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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*.

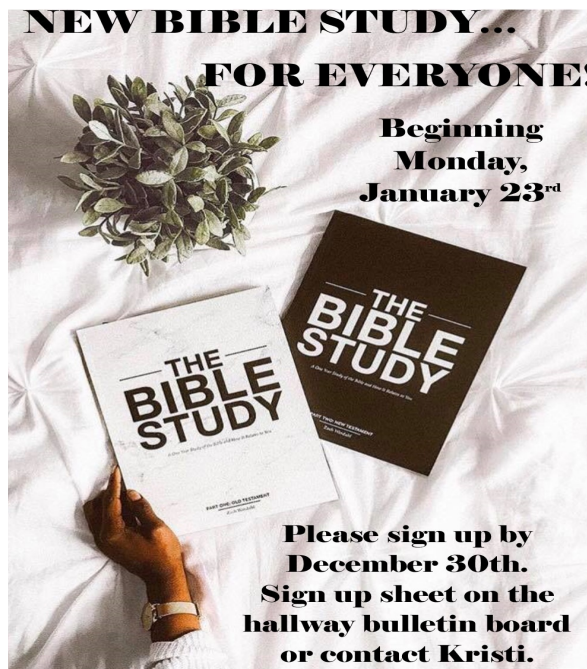
This weekly publication is provided to show
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.

Christ the King Sunday November 20, 2022

NEW BIBLE STUDY...

FOR EVERYONE!

Beginning
Monday,
January 23rd



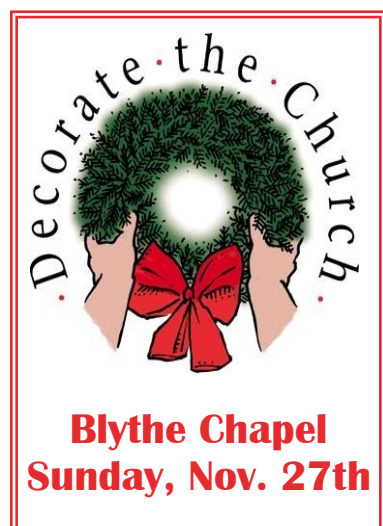
Please sign up by
December 30th.
Sign up sheet on the
hallway bulletin board
or contact Kristi.

From scarcity to abundance

Author Parker Palmer recounted being stuck on a storm-grounded airplane for hours. Though it was lunchtime, meals weren't available, and passengers grew irritable. One flight attendant apologized for the delay, expressing empathy for people's stress, and then passed around two breadbaskets, asking everyone to contribute something.

"Some of you brought snacks to tide you over, and some of you have a few LifeSavers or chewing gum," she said. "And if you don't have anything edible, you have a picture of your children or spouse ... or a bookmark or a business card." Then, she said, "we'll pass the baskets around again, and everyone can take out what they need."

Complaints soon ceased, Palmer recalled, as passengers searched for items and stopped focusing on themselves. The plane became a community of sharing as scarcity and deprivation transformed into abundance and joy.



Thanksgiving Word Search

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

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Y G G N G B R C H U R C H B R G E Y O K
E L B A T O U A A G E R F E G N T L B A
T R E S S E D U T Z R E V B N I H I B B
Y W N C T N T F Z I L O G I I S G M L G
Y A D S R U H T C L T R D C V S U A E A
P H Q O M M S W O F A U E X I E A F J P
P V C N V E O W E V I P D B G L L X E K
R U C G V U S L Y X E G N E M B M D S V
F D M R N H T D G S L V O N F E V P U L
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I T L X G D Q B O I K B I I I E C H T G
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Y U M V T L Q G A E K Y W Q N I U P R M

Word Bank

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|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| AUTUMN | FEAST | GOD | LEFTOVERS | PRaise | TRADITION |
| BAKE | FELLOWSHIP | GRATITUDE | LOVE | PRAYERS | TURKEY |
| BLESSINGS | FRIENDS | GRAVY | NAP | PUMPKIN | WORSHIP |
| CHRIST | GATHERING | HARVEST | NOVEMBER | SHARING | YUM |
| CHRISTIAN | GIVING | JESUS | PARADE | TABLE | |
| CHURCH | GOBBLE | LAUGHTER | PIE | THURSDAY | |



Pastor John & Staff Christmas Gifts

will be given the week of Christmas. Anyone wishing to participate should mail their contribution either to the church office or Don Steinmetz
253 E 750 S
Fort Branch, IN 47648.

