



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*.

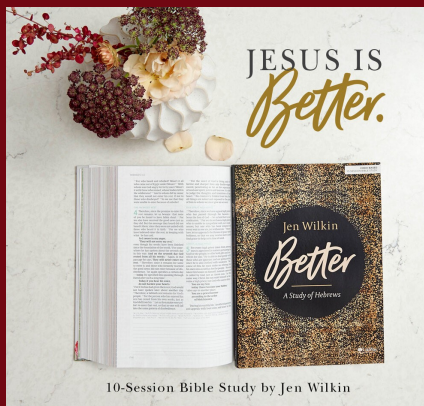
This weekly publication is provided to show  
how our congregations are living *The Way* today.

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** **August 21, 2022**

**A living mystery**

In *Walking on Water*, Madeleine L'Engle quotes Emmanuel Suhard, a French cardinal in the Catholic Church during the 1940s: "To be a witness does not consist in engaging in propaganda, nor even in stirring people up, but in being a living mystery. It means to live in such a way that one's life would not make sense if God did not exist."

What would it look like in your life to be "a living mystery" — to live in a way that wouldn't make sense if not for God's existence? What risks might you take for the sake of wholeness and justice in the world? To what lengths might you go to serve a neighbor? What fears might no longer fill your heart and rule your mind? Will you see Jesus in people who are poor, be surprised to find him revealed amid suffering? What "fruits" might you allow the Holy Spirit to cultivate in you — generosity, patience, self-control? What grace will you show to others because you have experienced God's love so powerfully? All of which makes sense only because God exists!



10-Session Bible Study by Jen Wilkin

**Women's Bible Study**  
in Hebrews

September 12<sup>th</sup> ~  
November 14<sup>th</sup>  
Mondays @ 6:30pm

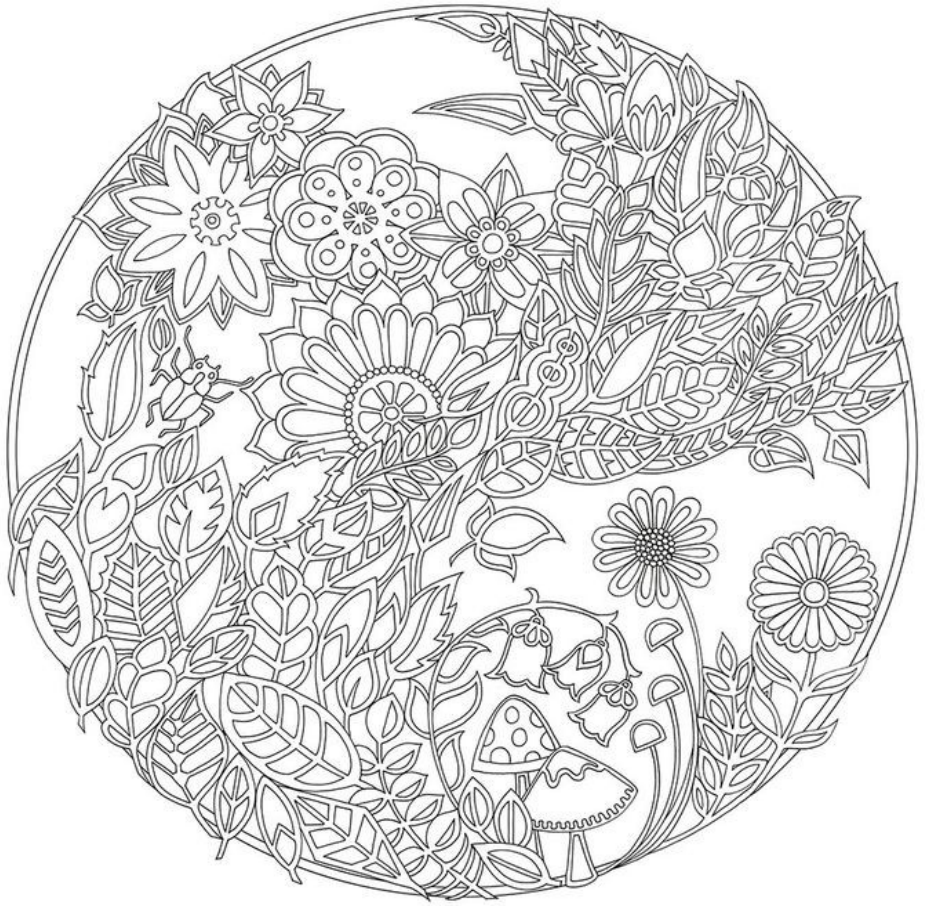
Books: \$20  
available at the class

Register with Kristi Pflug 812-664-1108 by  
Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> if you would like a book.

**Can't pray? First rest!**

Weariness can seriously hamper our attempts to pray, says Bonnie Gray, author of *Whispers of Rest*. "We are a generation who doesn't know how to express our souls to God, even though we drive ourselves exhausted, doing for Jesus." The solution, she says, is to stop and rest.

