



We Seek to Better Understand  
the Teachings of Jesus—  
and Live those Teachings.

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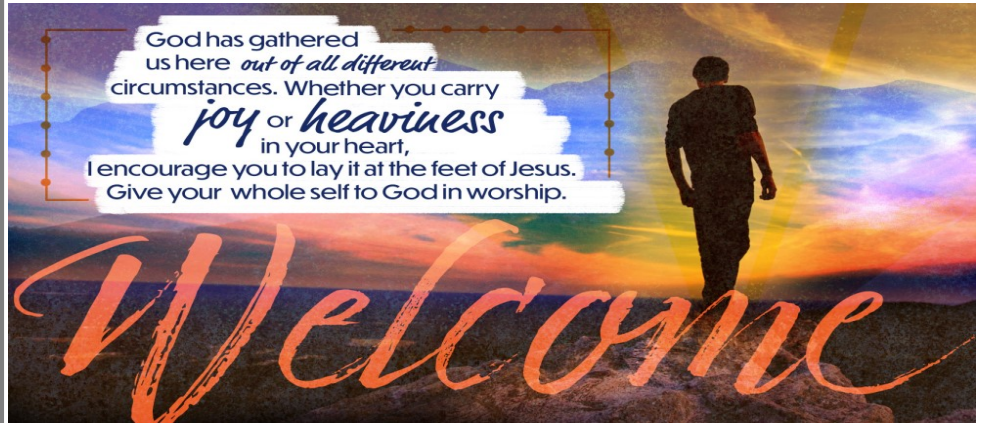
Zella Frey  
Custodian @ Blythe Chapel

**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 4, 2024**



**Following Christ**

To have faith in Christ means, of course, trying to do all that he says. There would be no sense in saying you trusted a person if you would not take his advice. Thus, if you have really handed yourself over to [Christ], it must follow that you are trying to obey him.

But trying in a new way, a less worried way. Not doing these things in order to be saved, but because he has begun to save you already. Not hoping to get to heaven as a reward for your actions, but inevitably wanting to act in a certain way because a first faint gleam of heaven is already inside you.

—C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*



338 backpacks were filled & blessed!

# Philippians 4:13

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 V W 4 L P D E M D I R E E E S A 1  
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 N 1 R G M 3 3 E G I 1 P N W A O U  
 T H H R I V 1 U R 4 R T G L H A G  
 3 1 N 4 H E A H A 4 U O 3 W 4 W M  
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 T 1 3 T T E I S 4 N T W H G O A N  
 P C C N I G L A L 1 T P R L S I M  
 T L A T N A 1 L A E E W 3 D D 3 H  
 H P U D A E T N G N D V R P T C N  
 T L R H C 1 P H I L I P P I A N S

## What's your oasis?

As the gospels make clear, even the Son of God needed an occasional break. For Jesus, a solitary place reached by boat served as an oasis.

Although an oasis might make us think of a beach-like vacation spot in the middle of a desert, it's simply "something that provides refuge, relief or pleasant contrast" (Merriam-Webster).

So, what's your oasis? For someone who recently lost a spouse, it could be a break from the newfound silence. For a young parent, it could be a block of solitude and silence to complete a thought.

I haven't found any definition of oasis that includes a timeframe. Such an experience could last 30 seconds or a full week. Work within your circumstances so you can get away for a time with Jesus.

As you identify and pursue an oasis, consider your answers to these questions:

- What circumstances in life cause you to desire an oasis, or break?
- What will it look like to create a personal oasis or sanctuary at home?
- When you spend time with Jesus, what do you want to do?

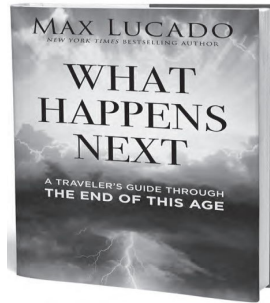
—Janna Firestone

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## NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING!!

**Mondays @ 6:30pm**

**September 16 ~ October 21**



Books are \$15

Register with Kristi

**By August 31<sup>st</sup>**

812/664-1108

*Methodist Women's Group*  
 Next meeting on  
**Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**  
*All women of the church are invited.*

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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 Fort Branch First UMC

### This Sunday

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

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday

9:00am Ω Methodist Women

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## Rev. Randy Anderson

PRELUDE

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.

### WORSHIP THROUGH GATHERING

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

\*HYMN #468

*Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See*

\*THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

HYMN #15-16

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God ), now and for ever.

**Amen.**

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.*

BREAKING THE BREAD  
RECEIVING THE CUP

**WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING**

PRAYER HYMN #2193 x2 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PASTORAL PRAYER

**WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

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.*

Hymn #95

**WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

***Philippians 4:12-13 NLT***

*<sup>12</sup> I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. <sup>13</sup> For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.*

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

MESSAGE

***"Be A Positive Christian"***

**WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING**

\*HYMN #451

***Be Thou My Vision***

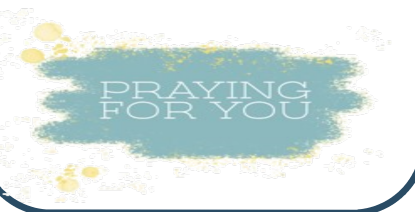
\*BLESSING



**PRAYER**  
*list...*

*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, Mark Fear, Len Robicheaux, Cathy Starky, Kim Stratman, Deanna Wilson, Norman Bullock, Terry Phillips, Liz & Alan Creamer**



**AUGUST**  
*Birthdays and Anniversaries*

*Lesa Prater ~ 5th  
Darla Lewis ~ 6th  
Beau Englehardt ~ 7th  
Eric Knapp ~ 7th  
Deanna Wilson ~ 8th  
Andy Rostron ~ 8th  
David & Sarah Fuhs ~ 10th*

*Celebrating*