



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.

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost September 17, 2023





*Dear Church Family & Friends,  
Thank you for your remembrance,  
prayers and cards for my 88th  
birthday. You are all in my daily  
thoughts and heart. Fall blessings  
to you all!*

*Jane Marginet*



*Emerson Robicheaux ~ 26th*

*Duke Robinson ~ 26th*

*Gayle Lewis ~ 28th*

*Don & Sue Ann Steinmetz ~ 28th*

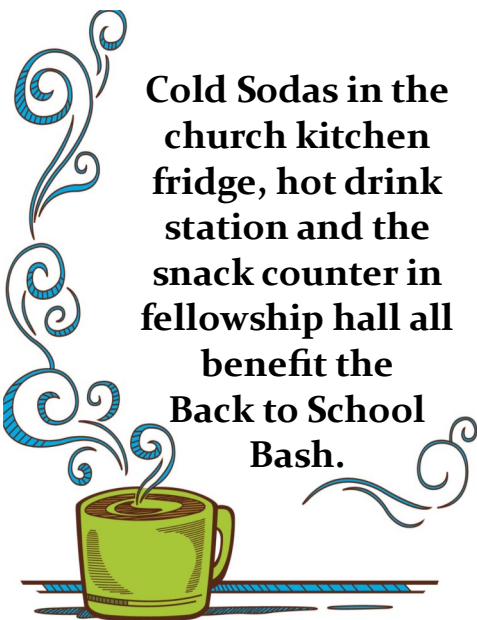
*Max Marenholz ~ 29th*

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

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

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

**Cold Sodas in the  
church kitchen  
fridge, hot drink  
station and the  
snack counter in  
fellowship hall all  
benefit the  
Back to School  
Bash.**



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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 Fort Branch First.

## 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 150 Year  
Celebration

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

6:30pm Ω Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

### Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live  
streaming worship



*Rev. John Baylor, Jr.*

#### PRELUDE

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

\*HYMN # 64 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

#### \*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 # 77 *How Great Thou Art*

#### 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

Jenna Schleter ~ *No Longer Slaves*

## \*SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Daniel 3:19-27 NLT*

## MESSAGE

*"Faith in the Flames, Part 2"*

## \*HYMN # 110

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

## \*BLESSING

Pastor

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

Acolytes

## \*DEPARTING SONG:

Hymn # 334

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit Refrain*

*Sweet Holy Spirit,  
sweet heavenly Dove,  
stay right here with us,  
filling us with your love;  
and for these blessings we lift  
our hearts in praise;  
without a doubt we'll know  
that we have been revived  
when we shall leave this place.*

## \*PASSING THE PEACE:

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

## POSTLUDE



## 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  
Wilkinson, Scotti Pitts, Don  
Colvin, Gretchen Young, June  
Regenhold, Brian Price, Triston,  
Tegan, Chad Windell, Pastor  
John, Thelma & Len Robicheaux,  
Wyatt Wagner, Jared Huey,  
Kathy Trowbridge*

random  
act of kindness

June Regenhold,  
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**Listening Guide**  
**“Faith in the Flames – Part 2”**  
**September 24, 2023**

**Scripture:** Daniel 3:19-27

**How is faith shown in the fire?**

\_\_\_\_\_ is Answered (vs. 19-23)

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\_\_\_\_\_ is Answered (vs. 24-26a)

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The \_\_\_\_\_ is Answered (vs. 26b-27)

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**Personal Application:** These guys were determined to only worship God no matter what happened. Do we have that kind of faith?

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Daniel 3:19-27 NLT

## The Blazing Furnace

<sup>19</sup> Nebuchadnezzar was so furious with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face became distorted with rage. He commanded that the furnace be heated seven times hotter than usual. <sup>20</sup> Then he ordered some of the strongest men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. <sup>21</sup> So they tied them up and threw them into the furnace, fully dressed in their pants, turbans, robes, and other garments. <sup>22</sup> And because the king, in his anger, had demanded such a hot fire in the furnace, the flames killed the soldiers as they threw the three men in. <sup>23</sup> So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, securely tied, fell into the roaring flames.

<sup>24</sup> But suddenly, Nebuchadnezzar jumped up in amazement and exclaimed to his advisers, "Didn't we tie up three men and throw them into the furnace?"

"Yes, Your Majesty, we certainly did," they replied.

<sup>25</sup> "Look!" Nebuchadnezzar shouted. "I see four men, unbound, walking around in the fire unharmed! And the fourth looks like a god!"

<sup>26</sup> Then Nebuchadnezzar came as close as he could to the door of the flaming furnace and shouted: "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!"

So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stepped out of the fire. <sup>27</sup> Then the high officers, officials, governors, and advisers crowded around them and saw that the fire had not touched them. Not a hair on their heads was singed, and their clothing was not scorched. They didn't even smell of smoke!

Remember Shadrach,  
Meshach and Abednego.

God didn't put out  
the fire He just put  
Jesus in there with them.

It's not about God  
"putting out your fires"  
Its about who is in  
there with you.



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SAY, DO YOU THINK YOU COULD BE A GOOD  
GUARD AND FETCH US SOME MORE  
MARSHMALLOWS? ... SHADRACH KEEPS EATING  
THEM ALL BEFORE WE CAN FINISH PUTTING  
OUR SMORES TOGETHER

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