



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.
4th Sunday After Epiphany **January 28, 2024**



Predictions for the new year

Author Ronald Wilson, in *Stretching the Soul*, describes being certain that four things will occur in the days ahead.

- Trouble will come. Life is difficult. I must mourn as well as dance.
- In this long journey [of life], I'm not in control. God has reminded us of this.
- Many times I will fail.
- I will find forgiveness and get up and go on. God will wipe up the mess I've made of things, take me by the hand and set me back on the right path.

Praise God for his sure presence during the joys and challenges the new year brings!

Women's Conference
**WE LOVE
BECAUSE
HE FIRST
LOVED US.**

February 24 9am-2pm
Guest Speaker
Jammy Whitehurst

\$25
conference, lunch & t-shirt
RSVP to Kristi Pflug 812/664-1108
by February 17, 2024
Please indicate t-shirt size.

Fort Branch First UMC
100 W Vine ST, Fort Branch, IN 47648

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| All Power | Ruler | Son Of God | Rightousness | Holiness |
| Baby Jesus | Wise Men | Bethlehem | Saviour | Emmanuel |
| Father | Everlasting | Eternal Life | Love | Son Of Man |
| Only Begotten Son | Holy One | The Life | The Way | The Truth |
| Almighty God | Almighty | Jehovah | Lord of Lords | Lord |
| Christ | Son | God | Lamb Of God | King Of Kings |
| Messiah | Jesus Christ | Everlasting Father | Councilor | Wonderful |
| The Light | Christmas | Prince Of Peace | Savior | Holy |
| Joy | Peace Maker | | | |



We are requesting rotation of cleaning, maintenance and general upkeep VOLTUNTEERS. We are off to a great start of purging and cleaning, but we all need to do a little to keep the momentum. Every little chore helps! There is a suggested list posted on the bulletin board. At this time, we are requesting volunteers for a 6 month period, if you can. Any questions or additions, see Don or Sue Ann Steinmetz or Larry Johnson.

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Deliver to:



FEBRUARY

Birthdays and Anniversaries

 Thomas Beckett ~ 1st

 Rob Beckett ~ 3rd

 Ruth Ann Salyer ~ 3rd

FREE 2024
Wall Calendars



 are available in the narthex,
 courtesy of
Stodghill Funeral Home



* -This symbol,
when found in the Order of Service
invites you to stand - if able.

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THIS WEEK *At Church*

† 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* ~

6:30pm Ω *Bible Study*

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Friday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

9:00am † *Blythe Chapel*

10:30am Ω *Fort Branch First &
Live streaming*

Complete Schedule @
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Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #189 9:00am *Fairest Lord Jesus*
#2015 10:30am x2 *Bless His Holy 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.*

PRAYERS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN #424 9:00am *Must Jesus Bear
the Cross Alone*
#176 10:30am *Majesty, Worship
His Majesty*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

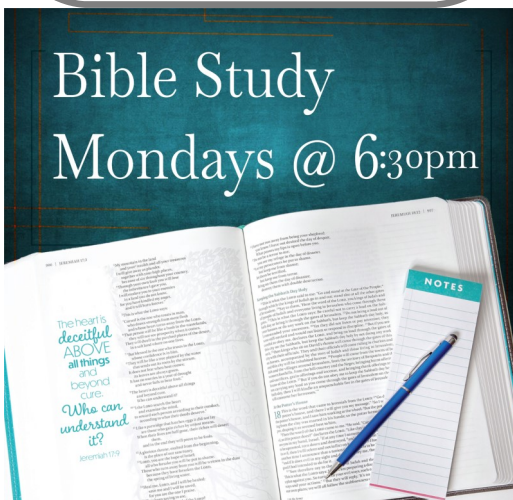
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is 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

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Derek Robicheaux*
Sherry Michel ~ Sweet, Holy Spirit

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 9:18-27 NLT*

MESSAGE *"Who is Jesus?"*

*HYMN #398 9:00am *Jesus Calls Us*
#462 10:30am *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

*BLESSING Pastor
*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD Acolytes

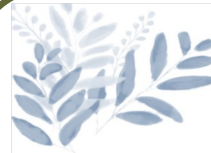
*DEPARTING SONG:
Hymn #261 *chorus Lord of the Dance*
Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

*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,
Morgan Whitehead, Terri
Jarboe, Jo Eckert, Ruby
Wilkerson, Scotti Pitts,
Gretchen Young, June
Regenhold, Brian Price,
Triston, Tegan, Pastor John,
Thelma & Len Robicheaux,
Wyatt Wagner, Mary & Roy,
Roberta & Duncan, Mark
Fear, Kim Stratman, Deanna
Wilson, Kenny Shaw,
Doug Shaw, Laynie Speicher*

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

2023 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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Listening Guide
“Who is Jesus?”
January 28, 2024

Scripture: Luke 9:18-24

Who is Jesus?

_____ **Answer (vs. 18-19)**

_____ **Answer (vs. 20-22)**

_____ **Answer (vs. 23-27)**

Personal Application: As we show Jesus to the world, which version do we show?



Peter's Declaration about Jesus

¹⁸ One day Jesus left the crowds to pray alone. Only his disciples were with him, and he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

¹⁹ "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other ancient prophets risen from the dead."

²⁰ Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

Peter replied, "You are the Messiah sent from God!"

Jesus Predicts His Death

²¹ Jesus warned his disciples not to tell anyone who he was. ²² "The Son of Man must suffer many terrible things," he said. "He will be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He will be killed, but on the third day he will be raised from the dead."

²³ Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. ²⁴ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. ²⁵ And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed? ²⁶ If anyone is ashamed of me and my message, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in his glory and in the glory of the Father and the holy angels. ²⁷ I tell you the truth, some standing here right now will not die before they see the Kingdom of God."

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

