



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.

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost      August 28, 2022**

**God among the rubble**

The nonprofit World Central Kitchen provides fresh meals for communities in need following natural disasters or during humanitarian crises. After Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022, WCK fed millions of people in the country and refugees at border crossings.

When I feel discouraged by tragic news and ask where God is, I'm reminded that God shows up precisely in people such as the WCK teams. They are God's hands serving healthy food to people fleeing home. They are God's heart and arms welcoming those in need to be nourished.

Often in the Bible God shows up around meals: Sarah and Abraham host the Lord in the form of three visitors; God rains manna from heaven for the Israelites; an angel provides food for exhausted Elijah; Jesus eats with "tax collectors and sinners" and feeds crowds with a few loaves and fish. Supremely, Jesus gives to all the meal of Holy Communion, the bread and wine that are his very body and blood.

In our broken world, God is among the rubble, among the helpers, among us.  
—Heidi Hyland Mann

**Women's Bible Study in Hebrews**

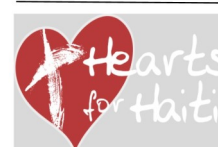
September 12<sup>th</sup> ~  
November 14<sup>th</sup>  
Mondays @ 6:30pm

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.



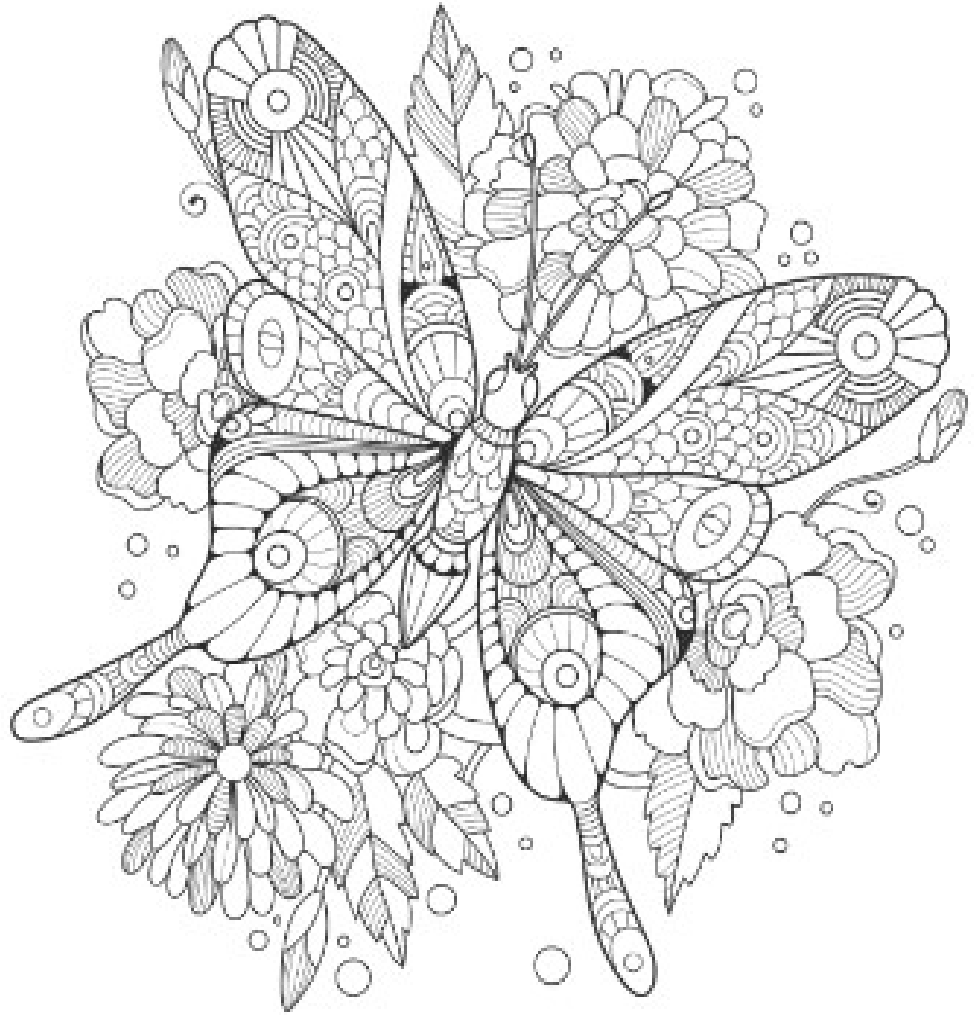
Thank you to everyone who  
donated items for the yard sale  
and helped with the entire  
sale. Over \$1600 was raised  
for this incredible mission.



