



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

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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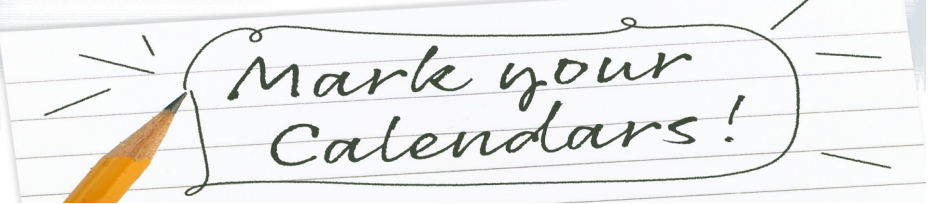
WELCOME

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 18, 2024

UPCOMING



Sunday, August 25th @ 11:30am

Carry-in dinner

Church Council and All Church Meeting

random
Acts of kindness

We received a very nice card in the mail this week from two sweet girls and their family. They received backpacks this year and wanted to say "Thank You". The card is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Your Kindness is truly appreciated.

We wanted to express our gratitude for your help and support with the backpacks and school supplies. We thank all of you so much! Bless you!

Caylee & Ellie Webster and family



The meaning of membership

Oklahoma pastor Ricky Jones tackles the meaning of church membership, or being part of Christ's body. "Leaving the church is not simply leaving a club," he writes at the Gospel Coalition website. "When you walk away, you dismember yourself from the body. Jesus and the rest of the body sorely miss you, and bleed after your departure. You cut yourself off from your only source of life and nourishment. Like an amputated hand, you will slowly bleed out, wither, and die."

Jones contends that "being a part of the universal church without submitting to a local church is not possible, biblical or healthy." It's impossible because you need to be part of a smaller community before you can be considered part of a greater community. It's unbiblical because the New Testament epistles are addressed to specific local churches. And it's unhealthy because wanting to independently make your own choices is "at the heart of sin," the pastor writes.

"You need to know we're all in this life together, and we won't walk away from you just because you let us down or we disagree," says Jones. "Together we build each other up into the image of Christ; no one can make it alone."

NEW BIBLE STUDY STARTING!!

Mondays @ 6:30_{pm}

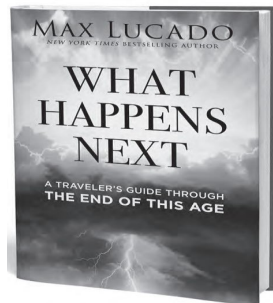
September 16 ~ October 21

Books are \$15

Register with Kristi

By August 31st

812/664-1108



THANK YOU
for

GIVING



The Lord's Pantry is low on a few items:

Canned Peas

Canned Carrots

Canned Potatoes

Tuna

Chicken Noodle Soup

Peanut Butter

Empty Egg Cartons

Other donations are much appreciated. **They do not need canned corn or beans.**

Fort Branch First UMC
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Deliver to:

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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 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

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship
10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship
11:30am Ω Church Council Meet.
& Carry-in Lunch



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 #98

To God Be the Glory

*FOR GUIDANCE

HYMN #366

O God,

just as we look into a mirror to see any soiled spots on our face, so let us look to you

In order to understand the things that we have done amiss. We are like a reed shaken in the wind, we are inexpressibly weak.

Leave us not to ourselves,

But dwell in our hearts and guide our thoughts and actions.

AMEN.

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #2023

How Majestic Is Your Name

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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.

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

Luke 9:23-24 NLT

²³ Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. ²⁴ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

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

MESSAGE

"We Can Win Over Self"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN #61

*BLESSING

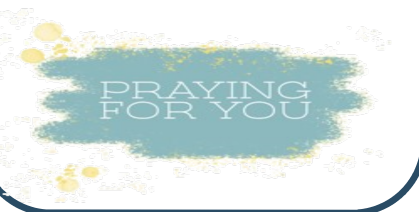
Come, Thou Almighty King



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

**Kelly Foster ~ 18th
Alec & Vanessa Steinmetz ~ 21st
O'Ryan Prater ~ 23rd
Shelby Wynn ~ 23rd**

Celebrating