The stressed-out, despairing prophet in 1 Kings 19 is a prime example. "God knew Elijah needed physical rejuvenation first — in order to hear his gentle voice, whispering in a gentle breeze," Gray notes. Guarding against the depletion of spiritual, physical and emotional resources can improve our ability to hear God's voice, too. "When you find it's hard to pray, don't be afraid," says Gray. "You're standing at the very cusp of who God longs to connect with. The real you. Take the time to rest. You're worth it."



FORT BRANCH COMMUNITY PRIDE'S  
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 1st ~ **Vine Street Market @ Park**

October 12th ~ **Meeting @ 6pm, R'z**

October 28th & 29th ~ **The Sinister Cellar  
(the haunt) @ Park**

October 29th ~ **Zombie Run @ 9:05 am @ Park**  
Little Zombie Run (under 12 yrs) 8:30am

December 24th ~ **Christmas Eve with Santa  
@ 123pm ~ 2pm, Fire House**

*Let's Celebrate!*

*Anita Baylor ~ 21st*

*Alec & Vanessa Steinmetz ~ 21st*

*O'Ryan Prater ~ 23rd*

*Shelby Wynn ~ 23rd*

*Don & Sharon Colvin ~ 25th*



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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:



8/21: Sue Ann Steinmetz  
8/28: Carla Conklin

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

### This Sunday

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

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

6:00pm Ω BTSB meeting

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

### Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship  
9:30am Ω Sunday School  
10:30am Ω Worship & Live  
streaming worship  
12:00pm Ω Private Rental

Next Sunday:

*1 John ~ Living Life in the Spirit:  
Loving One Another*  
1 John 3:11-24 NLT



# Living Life in the Spirit

*Rev. John F. Baylor, Jr.*

### PRELUDE

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

\*HYMN #98 9:00am  
#558 10:30am

*To God Be the Glory  
We Are the Church*

### \*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 #378 9:00am  
#593 10:30am

*Amazing Grace  
Here I Am, Lord*

### 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.**



MINISTRY OF MUSIC

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 3:1-10 NLT

MESSAGE

“1 John —Living Life in the Spirit:  
Children of God”

\*HYMN #381 9:00am *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
#569 10:30am *We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations*

\*BLESSING Pastor

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

\*DEPARTING SONG: *Help Somebody today*

*Help somebody today,  
Somebody along life’s way;  
Let sorrow be ended  
The friendless be friended,  
O help somebody today.  
Amen*

\*PASSING THE PEACE:  
Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



New seat, new perspective

In older sitcoms, family members, especially parents, each had their own chair in the living room. No one else sat there. If its “owner” wasn’t present, the on-set chair remained empty. Church can be like that too, with people claiming the same seat week after week. Our view of the service and of fellow worshipers is familiar and comfortable.

Recently, our family was “bumped” back a bit, which felt surprisingly different at first. But we interacted just the same with the service. As a bonus, I talked with different people. And after church we stayed to visit a bit longer.

I’m glad church seats don’t have nameplates. And I’m thankful that God nudges me out of my comfort zone from time to time, giving me a new perspective.

—Janna Firestone

THIS  
WEEK’S  
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 Michel,  
Becca Manolov, Carla Jackson,  
Poppy Petry, Linda McKimmy,  
Connie Osborn, Tommy Osborn,  
Alec Taylor, Morgan  
Whitehead, Derek Barton,  
Jo Eckert, Hattie Kroeger, Ruby  
Wilkerson, Terri Jarboe,  
Scotti Pitts., Deanna Wilson,  
Karen & Bro. John Windell,  
Tammy Lynch, Jeff Gentry,  
Patti Knowles. Bev Boss*

Blessings  
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

Blank lines for writing prayer requests.

**Listening Guide**  
**“Children of God”**  
**August 21, 2022**

**Scripture:** 1 John 3:1-10

**Who are the children of God?**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Like Jesus (vs. 1-3)**

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**Are** \_\_\_\_\_ **(vs. 4-6)**

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**Are** \_\_\_\_\_ **(vs. 7-10)**

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**Personal Application:** Children of God look like Jesus. They are pure and righteous. Does this describe who you are? Is this how those around you would describe you?

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## 1 John 3:1-10 NLT

<sup>3</sup> See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who sins is breaking God's law, for all sin is contrary to the law of God. <sup>5</sup> And you know that Jesus came to take away our sins, and there is no sin in him. <sup>6</sup> Anyone who continues to live in him will not sin. But anyone who keeps on sinning does not know him or understand who he is.

<sup>7</sup> Dear children, don't let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous. <sup>8</sup> But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil. <sup>9</sup> Those who have been born into God's family do not make a practice of sinning, because God's life is in them. So they can't keep on sinning, because they are children of God. <sup>10</sup> So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God.

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

*Thanks be to God!*



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