You may also give them to Don in person or place in the offering plate by December 18th.



trees in spring and autumn, for the witness of the leafless trees through the winter, teaching us that death is sleep and not destruction, for the sweetness of flowers and the scent of hay. Truly, oh Lord, the earth is full of thy riches!"

King concludes: "And yet how much more I will thank and praise God for the strength of my body enabling me to work, for the refreshment of sleep, for my daily bread, for the days of painless health, for the gift of my mind and the gift of my conscience, for his loving guidance of my mind ever since it first began to think, and of my heart ever since it first began to love."

Time to Celebrate!

J.T. Baylor ~ 20th

Brian Prater ~ 20th

Bryan & Terri Hobbs ~ 21st

Alec Steinmetz ~ 21st

Elisabeth & Javier Canizo ~ 22nd

Steve & Terri Jarboe ~ 26th

Gratitude galore

If you've ever kept a gratitude journal, you know they're fairly easy to fill. Edward King, an English bishop known for working with the poor, may not have had a fancy journal. But these words evoke such a list: "I will thank God ... for the glory of the thunder, for the mystery of music, the singing of birds and the laughter of children. ... for the awe of the sunset, the beauty of flowers, the smile of friendship and the look of love ... for the leaves on the

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*-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 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 ~
Tuesday: ~ Office Closed ~
Wednesday: ~ Office Closed ~
Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~
Friday: ~ Office Closed ~
Saturday:

Next Sunday: 1st Advent Sunday

9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:00am † Hanging of the
Greens
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Next Sunday:



Rev. John F. Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 189 9:00am *Fairest Lord Jesus*
#2149 10:30 am *Living for Jesus*

*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 #156 9:00am *I Love to Tell the Story*
#2158 10:30am *Just a closer Walk*
with 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.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC Derek Robicheaux ~
Gentle Shepherd

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Colossians 3:1-12, NLT*

MESSAGE *"Grateful Living"*

THANKSGIVING



COMMUNION

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 #157 9:00am
#2152 10:30am

Jesus Shall Reign
Change My Heart, O God

*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

H A P P Y
Thanksgiving

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*

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
“Grateful Living”
November 20, 2022

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17

What are the fruits of gratitude?

_____ of Gratitude

_____ Expressions of Gratitude

_____ Expressions of Gratitude

Personal Application: When was the last time you said those two little words, “thank you?” Don’t wait until Thursday, tell someone, at least one person per day “thank you” for something they have done for you, or for just being who they are. And, thank God each day for His love for you.

Colossians 3:7-12, NLT

Living the New Life

³ Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. ² Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. ³ For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory. ⁵ So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don't be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world. ⁶ Because of these sins, the anger of God is coming. ⁷ You used to do these things when your life was still part of this world. ⁸ But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language. ⁹ Don't lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. ¹⁰ Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him. ¹¹ In this new life, it doesn't matter if you are a Jew or a Gentile, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbaric, uncivilized, slave, or free. Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us. ¹² Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

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

Thanks be to God!



CHRISTMAS CANDY, COOKIES & GOODIES TRAYS

DECEMBER 11TH

Pre-order or day of sales.

Small \$15 Large \$30

We will have some items for sale individually also.



Christmas Poinsettia Orders

If you would like to help decorate and grace the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas with a poinsettia *In Honor of* or *In Memory of* someone, please fill out the order blank and place (with money) in the offering plate or mail it to the church at: PO Box 116, Fort Branch, IN 47648

We request you leave the plants until the Christmas Eve/Morning Service, and then take them home with you. We are offering red poinsettias in a 6" pot, approximately 12-18 inches tall with 4-5 blooms per plant for **\$22.00**.

Sunday, December 4th is the last day to order.

In Memory of / In Honor of (please circle one):

From: _____

Total Number of Poinsettias _____

