



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.

13th Sunday after Pentecost August 22, 2021

A Bible Study
for Women

\$20

Seamless

Understanding the
Bible as One Complete Story

angie smith

7 WEEK STUDY BEGINS
SEPTEMBER 13TH
Monday evenings: 6:30pm Fort Branch First UMC
Register your interest in joining with Kristi Pflug
812.664.1108 by August 29th

Give To

FAITH PROMISE

* PARTICIPATE IN WHAT GOD IS DOING *

Live Generously

UMYH
40 Years of Promise
1979-2019

UNITED
METHODIST
YOUTH HOME
#StillServing

Lord's Pantry
A Fort Branch Ministry of
Community churches

Hearts
for Haiti

IOP
ILULA ORPHAN PROGRAM

ADULT
Sunday School
9:30am

The Community Garden has some fresh veggies ...
Pick some up in fellowship hall!



Sunday best

Throughout the pandemic, 82-year-old La Verne Ford Wimberly of Tulsa, Oklahoma, donned her Sunday best — emphasis on *best* — to worship online from home every week. The retired educator, who coordinates her colorful outfits and hats (she owns at least 50!), didn't want to "get in the habit of just slouching around" during lockdown.

To uplift fellow church members, Wimberly posted weekly selfies and encouraging words. The goal, she says, was to let people know "that if we continue to believe in ourselves, network together, trust in God, keep the faith, then we will be okay."

Though Wimberly's style is impeccable, friends say she's even more beautiful on the inside. Her fashion sense "is merely an outer expression of her inner wisdom, wit and grace," says her pastor, Ray Owens. Church staffer Robin Watkins concurs, saying Wimberly's "heart is as beautiful as each outfit she has shared with us."

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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

Let's Celebrate

*O'Ryan Prater ~ 23rd
Shelby Wynn ~ 23rd
Don & Sharon Colvin ~ 25th*

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, 2021 @ 11:45am
October 31 FB First

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

*Kristi is needing to utilize 3 large electric roasters for this dinner.
Please let her know if she can borrow yours.*

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when found in the Order of Service
invites you to stand - if able.

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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:



8/22 : Laura Nurrenbern
8/29: Sue Ann Steinmetz

† 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:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

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

www.fbfirst.org for more dates!

Next Sunday Worship:

*"Living the Basics
of the Faith"*

Romans 12

Welcome to worship.
everyone!

Rev. John Baylor, Jr.



PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #127 9:00am *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
#432 10:30am *Jesu, Jesu*

*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 # 171 9:00am *There's Something
About That Name*
#445 10:30am *Happy the Home
When God Is There*

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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *insert*

Daniel 3:19-30

MESSAGE

“Who Commands Your Life? Part 2”

*HYMN #170 9:00am
#334 10:30am

*O How I Love Jesus
Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn #402 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

*Lord, I want to be a Christian
In my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian
In my heart, in my heart
In my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian
In my heart.*

*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

*May your week be filled
with good thoughts,
kind people, &
many blessings.*



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, Ray
Kifer, Linda McKimmy, Kim,
Connie Osborn & Tommy
Osborn, Alec Taylor, Connie
Dunn, Aimee Emmons, Morgan,
Lisa & Bill, Linda Reed,
Ryan Steele, Jerry McBee,
Al & Elizabeth Rostron,
John Boss*

If you, LORD,
kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you
there is
forgiveness
so that
we can,
with reverence,
serve you.

PSALM 130:3-4, NIV

Listening Guide
“Who Commands Your Life? Part 2”
August 22, 2021

Scripture: Daniel 3:19-30

What happens when the Lord is in command?

_____ **Through (vs. 19-23)**

God _____ **Up (vs 24-25)**

_____ **Change (vs 26-28)**

Changed _____ **(vs. 29-30)**

Personal Application: As we have seen this morning, when God commands our lives it affects more than just us, more than just me. Because God commanded the lives of these three men, it changed a king and a kingdom. Who are we, or who should we be affecting? Is the Lord truly in command of our lives?



Daniel 3:19-30 NLT

The Blazing Furnace

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ Then he ordered some of the strongest men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. ²¹ So they tied them up and threw them into the furnace, fully dressed in their pants, turbans, robes, and other garments. ²² 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. ²³ So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, securely tied, fell into the roaring flames.

²⁴ 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.

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

²⁶ 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. ²⁷ 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!

²⁸ Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He sent his angel to rescue his servants who trusted in him. They defied the king's command and were willing to die rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. ²⁹ Therefore, I make this decree: If any people, whatever their race or nation or language, speak a word against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, they will be torn limb from limb, and their houses will be turned into heaps of rubble. There is no other god who can rescue like this!"

³⁰ Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego to even higher positions in the province of Babylon.

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

Thanks be to God!