



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.

13th Sunday after Pentecost August 27, 2023

A hunger for the heights

In a sermon titled "Sky Hunger," Stan Purdum explores Ephesians 1:3, where Paul writes about God blessing us "in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" (ESV). The expression "sky hunger," says the pastor, "suggests that to be the best earthbound people we can be, we need to lift our eyes to a higher place — the *highest* place."

While on a mission trip in Kentucky, Purdum discovered that many residents refer to pastors as sky pilots. "What better role can a pastor have," he asks, "than to point people to the skies, to the God Most High?"

The Easter anthem "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today," which celebrates our ultimate destination, sums up another definition of sky hunger:

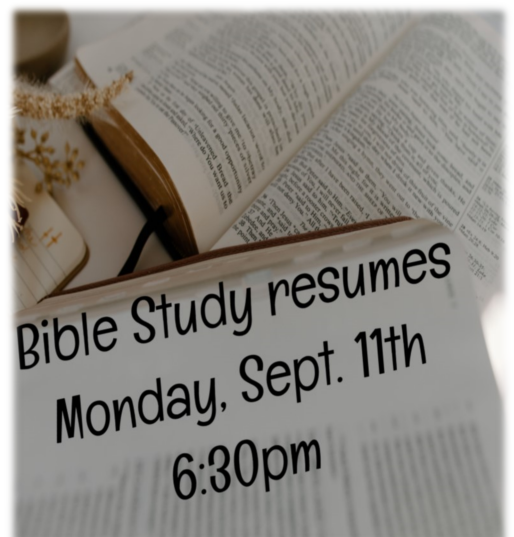
Soar we now where Christ has led, alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, *the skies*, alleluia!

"That to which our holy restlessness, our inner discontent, our sky hunger points us is Christ," Purdum concludes. "Sky hunger is a blessing from God, Paul tells us, to bring us into Christ, to fullness of life and to life eternal."

THY WILL BE DONE

Placing ourselves completely into God's hands can be challenging. If you need help in that area, pray these words from Thomas à Kempis: "Lord, you know what is best. May your will decide what shall be done. Give what you will, how much you will and when you will. Do what you know is best for me. Do what pleases you and brings your name most honor."

"Put me where you will, and deal with me in all things as you please. I am in your hand — turn me backwards and forwards, turn me upside down. Here I am, your servant, ready for anything, for I have no desire to live for myself but only to live perfectly and worthily for you."



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

8/31/23 6pm,
training via Zoom
or....

9/7/23 1pm,
training via Zoom

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Packet SUBMISSION
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10/27/23 Charge
Conference approved
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John 9

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G X J E R Z G D N Q J A Y V W Y J J E F G B P I
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he is of age
clay
pharisees
opened
light of the world
man of God

washed
give god the praise
sabbath day
eye
blind
He is a prophet

spittle
jews
sight
siloam
Lord I believe
A man called Jesus



Kiana Smith ~ 29th
Jeff & Laura Nurrenbern ~ 29th
Avery Hartley ~ 31st
Kimber Michel ~ 31st
Duncan & Roberta Maikranz ~ 1st



New selection of
snacks &
Hot Apple Cider
K-cups
Supports



Blessings
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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:

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Welcome

*"Make the world a better place one
person at a time. Start with yourself."*

— Linda Poindexter

Rev. John Baylor, Jr.



PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 432 9:00am

Jesu, Jesu

2062 10:30am

The Lily of the Valley

*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 #528 9:00am *Nearer, My God,*

to Thee

#2160 10:30am

Into My Heart

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.

Next Sunday's Message:

*"Faith and the Blind
Man, Part 3"
John 9:18-34*



CHILDRENS MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *insert*

John 9:10-17 NLT

MESSAGE

“Faith and the Blind Man, Part 2”

*HYMN #671 9:00am
#2151 10:30am

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing
I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG:

Hymn # 63 Blessed Be the Name

Blessed be the name!

Blessed be the name!

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Blessed be the name!

Blessed be the name!

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE

You will go out
IN JOY
and be led forth
IN PEACE.

ISAIAH 55:12, NIV



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,
Connie Osborn, Tommy Osborn,
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*



Ingredients for true success

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in your life you will have been all of these.

—George Washington Carver



John 9:10-17 NLT

¹⁰ They asked, "Who healed you? What happened?"

¹¹ He told them, "The man they call Jesus made mud and spread it over my eyes and told me, 'Go to the pool of Siloam and wash yourself.' So I went and washed, and now I can see!"

¹² "Where is he now?" they asked.

