



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.

5th Sunday of Easter **April 28, 2024**



When it rains

The skeleton flower, a perennial native to Japan, has delicate petals that change from opaque white to almost transparent when wet. After it rains, only the flower's intricate, skeleton-like veins are visible.

When the rains come (and they will!) in our lives, the same can be said. Amid difficulty and struggle, our true selves often become more transparent. During a parenting challenge, criticism might emerge. Or while we tackle a tough work project, impatience might rear its ugly head.

Hosea 6:3 (NLT) proclaims: "Oh, that we might know the Lord! Let us press on to know him. He will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or the coming of rains in early spring." The rains will come. Whether you're experiencing light rain or a downpour, ponder what the water reveals. Then ask God how you can be more open to his work in that area.

—Janna Firestone

CHURCH

YARD
SALE

Saturday,

June 8

8am ~ 12pm

*Donations can begin to
be dropped off in
fellowship hall on
June 2, not before.
Contact is Kristi
812/664-1108*

Please note, we will not be participating in the town wide event in August.

Our Church's Graduates

Let us know our graduates are so we can celebrate them!

Sunday, June 2 will be Graduation Sunday

Keep on shining

Charles W. Naylor (1874-1950) was a traveling evangelist until misfortune struck. First a tentpole fell on him as he prepared for a meeting. A year later, a bus accident left him partially paralyzed.

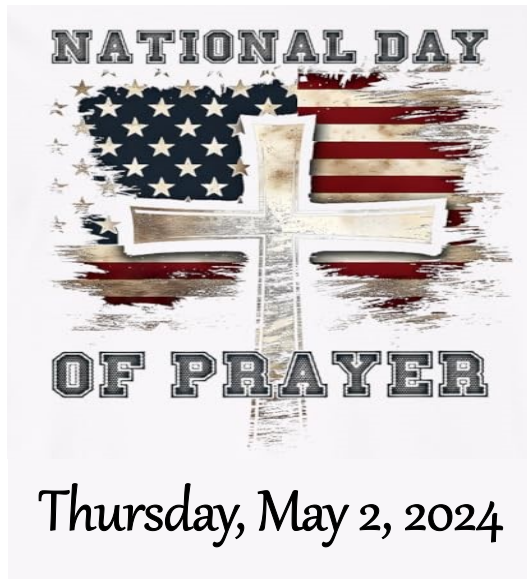
Despite experiencing chronic pain, Naylor became a prolific author and hymnist, dictating almost 150 songs. He often wrote about God's loving care amid adversity. One of his hymns begins:

When the winds of persecution blow,
When the streams of hatred tow'rd you flow,
When your foes in number seem to grow,
Just keep on shining.

"God's comfort in our times of sorrow is not an imaginary thing," Naylor wrote. "It can be so real that it is a balm for our wounded spirits. Having passed through the experience more than once, [I know] how real and vital and sustaining the comfort of God can be."



**Our Community Garden is growing!
Onions, lettuce and cabbages have been**



Thursday, May 2, 2024

**Methodist Mountain
Mission Pick Up
Tuesday, June 4th**



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




APRIL
Birthdays and Anniversaries
 Beverly Boss ~ 28th
 Aubrey McCoy ~ 29th
 Heather Scott ~ 30th

Fort Branch First UMC
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when found in the Order of Service
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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.



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

This Sunday

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

3:30pm Ω Port Gibson 4-H

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
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God has a plan
for you
Welcome!

Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 9:00am
73 10:30am

O Worship the King

*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 # 9:00am
#394 10:30am *Something Beautiful*

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.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Derek Robicheaux

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 29:11-13 NLT

MESSAGE

“Three Promises of God’s Plan”

***HYMN #**

9:00am

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10:30am

How Great Thou Art

***BLESSING**

Pastor

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

Acolytes

***DEPARTING SONG: #2152**

Change My Heart, O God

*Change my heart, O God,
make it ever true.*

*Change my heart, O God,
may I be like you.*

*You are the Potter,
I am the clay.*

*Mold me and make me,
this is what I pray.*

*Change my heart, O God
make it ever true.*

*Change my heart, O God
may I be like you.*

***PASSING THE PEACE:**

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

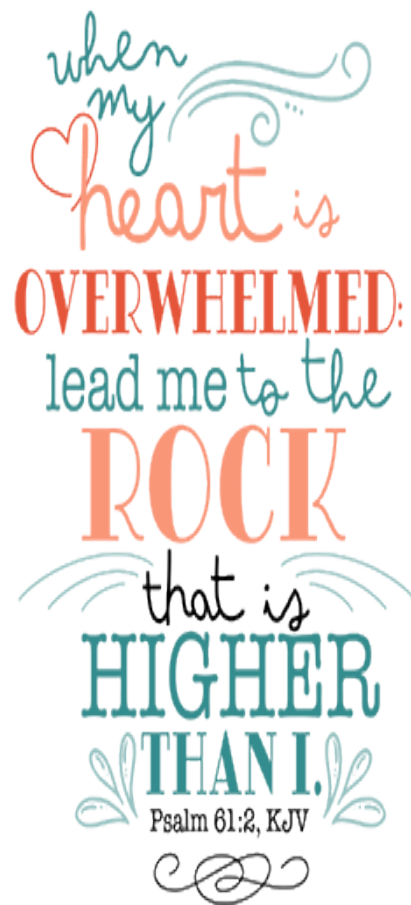
POSTLUDE



Prayer Requests

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

Jane Marginet, Richard Michel, Morgan Whitehead, Terri Jarboe, Ruby Wilkerson, Scotti Pitts, Gretchen Young, June Regenhold, Brian Price, Triston, Tegan, Pastor John, Thelma & Len Robicheaux, Wyatt Wagner, Kim Stratman, Deanna Wilson, Kenny Shaw, Laynie Speicher, Scott Ingler, Cathy Starky,



Jeremiah 29:11-13 NLT

¹¹ “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.” ¹² In those days when you pray, I will listen. ¹³ If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

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

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

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2. GEAESSM _____
3. SNLAP _____
4. OSOCIPGMNRUNIM _____
5. TAHFI _____
6. LTGIDEYNLI _____
7. EEKS _____
8. ERAWERRD _____
9. BSLIIOESMP _____
10. ALSSEPE _____
11. ODG _____
12. SPREORP _____
13. REMEAHIJ _____
14. RBESWHE _____
15. CFENCNODIE _____

Jeremiah 29:11

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DECLARES PROSPER FUTURE PLANS
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