

The First United
Methodist Church of
Fort Branch



Blythe Chapel United
Methodist Church
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Our Mission....
To *make disciples* of
Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the
world.

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Office Hours
Tuesday & Wednesday,
9:00 am– 2:00 pm
Closed Monday, Thursday
and Friday

One Church
Two Locations

September 28, 2025

Blythe Chapel's Annual Weenie Roast

October 18th
@ 5:00pm



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

Bring your own drinks
and lawn chairs and join in!

Take Courage: Trusting the One Who Overcomes

A young woman was deeply troubled by the suffering she saw in the world, as well as by struggles within her own family and friendships. Unsure of how to help or where to begin, she turned to her pastor for guidance. He responded with a heartfelt letter. A portion of it read:

"Life is difficult. It is sometimes like a mindless boot camp. We seem to be rehearsing for something that is beyond our present knowing. We come from a beginning that we cannot remember, and we move toward a destiny that we cannot see. Only imagination, faith and a friend here or there give us the strength to go on.

When Jesus said that we would always have trouble in this world, he added an encouraging word that we should never forget: *'Take courage; I have overcome the world.'*

I cannot fix you. You cannot fix you. Do not put your ultimate faith in me, or in yourself, or in any human being. Trust the Lord of the Harvest. He will fix you when he comes."

— Excerpted from a letter by Dr. Thomas Lane Butts



Methodist Mountain Mission Pick Up



Tuesday, Oct. 21st

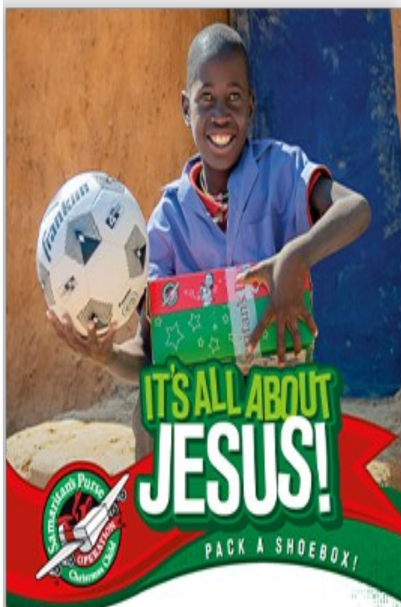


Beloved Church Family,
Your cards of remembrance for my 90th birthday filled my day with Joy. Your prayers and caring is precious to me.
Jane Marginet

Annual Incorporation Meeting Sunday, Oct. 5 @11:30am



Sunday, October 12
@ Evansville
Trinity 2pm



Get your Shoebox today and start the fun of filling up!

The oldest "kid" in the church

They were a dear couple in their mid-80s, Dr. Henry and his wife, Madge. He had been a kindly college professor, she a loving wife and mother, both totally dedicated to their Lord, their church, their family, their country.

The most significant memory I have of them is what happened at worship one Sunday. Our regular pastor was on vacation and an elderly bishop who had once served our church was presiding. Something surprising occurred when the bishop asked the children to join him on the chancel steps for his talk with them. The children hurriedly made their way forward. Right behind them, moving briskly, was Dr. Henry. He reached the steps and lowered himself to sit beside the kids. There were giggles, somewhat muffled.

Some may have wondered if senility had taken over the old teacher's mind. The bishop, however, explained that Dr. Henry had called him before the service and had told him that he had read Jesus' words to the effect that "unless ... you become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3). The bishop went on to relate that Dr. Henry said he wanted to make sure he got into the kingdom of heaven, so he was becoming like the children that morning. Everyone understood. Madge smiled with approval. And I? Well, I was left in wonderment having been challenged by the oldest "kid" in our church. —Charles Ferrell



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CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship
service! We do provide a nursery, located in
the education wing near the restrooms.

@Church

This Week

This Sunday:

10:30am ~ *Worship & Live
streaming worship*

Monday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Tuesday:

5:30pm ~ *Yoga*

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

8:30am-3pm ~ *Finish It Thursday*

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

10:30am ~ *Worship & Live
streaming worship*

Extended calendar of events
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Sometimes branches grow neatly together; other times
they get tangled up! However you feel about the
“branches” next to you, greet one another in peace
as we prepare to worship our True Vine.*



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PRELUDE

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.*

WORSHIP THROUGH GATHERING

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #413

A Charge to Keep I Have

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP by Joanna Harader

We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

***We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant,
alive, productive.***

If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:
Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #420

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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***

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

THE OFFERING: The Gathering of the Gifts

*Presentation of Gifts with Offertory Response

Johnny Appleseed Prayer

***The Lord is good to me and so I thank the Lord
for giving me the things I need
the sun and the rain and the apple seed.
The Lord is good to me!***

WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-5, NLT

Jesus, the True Vine

15 *"I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. ³ You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.*

⁵ "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

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

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"Jesus, the True Vine"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN # 445

Happy the Home When God Is There

*BLESSING



Prayer Requests

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

***Jane Marginet, Mark
Fear, Terri & Steve
Jarboe, Liz & Alan
Creamer, Paul & Jeanie
Cardinal, Zach Anderson,
Morgan Whitehead,
Roger & Nancy Jones,
Julie Anderson, Carolyn
Jones, Jim Feutz,
Ron Dunning, Kathy
Trowbridge, Kelsey
Holder, Sherry Holder***



***Gayle Lewis ~ 28th
Don & Sue Ann
Steinmetz ~ 28th***



***Taran Mossberger ~
1st
Diane Marenholz ~
1st***

***Chris & Monica
Bryant ~ 1st
Bill Ahlfeld ~ 3rd***