



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.

5th Sunday of Easter May 7, 2023

CLASS OF 2023

*We will be acknowledging the
achievements of all the
graduates in our
congregations on*

Sunday, June 4th

*during worship. We don't
want to leave anyone out!*

*If you have a student
graduating either Jr. High,
High School, or college, please
inform Heather Scott, Laura
Nurrenbern, Melissa Foster or
Pastor John*

FINAL EXAMS

A 96-year-old lady was a faithful attendant at my women's Bible studies. She came with her lessons prepared and knew all the answers. One day a tactless member asked her, "Why do you work so hard on these lessons when you're so old and it doesn't matter?" Little Bess Elkins looked up and said confidently, "I'm cramming for my finals."



—Florence Littauer, *Women's Devotional Bible*



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Baby Shower

HONORING

Shelby (Baylor) Workman

May | 13 | 2023

10:00am

First Christian Church Indoor Shelter House
2845 Beaumont Drive, Evansville, IN

Registered on Amazon

Please RSVP to: Rachel Smith, 812-457-8289

PREPARE TO BE EMPOWERED

Contrary to common perception, Jesus' disciples weren't frightened and hiding during the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost. Instead, they were actively preparing for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. They "all joined together constantly in prayer" (Acts 1:14, NIV) and took steps to replace Judas.

After that inward focus, the disciples were ready to boldly burst forth on Pentecost, empowered and "enabled" (Acts 2:4) by the Spirit. They proclaimed Christ's death and resurrection, leading 3,000 people to faith that day, now known as the church's birthday.

"A great wave of faith and love swept through this newborn community," writes Suzanne de Dietrich in *Free Men*. "These Christians could not keep silent. Their joyful liberty had broken down all the walls behind which people would like to keep them; no prison could silence them."



July 29, 2023

the elements, the pastor apologized to congregants, explaining that his hands were washed but just stained. Years later, Purdum reflected: "Now that I have a fuller grasp of theology under my belt, I think a better thing for me to say would have been, 'Nobody comes to Communion with clean hands.'"

We're all unworthy to receive Jesus' body and blood, but that's exactly why he offers it. Thanks be to God for redeeming and forgiving us — wiping away the stain of our sins!

—adapted from *The Wired Word*

COME AS YOU ARE

As a young pastor, Stan Purdum de-husked black walnuts one Saturday, not realizing his hands would be badly stained. They looked filthy, he recalls, and the marks would not wash off; they'd have to wear off. Then Purdum realized he'd be serving Holy Communion the next day.

Before distributing

Give To
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★ PARTICIPATE IN WHAT GOD IS DOING ★
Live Generously








Because of generous donations already received in 2023, each of these missions received \$350 from the **Faith Promise Fund**.

Thank You!!



Methodist Women's Group

Next meeting on
Saturday, May 13th @ 9am
All women of the church are invited.

Cold Sodas in the church kitchen fridge, hot drink station and the snack counter in fellowship hall all benefit the 8th

Annual Back
to School
Bash.





celebrate!

Curtis McCoy ~ 7th
Sonya Teel ~ 10th

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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

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

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

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday

9:00am Ω Methodist Women

10:00 am Shelby Workman
Baby Shower

Next Sunday: Mother's Day

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Complete Schedule @
www.fbfirst.org

Next Sunday's Message:

*Peter's Restoration,
Part 2*



Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #127 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

*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 #407

Close to Thee

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Derek Robicheaux ~ Marvelous Light

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 21:1-14 NLT

MESSAGE

"Peter's Restoration, Part 1"

Come to the Table



THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

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 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE SERVING OF THE BODY AND BLOOD

In this church, all are welcome to the Lord's Table.

