



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.

3rd Sunday after the Epiphany January 23, 2022

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

@ Fort Branch First United Methodist Church

*"Perhaps this is the moment for
which you have been created."*

Esther 4:14

Saturday, February 19th, 2022

9am ~ 2pm CST
featuring **Kirsten Hart**
Author // Speaker // Singer

Cost is \$25
includes the daylong event w/speaker, t-shirt and luncheon!

RSVP no later than February 7th
with t-shirt size and payment

Contact Kristi Pflug at 812/664-1108
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TODAY!!

After 10:30am worship service



There will be BINGO with
soup/sandwiches and desserts.

Please plan to stay and join the fun!

There is a sign-up on the bulletin
board.

*A Love Offering will be taken for the upcoming
Women's Conference.*

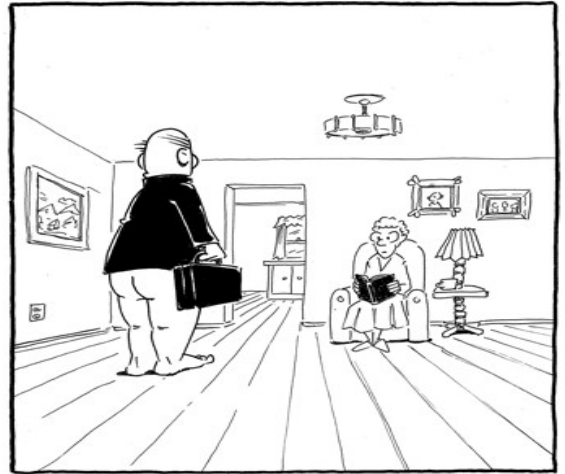
Be of good cheer

Near the end of every January, stories circulate about "Blue Monday," supposedly the year's most depressing day. Factors include broken New Year's resolutions, Christmas debts and cold weather. But this phenomenon actually originated as a PR gimmick. U.K. marketers invented Blue Monday as "the best day to book a summer holiday," and a psychologist they enlisted to help later admitted the saddest-seeming day became a self-fulfilling prophecy.

January may lack the excitement of December, but it doesn't have to be a letdown. Christmas is over, but Jesus isn't! No matter the season of the year or our season of life, Christians always have reason for joy: God's promises of forgiveness and eternal victory. As Jesus says in John 16:33, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (KJV).

FINDING ELIM

By Dave Nelson



I'M BEGINNING TO THINK IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO GET KICKED OFF A VOLUNTEER BOARD.

First in line

We were rushing to our next destination when yet another traffic light turned red. As usual, I had packed too many tasks into the day. Now we'd be even later. While I stewed in frustration, my son had a completely different reaction to being stopped. "Yes — I love this!" he shouted as we sat. "We're first in line!"

What an important lesson on perspective. I focused on the negative, but he saw the good in the situation. As Proverbs 15:13 says, "A joyful heart brightens one's face, but a troubled heart breaks the spirit" (CEB).

Now instead of pep talks about half-full or half-empty glasses, our family offers reminders about being stopped by a light versus being first in line. The next time I'm delayed, I hope I can think, "Yes — I love this!" —Janna Firestone

With the current tax laws, not everyone will need to itemize their
2021 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.

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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 First.

Nursery
Attendant:



1/23: Sherry Michel
1/30: Jenni Schleter

† 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
11:30am Ω Soup & Bingo

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

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

7:00pm Ω Trustees Meeting

Friday: ~ Office Closed~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

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

Next Sunday Worship:

*"Chosen by God-
Identity"*
1 Peter

Welcome to Worship

..., each and every one of you, a chosen and beloved
child of God. May we follow Jesus
into the work of ministry.

The Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 57 9:00am *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*
534 10:30am *Be Still, My Soul*

*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 #395 9:00am *Take Time to Be Holy*
349 10:30am *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.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Romans 8:1-4; 14-17; 31-39 NLT

MESSAGE

“Chosen by God~ Power”

*HYMN # 557 9:00am
452 10:30am

***Blest Be the Tie That Binds
My Faith Looks Up to Thee***

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn # 251 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

*Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.*

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



*May the week ahead
be filled with the blessing of
Kindness, Peace and Joy!*

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,
Kyle Stone, Poppy Petry, Linda
McKimmy, Connie Osborn,
Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor,
Morgan Whitehead, Lisa & Bill,
Linda Reed, Al Rostron,
Amy Casavant, Randy Jones,
Derek Barton, Mark Fear,
Steve, Jo Eckert,
Jerry McBee, Hattie Kroeger*

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE



Listening Guide
Chosen by God – Power
January 23, 2022

Scripture: Romans 8:1-4; 14-17; 31-39

What does this power provide?

No _____ (vs. 1-4)

_____ (vs. 14-17)

No _____ (vs. 31-34)

Personal Application: Is there anything more powerful than God and His love for us? (Verses 35-39)



CHOSEN

Romans 8:1-4; 14-17; 31-39 NLT

Life in the Spirit

⁸ So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. ³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

¹⁵ So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. ¹⁷ And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

Nothing Can Separate Us from God's Love

³¹ What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? ³² Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? ³³ Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. ³⁴ Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

³⁵ Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ³⁶ (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") ³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Thanks be to God!