



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.

23rd Sunday after Pentecost November 13, 2022

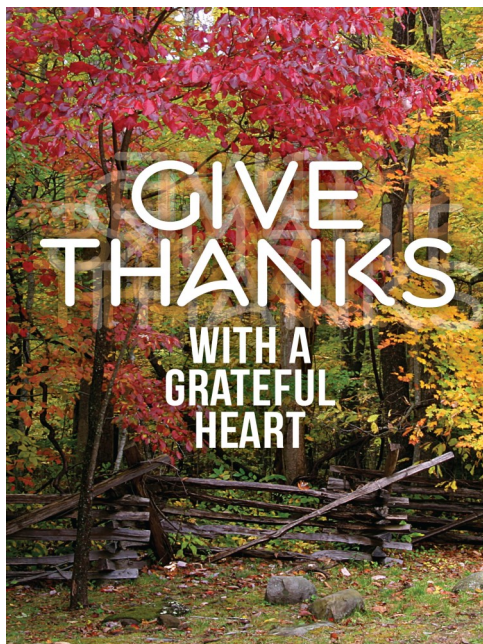
The company you keep

At a concert, a Christian musician talked about growing up in the South, saying his accent was a giveaway. Then he described his relationship with Jesus, noting that he spends lots of time in God's Word. By "hanging out with Jesus," he said, he has "picked up Jesus' accent." Just as people know he's from the South because of how his voice sounds, they know he follows Christ through his actions and words.

Proverbs 13:20 emphasizes that the company you keep can greatly influence you, for better or worse. Imagine the impact we can have on other people by hanging out with Jesus more!

Dear God, we invite you into our daily lives. Hang out in our hearts and minds so that when people see and hear us, they'll know whose we are. Amen.

—Julie Lee



**GIVE
THANKS
WITH A
GRATEFUL
HEART**

Dear Church Families-

Thank you to both congregations for your expressions of love extended to my family and I during Pastor Appreciation Month. Ministry has its joys and its challenges. It has been and continues to be an honor to serve among you. May God richly bless you.

Blessings,
Pastor John
Thank you!

Fort Branch First UMC is a drop off location!!

NOV. 14-21
National Collection Week

PACK A SHOEBOX Samaritan's Purse INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

Enter through fellowship hall on East side of building from the large parking lot.

MONDAY, November 14, 2022.... 10:00AM - 12:00PM

TUESDAY, November 15, 2022.... 5:00PM - 7:00PM

WEDNESDAY, November 16, 2022.... 5:00PM - 7:00PM

THURSDAY, November 17, 2022.... 2:00PM - 4:00PM

FRIDAY, November 18, 2022.... 2:00PM-4:00PM

SATURDAY, November 19, 2022.... 2:00PM-4:00PM

SUNDAY, November 20, 2022.... 2:00PM-4:00PM

MONDAY, November 21, 2022.... 10:00AM-12:00PM
VOLUNTEERS with heavy lifting ability and trucks for transporting @ 3:00PM

Autumn
Blessings
Christian
Gratitude
Prayers
Gobble
Pumpkin
Friends
Gathering
Respect
Grateful
Holiday
Platter
Turkey
Feast
Cranberry
Tradition
Worship
Colonist
November
Family
Apple

Christian Thanksgiving Word Search



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"We're grateful for the checks, but in order for us to cash them, you'll have to make them out to the church, not to 'The Big Guy Upstairs.'"

Time to Celebrate!

Jeanie Cardinal ~ 14th

Alan Creamer ~ 15th

Zach Nurrenbern ~ 16th

Kurt Stone ~ 18th

Derek & Rexanne

Robicheaux ~ 18th

Our disarming God

We want the war horse. Jesus rides a donkey.

We want the eagle. The Holy Spirit descends as a dove.

We want to take up swords. Jesus takes up a cross.

We want the roaring lion. God comes as a slaughtered lamb.

We keep trying to arm God. God keeps trying to disarm us.
—Rev. Benjamin Cremer



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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.



† 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 ~
6:30 pm Ω Women's 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

Next Sunday:



Grateful
Living

Colossians 3:1-12, NLT



Rev. John F. Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

***THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US**

***HYMN #89** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*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 *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

Philippians 4:2-9 NLT

MESSAGE

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

*HYMN #98

To God Be the Glory

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: *Hymn #186 *Alleluia*

Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



A good contagion

Thanksgiving is key in Christian prayer, but often our requests outweigh our thanks. By contrast, 85% of prayers in the Jewish prayerbook are blessings of thanks, according to Rabbi Evan Moffic. Noting that the Hebrew word for a Jewish person — *Yehudah* — means “one who is grateful,” he states, “Gratitude is at the core of how Jews pray.”

Someone once asked Moffic if he might know about a blessing he’d overheard at a restaurant. After a man proposed to his girlfriend and she said yes, he walked quietly to a corner, put on a yarmulke (a sacred Jewish head covering worn in prayer) and spoke a blessing. His fiancé teared up. The rabbi said the prayer was surely this: “Blessed are you, O God, sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us and for enabling us to reach this joy-filled moment.”

Why was this person so interested? “I am planning to propose to my girlfriend,” he shared with Moffic, “and I want to say this prayer with her.” Unbeknownst to the newly engaged pair, their gratitude transformed another couple’s life. When we give thanks to God, not only is our faith strengthened but our thanksgiving may inspire others. Gratitude is contagious!

—Heidi Hyland Mann

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER REQUESTS

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,
Derek Barton, Jo Eckert,
Ruby Wilkerson, Terri Jarboe,
Scotti Pitts, Deanna Wilson,
Jeff Gentry, Patti Knowles,
Austin, Don Colvin, Gretchen,
Effie Dilbeck, Ida Miller,
Debra Stephenson, Lizzy.
Riley Bryant, Marcy Marvel
The Family of Lynn Prieshoff
The Family Chris Small*

Fort Branch United Methodist Church Family Traditional Caroling

Come celebrate the birth of Jesus with us by singing traditional carols and Christmas songs.

Carry-in dinner to follow.

Sign-up to sing or hear all of your favorites and to tell us what food you would like to bring.



Saturday, December 17th | 3:00pm
Fort Branch United Methodist Church

Listening Guide
“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”
November 13, 2022



Scripture: Philippians 4:2-9

What are the ingredients of a grateful heart?

_____ **Relationships (vs. 2-3)**

_____ **(vs. 4-5)**

Avoid _____ **(vs. 6-7)**

Focus on _____ **(vs. 8-9)**

Personal Application: What are you doing to achieve thankfulness more often than just during the last Thursday of November?

Philippians 4:2-9, NLT

Words of Encouragement

² Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche. Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement. ³ And I ask you, my true partner, to help these two women, for they worked hard with me in telling others the Good News. They worked along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are written in the Book of Life.

⁴ Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! ⁵ Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

⁸ And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. ⁹ Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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

Thanks be to God!

