



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 in Lent **March 14, 2021**



SETTING CAPTIVES FREE

Though St. Patrick's Day has become a secular "holiday," March 17 commemorates the life of a Christian missionary. St. Patrick grew up in a Christian home in Britain but wasn't very devout until he experienced crisis. As a teen, he was captured and sold into slavery in Ireland, escaping after six years. "The Lord opened my unbelieving eyes" in Ireland, Patrick later said. God led him back there, and he converted tribe after tribe to Christianity.

In *Confessio 61*, St. Patrick writes, "I testify in truth and in great joy of heart before God and his holy angels that I never had any other reason for returning to that nation ... except the Gospel and God's promises."



RENEWED:
FINDING HOPE
WHEN YOU DON'T
LIKE YOUR STORY



Mondays @ 6:30pm

April 5th - 26th

Contact Kristi Pflug
asap to reserve
your book.

Cost is \$15.

812-664-1108

New Women's Bible Study ~ a 4 week study on Ruth
by Heather M. Dixon

Tithe & Offerings

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Thank you

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Deaconess Gibson Hospital Auxiliary
will be taking orders for their beautiful
Geranium Sale Fundraiser

beginning now through **April 5th.**

Pickup is April 19,20,21
from 9-3 at Lafayette Park shelter #4.
Cost is \$4.75 each cash or check only.
**To place an order, call or text
Darla Lewis at 812-457-4683.**



The comfort connection

Amid suffering, we might feel alone and wonder what good can come of it. But later we may discover ourselves equipped to serve precisely because of what we experienced.

Writer and civil rights activist James Baldwin stated: "You think your pain and heartbreak are unprecedented ... but then you read. [Books] taught me that the things that tormented me the most were the very things that connected me with all the people who were alive or who had ever been alive." Whether through books or direct human interaction, we often learn that our suffering connects us to other people and that our pain gains meaning by moving us to support someone else who's hurting.

Paul writes of such connection: "Praise be to ... the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4, NIV). May you share the comfort you have received from God with others in pain. As a bonus, along the way you'll realize you're not — and never have been — alone.

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Worship
FROM HOME



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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:



3/14: Margie Beal
3/21: Ruth Ann Salyer



† Indicates location is Blythe Chapel
Ω Indicates location is First UMC

This Sunday: Lent week 4

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

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday: Lent week 5

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

Next Sunday Worship:

Love

LENT 2021

with all your
MIND | HEART | SOUL

"Jesus Prays"

John 17

Lent

Welcome to worship, whether in person or online! May zeal for God's house consume us, as it did Jesus (John 2:17), but remember that the Holy Spirit lives in every human heart.



Rev. John F. Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 369 9:00am *Blessed Assurance*
530 10:30am *Are Ye Able*

*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

PRAYERS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN #420 9:00am *Breathe on Me,
Breath of God*
#534 10:30am *Be Still, My Soul*

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.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *insert*

John 13:1-17

MESSAGE

“Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet”

*HYMN #370 9:00am
#536 10:30am

Victory in Jesus
Precious Name

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn #467 Trust and Obey

*Trust and obey,
for there’s no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.*

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

*THE OFFERING

Please place your tithes and gifts in the offering plates located at any of the three main sanctuary exits.

POSTLUDE

For the safety of all, please take home all items you brought with you and properly dispose of your bulletin, paper mask and other trash.

God's Mercy

*transforms human hearts;
it enables us,
through the experience
of a faithful love,
to become merciful in turn.*

POPE FRANCIS
MESSAGE FOR LENT 2016



Prayer REQUESTS

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

Jane Marginet, Marty Marginet, Joann Davis Fitch, Mark Dillion, Jake Prieshoff, Lynn Prieshoff, Richard & Betty Michel, Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson, Kyle Stone, Joyce Kruse, Lucile Johnson, Poppy Petry, Judy Basham, Thomas Brown, Connie Collins, Linda McKimmy, Bruce Rostron, June Regenhold, Kim, Connie Osborn & Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor

The Family of Brooks Boger



Let's Celebrate

*Jesse Lewis ~ 14th
Shirley Foster ~ 14th
Trianna Teel ~ 14th
Janet McBee ~ 15th
Terry & Diane Marenholtz ~ 15th
McKinlee Marginet ~ 17th
Mason Marginet ~ 17th
Bill & Carla Conklin ~ 18th*

Listening Guide
“Jesus Washes the Disciples’ Feet”
March 14, 2021

Scripture: John 13:1-17

How does Jesus show unconditional love when washing the disciples’ feet? He loved them:

To the _____ End (vs. 1)

In a Menial _____ (vs. 2-5)

In Answering _____ (vs. 6-11)

Through Leadership by _____ (vs. 12-17)

Personal Application: The night in the Upper Room was one of the greatest outpourings of Jesus’ unconditional love on His disciples. Who do we shower with our unconditional love? Are their folks who don’t make the cut? If so, why?

LENT
PRAY + REPENT + FAST

John 13:1-17

Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

¹ Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and return to his Father. He had loved his disciples during his ministry on earth, and now he loved them to the very end. ² It was time for supper, and the devil had already prompted Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray Jesus. ³ Jesus knew that the Father had given him authority over everything and that he had come from God and would return to God. ⁴ So he got up from the table, took off his robe, wrapped a towel around his waist, ⁵ and poured water into a basin. Then he began to wash the disciples' feet, drying them with the towel he had around him.

