



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.

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost                      October 15, 2023



For the glory of God

In 1 Corinthians 10:23 Paul quotes a maxim apparently well known in Corinth at the time — “All things are permitted” — but then qualifies it: “not all things are beneficial [or] build up.” What if we applied his words to our decisions? For example, should we enjoy a cigarette if we’re old enough to do so legally but others present have struggled to quit? Technically, it would be “permitted” to have a smoke, but it might not “build up” or be “beneficial” for others nearby.

What if we know it’s not *necessary* to say prayers every night, but we’re teaching a child habits of the faith? Although skipping prayers a few nights a week is “permitted” because it won’t make or break *our* faith, maintaining that routine — in shorter form if everyone is exhausted — may help “build up” the child spiritually.

What if we *all*, by God’s help, made it a habit to “not seek [our] own advantage but that of the other” — to do all, as Paul writes, “for the glory of God” (vv. 24, 31)? From minor daily choices, to how we vote, to how we use our money and resources, to much more, it could make a huge difference! Surely, Paul believed so. —Heidi Hyland Mann

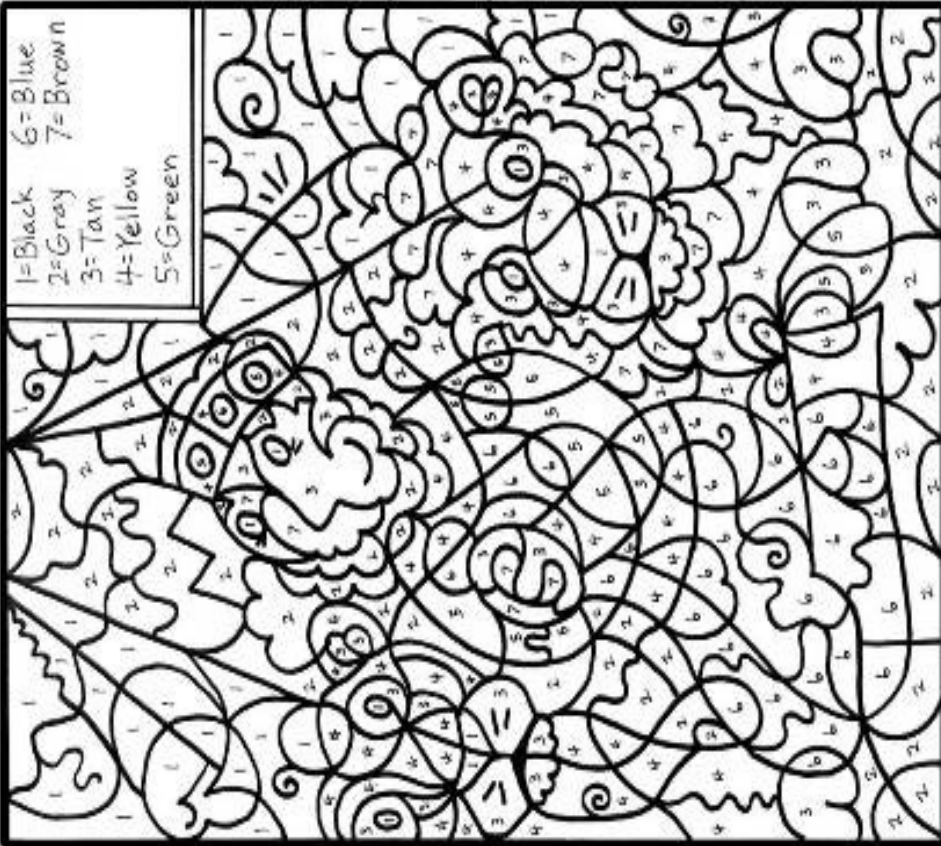
Blythe Chapel's Annual Weenie Roast

October 21<sup>st</sup>

@ 5:00pm



Fun for all...  
chili, wiener roast,  
& marshmallows provided.  
Bring your own drinks and lawn  
chairs and join in!



**Fort Branch First  
Annual Incorporation  
Meeting @ 11:30am  
TODAY**

**10/17/23 Charge Conference  
completed Packet  
SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

**10/27/23 Charge Conference  
approved packet  
SIGNATURE PAGE  
submission deadline**

**2024  
CHARGE  
CONFERENCE  
Sun., Nov. 5th,  
2pm via Zoom**

**Crue Austin Moskos**

October 10th

Trevor & Alysa and Gracelyn  
Shawn & Darrin and Zella & Bill

*Blessed*



*Fred Stephenson ~ 15th  
Dakota & Addi Englehardt ~ 17th  
Kaitlin Nurrenbern ~ 18th  
Jenni Schleter ~ 19th  
Carla Conklin ~ 19th  
Alizebeth Woehler ~ 21st*

**Methodist Mountain Mission  
Pick Up  
Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**



*Shoebboxes!*

Shoebboxes available now  
For pick up @  
Fort Branch First UMC  
Fellowship hall

Fort Branch First UMC  
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## THIS WEEK *At Church*

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

### This Sunday:

9:00am † *Worship*  
10:30am Ω *Worship & Live  
streaming worship*  
11:30am Ω *ANNUAL  
INC. MEETING*

Monday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

6:30pm Ω *Bible Study*

Tuesday: *Charge Conference  
submission DEADLINE*

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

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

Complete Schedule @  
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Welcome to worship. God has been, and is, our dwelling place "from everlasting to everlasting" (Psalm 90:1-2). Let us praise God, our eternal home, together.

