



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.

16th Sunday after Pentecost **September 12, 2021**

Seamless
Understanding the
Bible as One Complete Story

Women's Study Group

Next 7 Mondays @ 6:30pm



Serving 10-10:30am

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PULLED PORK BBQ

FUNDRAISER

Sat., Sept 18th
4-7pm

First UM Church 100 W. Vine Street, Fort Branch

Pulled Pork Dinner
with all the trimmings

\$9/ Adults
\$5/ ages 8 and under

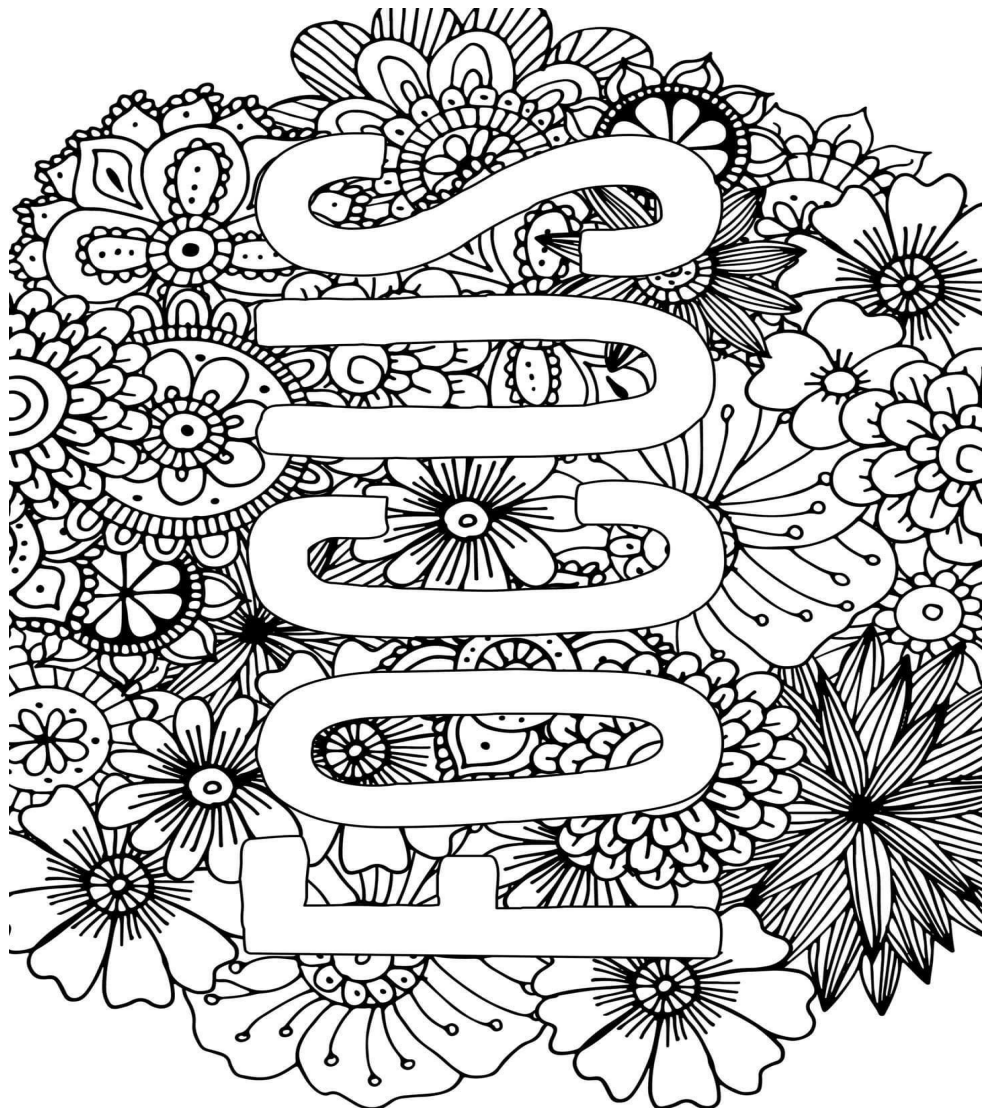
Proceeds to benefit: *2022 Women's Conference

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday,
October 31st 2021 @ 11:45am
FB First
Submission deadline Thursday, October 14th

Be still (and silent)

We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature — trees, flowers, grass — grow in silence; see the stars, the moon, the sun, how they move in silence. ... The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life. We need silence to be able to touch souls. The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us. All our words will be useless unless they come from within — words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness. —Mother Teresa



September Celebrations

Terry Marenholz ~ 14th
Jack Caniff ~ 15th
Margie Wallace ~ 17th
Olive Wynn ~ 17th
Lynn & Robert Beckett ~ 17th
Jane Marginet ~ 18th

Fort Branch First UMC
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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:



9/12 : Monica Bryant
9/19: Crystal Smith

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

This Sunday: "Smoothie Sunday"

9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship
4-7:00pm Ω Private Rental

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~
6:30pm Ω Women's Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

4-7:00pm Ω BBQ Pulled Pork
Dinner

Next Sunday:

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

Next Sunday Worship:

"Grateful Living"

Colossians 3:12-17



Rev. John Baylor, Jr.



PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #145 9:00am *Morning Has Broken*
#577 10:30am *God of Grace and God of Glory*

*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 # 424 9:00am *Must Jesus Bear
the Cross Alone*
#601 10:30am *Thy Word Is a Lamp*

PASTORAL PRAYER

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *insert* *Hebrews 12:1-13*

MESSAGE

"Focusing on Jesus"

*HYMN #370 9:00am *Victory in Jesus*
#701 10:30am *When We All Get to Heaven*

HOLY COMMUNION

ALL ARE WELCOME

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, Mark Fear, 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, Jerry McBee, Al & Elizabeth Rostron, John Boss, Marry Wallace, Karen Windell, Robert Maikranz

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.

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn ##557 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.*

*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



Prayers of
GRATITUDE

Hand of God
IN MY LIFE



Requests



Listening Guide
“Focusing on Jesus”
September 12, 2021

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-13

How are we to focus on Jesus?

Follow the _____ (vs. 1-4)

Allow _____ (vs. 5-12)

Mark Your _____ (vs. 13)

Personal Application: What do we need to do to make sure we are focused on Jesus? What do we need to do to make sure we are following His example? What do we need to do to make sure we are allowing for discipline? What are we doing to make sure we are marking our paths correctly?



God's Discipline Proves His Love

¹² Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. ³ Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up. ⁴ After all, you have not yet given your lives in your struggle against sin.

⁵ And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said,

“My child, don't make light of the LORD's discipline,
and don't give up when he corrects you.

⁶ For the LORD disciplines those he loves,
and he punishes each one he accepts as his child.”

⁷ As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children. Who ever heard of a child who is never disciplined by its father? ⁸ If God doesn't discipline you as he does all of his children, it means that you are illegitimate and are not really his children at all. ⁹ Since we respected our earthly fathers who disciplined us, shouldn't we submit even more to the discipline of the Father of our spirits, and live forever?

¹⁰ For our earthly fathers disciplined us for a few years, doing the best they knew how. But God's discipline is always good for us, so that we might share in his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.

¹² So take a new grip with your tired hands and strengthen your weak knees. ¹³ Mark out a straight path for your feet so that those who are weak and lame will not fall but become strong.

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