, too, has a disabling diagnosis — sin — and hates "being cleaned." But our gracious God "will not stand by when I am in need, even when I resist his compassion and care." His son's counterintuitive defiance reminds Lucas of the cross. On Calvary, "divine love overpowered my rebellion and forced upon me a process of cleansing redemption that I did not want to undergo." Even when we fight the process, our heavenly Father's unconditional love wins out.

FREE 2023  
Wall Calendars are  
available in the narthex,



courtesy of  
*Stodghill Funeral Home*

**Methodist Mountain Mission  
Pick Up  
Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**



**Please use boxes when  
collecting your donations and  
stack neatly as possible in the  
church garage.**



Fort Branch First UMC  
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when found in the Order of Service  
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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.



† 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 Bible Study

Tuesday:

10:30am Ω Finance Meeting  
with Edward Jones

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday

#### Next Sunday:

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

*Next Sunday:*

"James—  
Having an  
Undivided Faith....  
Faith and Works"

James 2



*Rev. John Baylor, Jr.*

### PRELUDE

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

\*HYMN # 509

*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*

\*GREETING AND PRAYER

*We offer a cordial greeting to all worshippers 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 #338

*Where He Leads Me*

### 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

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

*James 1:19-27 NLT*

#### *Listening and Doing*

<sup>19</sup> Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. <sup>20</sup> Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. <sup>21</sup> So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. <sup>25</sup> But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.

<sup>26</sup> If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.

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

***Thanks be to God!***

### MESSAGE

“ James ~ Having an Undivided Faith:  
Enduring Faith, Part 2”

\*HYMN # 396

*Jesus, I Have Promised*

\*BLESSING

Pastor

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

\*DEPARTING SONG: \*Hymn

*Thank You, Lord*

***Thank You, Lord, for saving my soul!  
Thank You, Lord for making me whole;  
Thank You, Lord for giving to me  
Thy great salvation so rich and free.***

\*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

### POSTLUDE

## 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 Conklyn, Frances Burns,  
June Regenhold, Sam Smith*

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**

email: [redbird937@hotmail.com](mailto:redbird937@hotmail.com)  
or via phone (812)677-0274

**Listening Guide**  
**“Enduring Faith – Part Two”**  
**January 22, 2023**

**Scripture:** James 1:19-27

**How does one develop and enduring faith?**

**Live the \_\_\_\_\_ (vs.19-21)**

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**Live What’s \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 22-25)**

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**Live the \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 26-27)**

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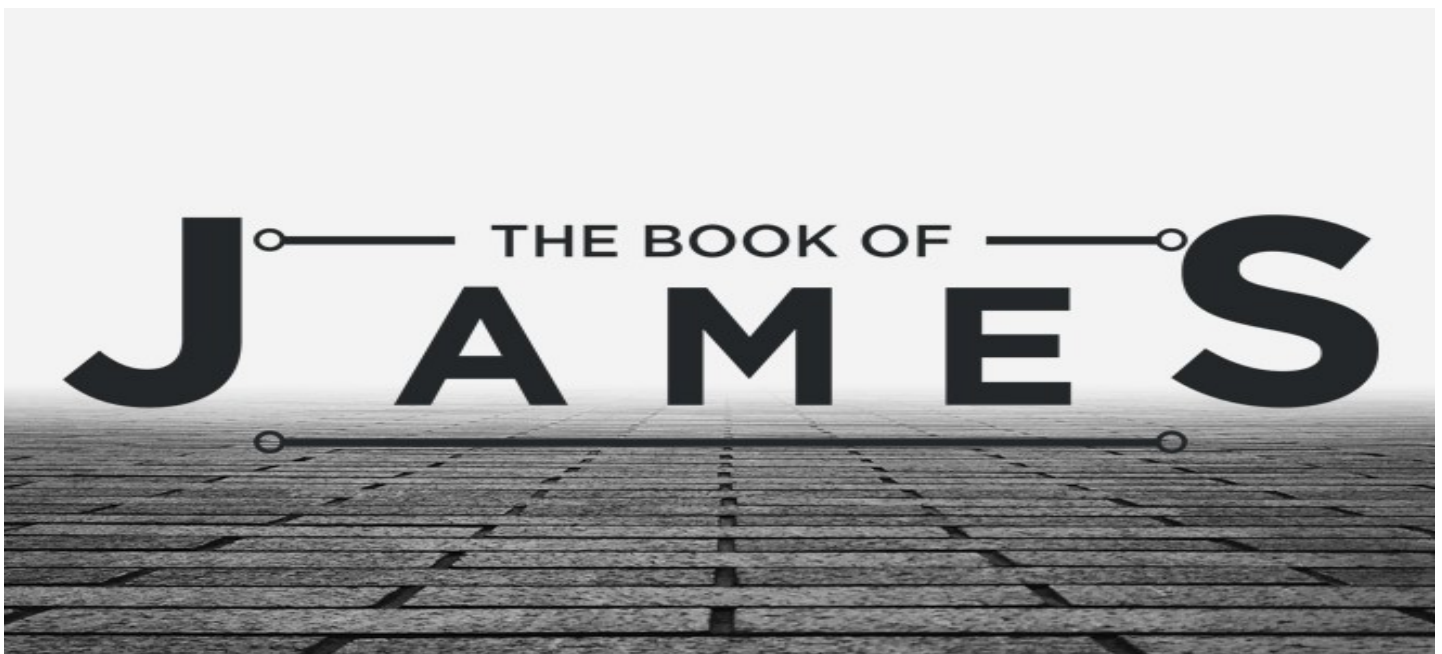
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**Personal Application:** We’ve seen some things that should be applied to daily life. Are these fruits of our lives?

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Marsha Baker 3-8-13



# The Book of James

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- respect
- brotherly
- love
- mercy
- judgment
- temptation
- faith
- patience
- prayer
- humility
- Believer
- pride
- wisdom