⁶ When Jesus came to Simon Peter, Peter said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

⁷ Jesus replied, "You don't understand now what I am doing, but someday you will."

⁸ "No," Peter protested, "you will never ever wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "Unless I wash you, you won't belong to me."

⁹ Simon Peter exclaimed, "Then wash my hands and head as well, Lord, not just my feet!"

¹⁰ Jesus replied, "A person who has bathed all over does not need to wash, except for the feet, to be entirely clean. And you disciples are clean, but not all of you." ¹¹ For Jesus knew who would betray him. That is what he meant when he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹² After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing?" ¹³ You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. ¹⁴ And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. ¹⁵ I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. ¹⁶ I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them.

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

Thanks be to God!



Holy Week

Palm Sunday ~ March 28th

9:00_{am} ~ Blythe Chapel
10:30_{am} ~ Fort Branch First
& Live Streaming

Holy Thursday ~ April 1st

7:00_{pm} ~ Communion
@ Fort Branch First & Live Streaming

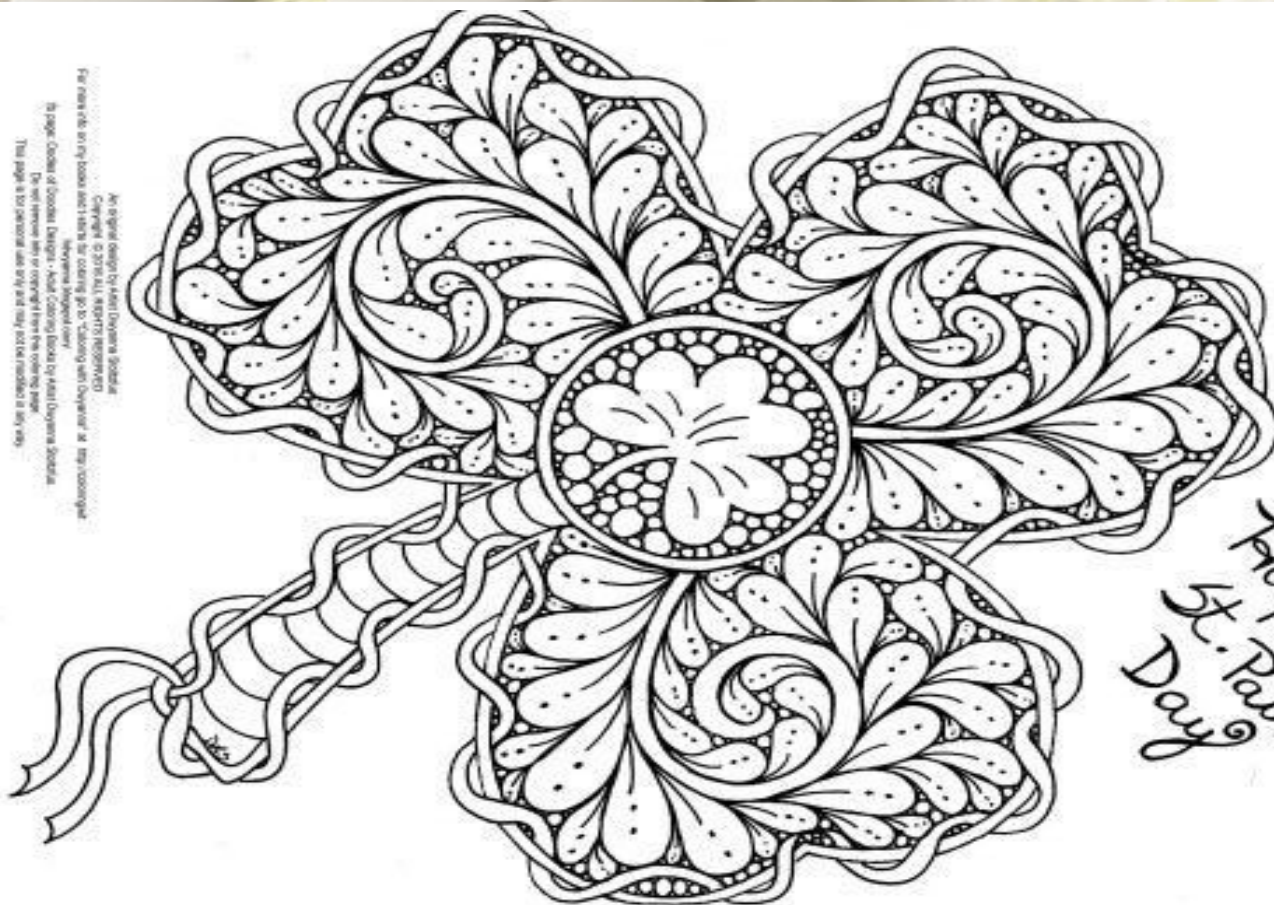
Good Friday ~ April 2nd

6_{am}-6_{pm} ~ 12 Hour Prayer Vigil

Easter Sunday ~ April 4th

7:00_{am} ~ Sunrise Service w/Communion
@ Blythe Chapel
w/ Easter Egg Hunt following

9:00_{am} ~ Easter Worship Service
w/Communion & Live Stream
@ Fort Branch First



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Happy
St. Patrick's
Day