



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.

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost      October 10, 2021

Blythe Chapel's Annual Weenie Roast

October 23<sup>rd</sup>  
@ 5:00pm



Fun for all...chili, wiener roast, fish sandwiches  
& marshmallows provided.

Bring your own drinks and lawn chairs and join in!

Sunday,  
October 31<sup>st</sup>



There will be a table in the  
Narthex with lots of treat bags  
ready to be filled with some Halloween goodies you would  
like to share. Be sure to grab a filled treat bag on your way  
to the Charge Conference meeting at 11:45 am.


Some ideas to trick or treat us with:

- Candy 🐛 Individual package of snacks, granola bars, etc
  - 🐛 Pocket tissues
  - 🐛 Something homemade / handmade
  - 🐛 Small trinket
  - 🐛 \$100 bills...
- just kidding, just making sure you are reading this!

**CHARGE CONFERENCE**

Sunday, 2021 @ 11:45am  
October 31st FB First

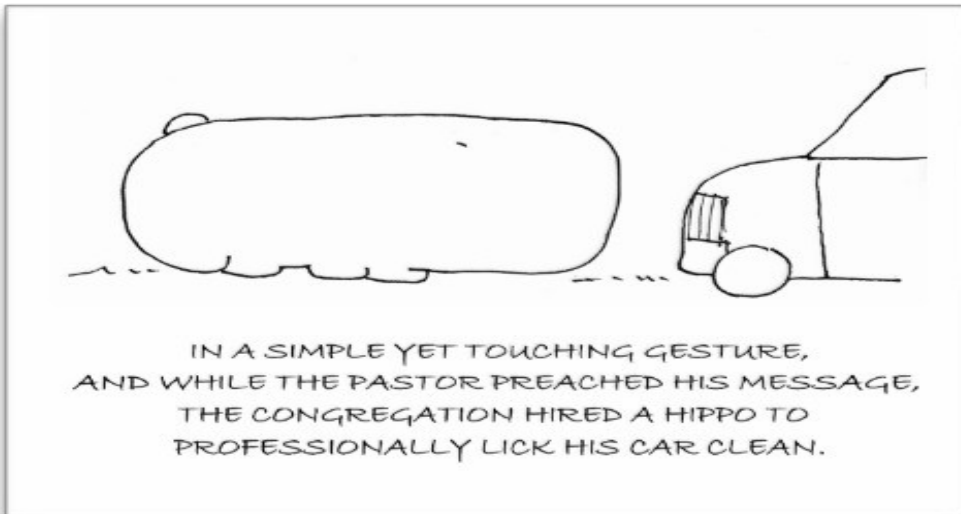


**PASTOR**  
not a miracle worker  
but I can lead you to  
**SOMEONE**  
**WHO IS** 

**Methodist Mountain Mission**  
**Pick Up**  
**Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**



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



*October*  
**Celebrations**  
*Cori Pflug ~ 13th*  
*Larry Beal ~ 13th*  
*Linda & Shane Springer ~ 13th*  
*Fred Stephenson ~ 15th*

Fort Branch First UMC  
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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.

Nursery  
Attendant:



10/10 : Jenni Schleiter  
10/17 : Ali Beal-Edwards

† 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 Women's Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

9:00am Charge Conference  
Submission Deadline

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

### Next Sunday:

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

Next Sunday Worship:

**"Exceptional Courage"**

1 Samuel 17:32-51



# Welcome



**Rev. John Baylor, Jr.**

### PRELUDE



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

\*HYMN #577 9:00am *God of Grace and God of Glory*  
#140 10:30am *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

### \*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 # 474 9:00am *Precious Lord,  
Take My Hand*  
#143 10:30am *On Eagle's Wings*

### 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

2 Chronicles 7:11-18

MESSAGE

*“Returning to God”*

\*HYMN #399 9:00am  
#144 10:30am

*Take My Life, and Let It Be  
This Is My Father’s World*

\*BLESSING

Pastor

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

\*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn #95

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

*Amen.*

\*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



*Prayer Requests*

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

*Jane Marginet, Jake Prieshoff,  
Lynn Prieshoff, Richard & Betty  
Michel, Becca Manolov,  
Carla Jackson, Kyle Stone,  
Joyce Kruse, Poppy Petry,  
Judy Basham, Connie Collins,  
Linda McKimmy, Kim, Connie  
Osborn, Tommy Osborn,  
Alec Taylor, Connie Dunn,  
Aimee Emmons, Morgan  
Whitehead, Lisa & Bill,  
Linda Reed, Ryan Steele,  
Al & Elizabeth Rostron,  
John Boss, Marry Wallace*

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*Prayers of  
GRATITUDE*

*Hand of God  
IN MY LIFE*

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**Listening Guide**  
**“Returning to God”**  
**October 10, 2021**

**Scripture:** 2 Chronicles 7:11-18

**How do God’s people return to Him?**

**Put God** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Take** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Follow** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Personal Application:** Where do we stand? What do our personal relationships with Jesus really look like? Are we all we can be for Him? Is He really first? Do we need to take action? Are we walking faithfully with Him?

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## 2 Chronicles 7:11-18 NLT

### The LORD's Response to Solomon

<sup>11</sup> So Solomon finished the Temple of the LORD, as well as the royal palace. He completed everything he had planned to do in the construction of the Temple and the palace. <sup>12</sup> Then one night the LORD appeared to Solomon and said,

"I have heard your prayer and have chosen this Temple as the place for making sacrifices. <sup>13</sup> At times I might shut up the heavens so that no rain falls, or command grasshoppers to devour your crops, or send plagues among you. <sup>14</sup> Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. <sup>15</sup> My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to every prayer made in this place. <sup>16</sup> For I have chosen this Temple and set it apart to be holy—a place where my name will be honored forever. I will always watch over it, for it is dear to my heart.

<sup>17</sup> "As for you, if you faithfully follow me as David your father did, obeying all my commands, decrees, and regulations, <sup>18</sup> then I will establish the throne of your dynasty. For I made this covenant with your father, David, when I said, 'One of your descendants will always rule over Israel.'

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

*Thanks be to God!*