*HYMN #128 *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought*

*BLESSING Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD
Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: *At Calvary*

*Mercy there was great,
and grace was free;
Pardon there was multiplied to me;
There my burdened soul
found liberty, At Calvary.*

*PASSING THE PEACE:
Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE

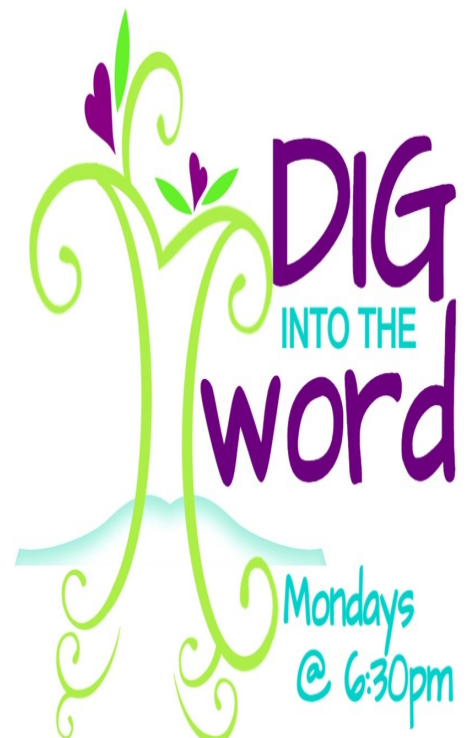


PRAYER list

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

*Jane Marginet, 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, June Regenhold,
Margie Beal, Lesa Prater, Brian
Price, Roger & Nancy Jones,
Kathy Trowbridge, Triston, Tegan*

*The family of Amy Casavant
The family of Dennis Woolston*



John 21: 1-14 NLT

Epilogue: Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

²¹ Later, Jesus appeared again to the disciples beside the Sea of Galilee. This is how it happened. ² Several of the disciples were there—Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin) Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples.

³ Simon Peter said, “I’m going fishing.”

“We’ll come, too,” they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.

⁴ At dawn Jesus was standing on the beach, but the disciples couldn’t see who he was. ⁵ He called out, “Fellows, have you caught any fish?”

“No,” they replied.

⁶ Then he said, “Throw out your net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you’ll get some!” So they did, and they couldn’t haul in the net because there were so many fish in it.

⁷ Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It’s the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his tunic (for he had stripped for work), jumped into the water, and headed to shore. ⁸ The others stayed with the boat and pulled the loaded net to the shore, for they were only about a hundred yards from shore. ⁹ When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.

¹⁰ “Bring some of the fish you’ve just caught,” Jesus said. ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore. There were 153 large fish, and yet the net hadn’t torn.

¹² “Now come and have some breakfast!” Jesus said. None of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish. ¹⁴ This was the third time Jesus had appeared to his disciples since he had been raised from the dead.

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

Thanks be to God!

Listening Guide
“Peter’s Restoration Part 1”
May 7, 2023

Scripture: John 21:1-14

How does this appearance of Jesus reinforce their faith?

They Trusted _____ **(vs. 1-6)**

_____ **(vs. 7-9)**

Beyond _____ **(vs. 10-14)**

Personal Application: The disciples’ faith seems to increase with each encounter with Jesus. Can you say the same? Can you give examples?



I Will Serve Thee 499

WILLIAM J. AND GLORIA GAITHER

It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Col. 3:24

WILLIAM J. GAITHER

I will serve Thee be - cause I love Thee, You have giv - en

The first system of the song features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

life to me; I was noth - ing be - fore You found me,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