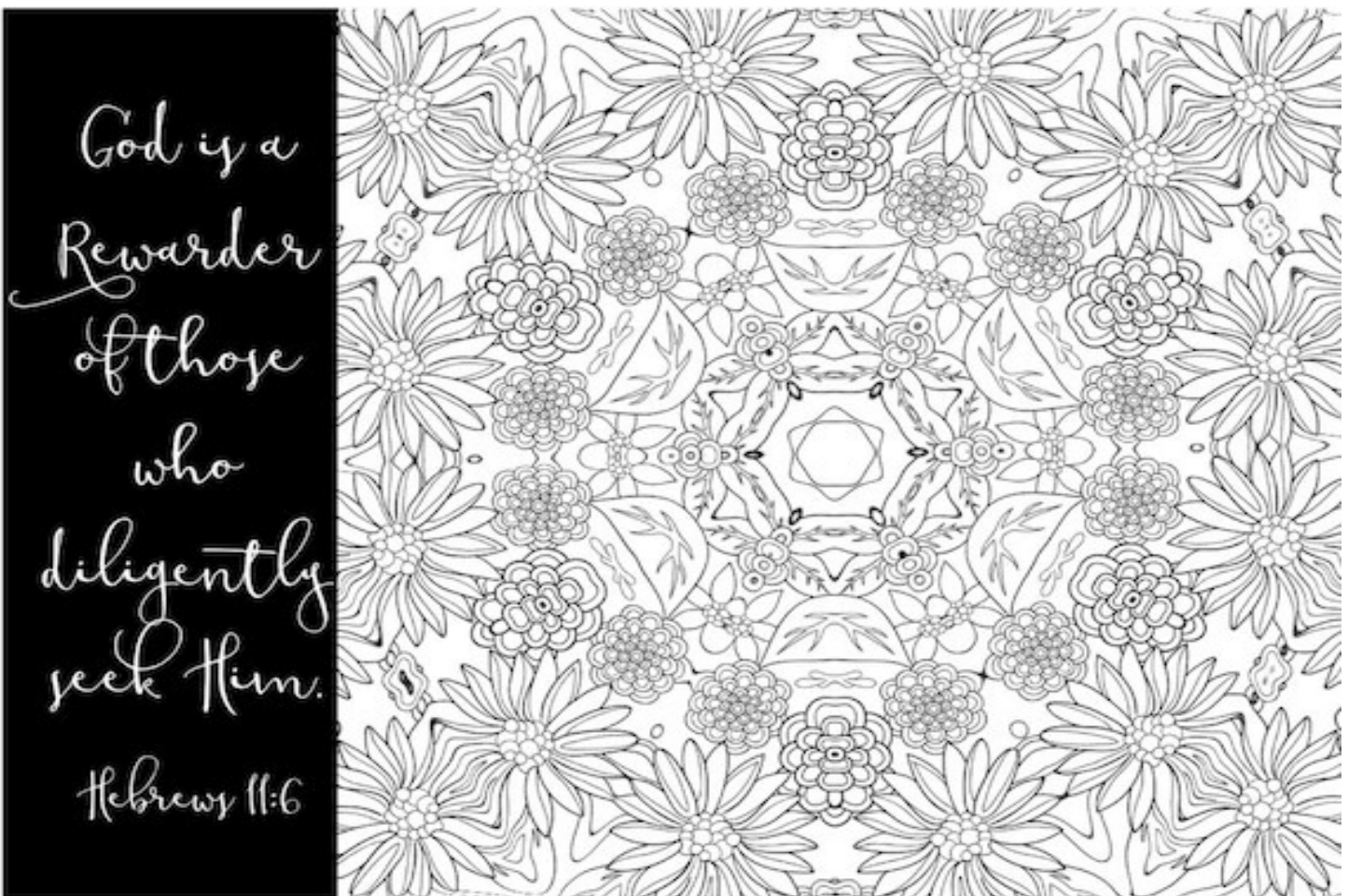
"I don't know," he replied.

¹³ Then they took the man who had been blind to the Pharisees, ¹⁴ because it was on the Sabbath that Jesus had made the mud and healed him. ¹⁵ The Pharisees asked the man all about it. So he told them, "He put the mud over my eyes, and when I washed it away, I could see!"

¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man Jesus is not from God, for he is working on the Sabbath." Others said, "But how could an ordinary sinner do such miraculous signs?" So there was a deep division of opinion among them.

¹⁷ Then the Pharisees again questioned the man who had been blind and demanded, "What's your opinion about this man who healed you?" The man replied, "I think he must be a prophet."

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



Listening Guide

August 27, 2023

Scripture: John 9:10-17

How is faith used in healing blindness?

Breaks Down Fallacies

Brings the Truth

Brings Sight

Brings Involvement

Brings an _____ (vs.10-11)

Brings _____ (vs. 12-16)

Brings _____ (vs. 17)

Personal Application: The Pharisees tried to disprove the man's healing. How do you stand up for Jesus when others try to disprove Him?