## The power of love

Only in love can I find you, my God. In love the gates of my soul spring open, allowing me to breathe a new air of freedom and forget my own petty self. In love my whole being streams forth out of the rigid confines of narrowness and anxious self-assertion, which make me a prisoner of my own poverty emptiness. In love all the powers of my soul flow out toward you, wanting never more to return, but to lose themselves completely in you, since by your love you are the inmost center of my heart, closer to me than I am to myself.

?Karl Rahner, *Encounters With Silence*



### 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!*

*Kiana Smith ~ 29th*

*Jeff & Laura Nurrenbern ~ 29th*

*Avery Hartley ~ 31st*

*Kimber Michel ~ 31st*

*Duncan & Roberta Maikranz ~ 1st*

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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.



† 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  
12:00pm Ω Private Rental

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

*Next Sunday:*

*1 John ~ Living Life in the Spirit:  
Belonging to God"  
1 John 4:1-6 NLT*



*Rev. John F. Baylor, Jr.*

### PRELUDE

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

\*HYMN #369 9:00am *Blessed Assurance*  
#384 10:30am *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

### \*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 #377 9:00am *It Is Well with My Soul*  
#334 10:30am *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

### 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 3:11-24 NLT

MESSAGE

“1 John —Living Life in the Spirit:  
Loving One Another”

\*HYMN #389 9:00am  
#557 10:30am

*Freely, Freely  
Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

\*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



If the stars should appear one night in a thousand years, how would men believe and adore; and preserve for many generations the remembrance of the city of God which had been shown! But every night come out these envoys of beauty, and light the universe with their admonishing smile.  
—Ralph Waldo Emerson

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, Connie Osborn, Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor, Morgan Whitehead, Derek Barton, Jo Eckert, Hattie Kroeger, Ruby Wilkerson, Terri Jarboe, Scotti Pitts, Deanna Wilson, Tammy Lynch, Jeff Gentry, Patti Knowles.  
Austin*

Blessings  
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

Blank lines for writing blessings

**Listening Guide**  
**“Loving One Another”**  
**August 28, 2022**

**Scripture:** 1 John 3:11-24

**How do we know we love one another?**

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**Personal Application:** We must believe in Jesus and love one another just as He commanded. The obedient ones remain in fellowship with Him. His Spirit is proof He lives in us. Are these things true of us?

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## 1 John 3:11-24 NLT

### Love One Another

<sup>11</sup> This is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another. <sup>12</sup> We must not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because Cain had been doing what was evil, and his brother had been doing what was righteous. <sup>13</sup> So don't be surprised, dear brothers and sisters, if the world hates you.

<sup>14</sup> If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead. <sup>15</sup> Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them.

<sup>16</sup> We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?

<sup>18</sup> Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. <sup>19</sup> Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. <sup>20</sup> Even if we feel guilty, God is greater than our feelings, and he knows everything.

<sup>21</sup> Dear friends, if we don't feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence. <sup>22</sup> And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him.

<sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us. <sup>24</sup> Those who obey God's commandments remain in fellowship with him, and he with them. And we know he lives in us because the Spirit he gave us lives in us.

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

*Thanks be to God!*