You have giv - en life to me. Heart - aches, bro - ken

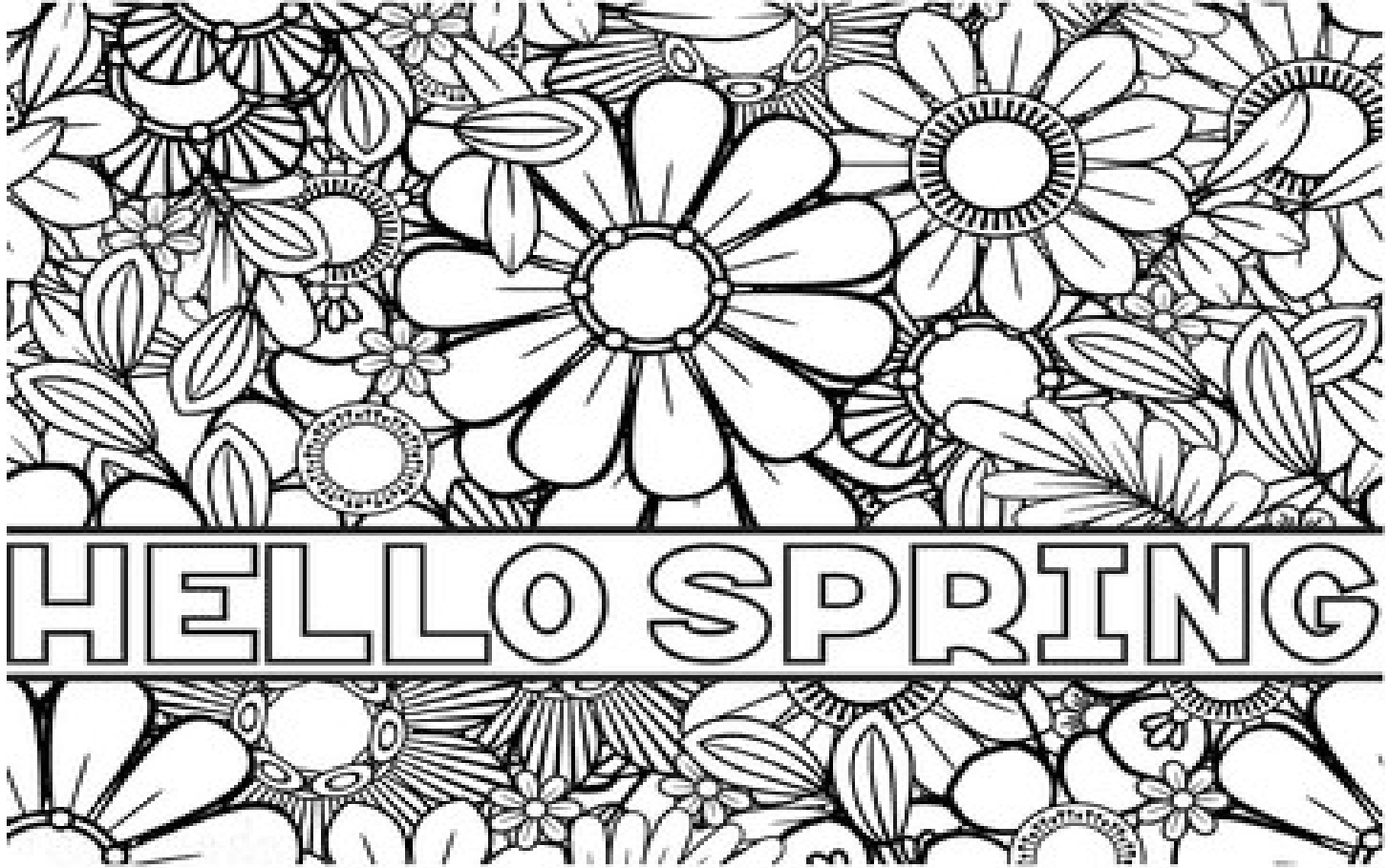
The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

piec - es, Ru - ined lives are why You died on Cal - vary; Your touch

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

was what I longed for, You have giv - en life to me.

The fifth system concludes the song with a final cadence. The lyrics are written below the notes.



Christian

G E T R I S E N F R O M T H E G R A V E M D E T
U E L P I C S I D T E U H T A P T H G I A R T S
E P P O T D W Z Z O C N D E M E E D E R B A O X
I E A S V C D A M S S I K T B B N L N P P Q S
E I C J O E X D N Q T H O R N S P X E G W E H O
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| Amen | canceled debt | christian | conquerer | crown |
| dance | died | disciple | eyes of love | faith |
| Father | forgiven | for saken | free | good shepherd |
| Hallelujah | happy | heart | heaven | held |
| Holy Spirit | I Am | Jesus | joy | justified |
| King | kiss | loved | Praise | redeemed |
| ridiculed | risen from the grave | sanctified | saved | Shout |
| Sing | soldiers | Son | spikes | straight path |
| suffer | thorns | | | |