



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

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WELCOME

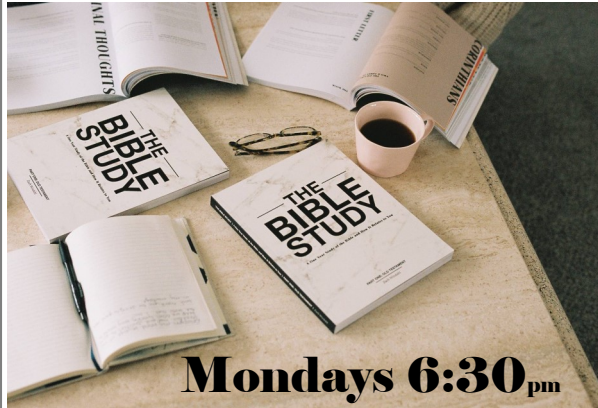
Whoever you are,
and wherever you find yourself
on the journey of faith, you are
welcome to this church as you
are to receive the riches of
God's grace...

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.

4th Sunday after Epiphany January 29, 2023



Mondays 6:30^{pm}



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

Reaching out to help

I live in a community in which it's too easy to go from home to church to the office to the mall and back without ever noticing hardscrabble poverty or people with acute physical needs. But they're there. And a faint but annoying voice, like an itch that's hard to get at, tells me that I should be, too.

"The goal of authentic Christianity," writes theologian Richard Lovelace, "is a love which escapes from a closed circle of spiritual self-indulgence, or even self-improvement, to become absorbed in the love of God and other persons." Holiness should produce service. True faith will be followed by works. All the religious exercises and speech and profession of love in the world mean nothing if they don't result in action. It isn't either/or. The twin commands - love the Lord with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself - sum up the balanced Christian life.

-Ronald E. Wilson in *Stretching the Soul*



**Happy 60th Wedding
Anniversary
Alan & Elizabeth Creamer**

**Vow renewal
February 11, 2023**



**Ceremony @ 1^{pm} Blythe Chapel
Reception following @
Owensville Community Center**

Time to Celebrate!

Thomas Beckett ~ 1st

Rob Beckett ~ 3rd

Ruth Ann Salyer ~ 3rd

Rexanne Robicheaux ~ 4th

Book Of James

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JAMES	ACTION	WISDOM
JUST	PRAYER	JUSTICE
TRIALS	RIGHTEOUS	REBUKE
FAITH	EFFECTIVE	BELIEVE
PERSEVERANCE	POWERFUL	TREMBLE
SPEAK	RELIGION	

FREE 2023
Wall Calendars are
available in the narthex,



courtesy of
Stodhill Funeral Home

**Methodist Mountain
Mission Pick Up
Tuesday, February 7th**



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



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Deliver to:

*-This symbol,
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
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

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

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday

Next Sunday:

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

Complete Schedule @ www.fbfirst.org

Next Sunday's Message:

"James—
Having an
undivided Faith...
Faith and Teaching"
James 3



Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 395

Take time to Be Holy

*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 #393 x2 *Spirit of the Living God*

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 2 NLT

MESSAGE

“James ~ Having an Undivided Faith:
Faith and Works”

*HYMN # 430

O Master, Let me Walk with Thee

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: *Hymn #171

There's Something About That Name

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!

Let all heaven and earth proclaim:

Kings and kingdoms will all pass away,

But there's something about that name!

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



*“Great opportunities to help
others seldom come,
but small ones surround
us every day.”*

—Sally Koch

random
Acts of kindness

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,
Ruth Ann Sokeland*

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.

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Listening Guide
“Faith and Works”
January 29, 2023

Scripture: James Chapter 2

How do faith and works fit together?

In Equal _____ (vs. 1-9)

Law in Proper _____ (vs. 10-13)

Faith Leads to _____ (vs. 14-26)

Personal Application: It’s not faith OR good deeds. It’s both which is counted as righteousness by God. Is this true of you?



James 2 NLT

A Warning against Prejudice

² My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others?

² For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, and another comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. ³ If you give special attention and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, “You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor”—well, ⁴ doesn’t this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by evil motives?

⁵ Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn’t God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren’t they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you dishonor the poor! Isn’t it the rich who oppress you and drag you into court? ⁷ Aren’t they the ones who slander Jesus Christ, whose noble name you bear?

⁸ Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹ But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law.

¹⁰ For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God’s laws. ¹¹ For the same God who said, “You must not commit adultery,” also said, “You must not murder.” So if you murder someone but do not commit adultery, you have still broken the law.

¹² So whatever you say or whatever you do, remember that you will be judged by the law that sets you free. ¹³ There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you.

Faith without Good Deeds Is Dead

¹⁴ What good is it, dear brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but don’t show it by your actions? Can that kind of faith save anyone? ¹⁵ Suppose you see a brother or sister who has no food or clothing, ¹⁶ and you say, “Good-bye and have a good day; stay warm and eat well”—but then you don’t give that person any food or clothing. What good does that do?

¹⁷ So you see, faith by itself isn’t enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless.

¹⁸ Now someone may argue, “Some people have faith; others have good deeds.” But I say, “How can you show me your faith if you don’t have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds.”

¹⁹ You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. ²⁰ How foolish! Can’t you see that faith without good deeds is useless?

²¹ Don’t you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete. ²³ And so it happened just as the Scriptures say: “Abraham believed God, and God counted him as righteous because of his faith.” He was even called the friend of God. ²⁴ So you see, we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone.

²⁵ Rahab the prostitute is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road. ²⁶ Just as the body is dead without breath, so also faith is dead without good works.

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