# WELCOME

*Rev. John Baylor, Jr.*

### PRELUDE

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

**\*HYMN #**

### \*GREETING AND PRAYER

*We offer a cordial greeting to all worshippers 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 #**

### 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.**



**CHILDRENS MOMENT**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC**

Anita Baylor & Derek Robicheaux ~ *It Is Well*

**\*SCRIPTURE LESSON**

*Daniel 6:11-18 NLT*

**MESSAGE**

*"Faith in the Lions Den, Part 2"*

**\*HYMN #**

**\*BLESSING**

Pastor

**\*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD**

Acolytes

**\*DEPARTING SONG:**

Hymn

**Will You Let Me Be Your Servant**

*Will you let me be your servant?*

*Let me be as Christ to you?*

*Pray that I may have the grace to*

*Let you be my servant, too.*

**\*PASSING THE PEACE:**

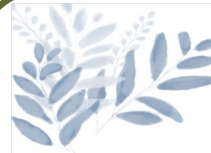
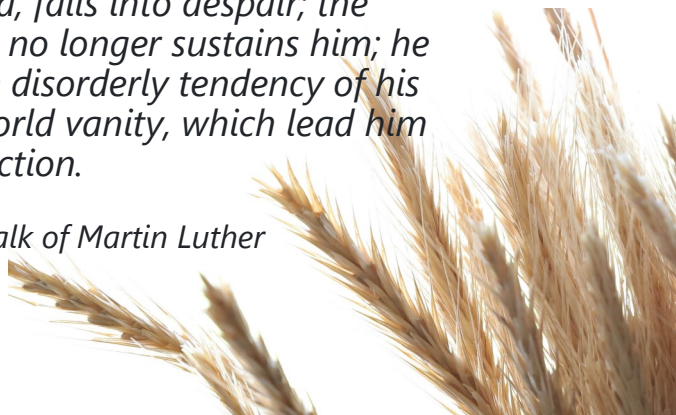
*Let us greet one another with the peace of God.*

**POSTLUDE**



**JOY IN THE WORD OF GOD** Oh! how great and glorious a thing it is to have before one the Word of God! With that we may at all times feel joyous and secure; we need never be in want of consolation, for we see before us, in all its brightness, the pure and right way. He who loses sight of the Word of God, falls into despair; the voice of heaven no longer sustains him; he follows only the disorderly tendency of his heart, and of world vanity, which lead him on to his destruction.

—The Table Talk of Martin Luther



**Friends  
needing  
prayers**

*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, Morgan Whitehead, Terri Jarboe, Derek Barton, Jo Eckert, Ruby Wilkerson, Scotti Pitts,, Gretchen Young, June Regenhold, Brian Price, Triston, Tegan, Chad Windell, Pastor John, Thelma & Len Robicheaux, Wyatt Wagner, Jared Huey, Kathy Trowbridge, TJ Lewis, Mary & Roy Israel  
The family of Daniel Riggs*



The prayers, cards, messages, and the meal after dad's service was very much appreciated. He really missed his church family as his health declined. Much love to you all, Crystal, George and Sharon

## Daniel 6:11-18 NLT

<sup>11</sup> Then the officials went together to Daniel's house and found him praying and asking for God's help. <sup>12</sup> So they went straight to the king and reminded him about his law. "Did you not sign a law that for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human—except to you, Your Majesty—will be thrown into the den of lions?"

"Yes," the king replied, "that decision stands; it is an official law of the Medes and Persians that cannot be revoked."

<sup>13</sup> Then they told the king, "That man Daniel, one of the captives from Judah, is ignoring you and your law. He still prays to his God three times a day."

<sup>14</sup> Hearing this, the king was deeply troubled, and he tried to think of a way to save Daniel. He spent the rest of the day looking for a way to get Daniel out of this predicament.

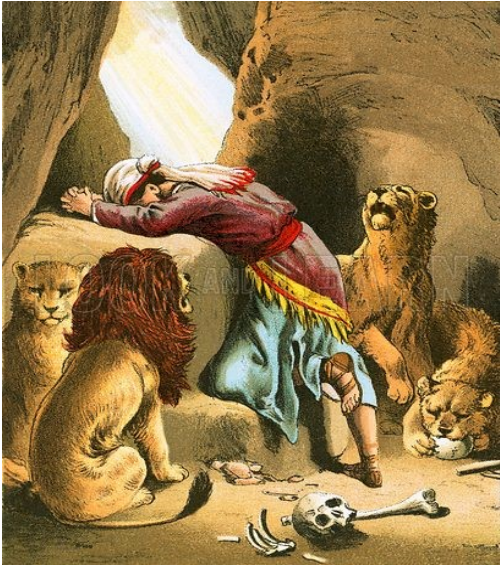
<sup>15</sup> In the evening the men went together to the king and said, "Your Majesty, you know that according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, no law that the king signs can be changed."

<sup>16</sup> So at last the king gave orders for Daniel to be arrested and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to him, "May your God, whom you serve so faithfully, rescue you."

<sup>17</sup> A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den. The king sealed the stone with his own royal seal and the seals of his nobles, so that no one could rescue Daniel. <sup>18</sup> Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night fasting. He refused his usual entertainment and couldn't sleep at all that night.

RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.  
*Thanks be to God!*

**Listening Guide**  
**“Faith in the Lion’s Den – Part 2”**  
**October 15, 2023**



**Scripture:** Daniel 6:11-18

**How is faith demonstrated around the den?**

**Daniel’s \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 11-13)**

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**The King’s \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 14-15)**

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**Places Daniel Where He \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 16-18)**

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**Personal Application:** Daniel paid a huge price for his faith because the king was tricked. Have you ever paid a high price for your faith? What was that like?

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