



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.

Transfiguration Sunday

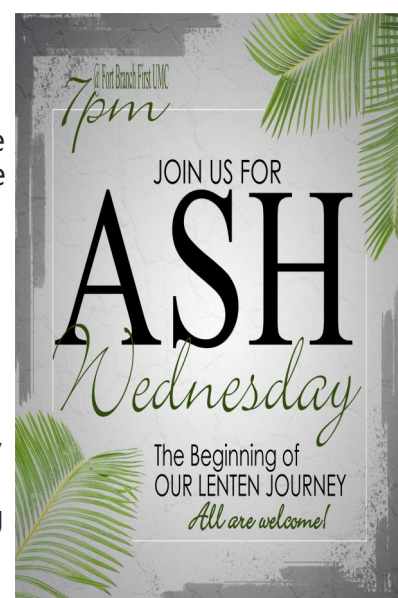
February 11, 2024

Spring training for Christians

The word Lent comes from Middle English and German words for springtime. In light of the start of baseball season, some people call the pre-Easter season "spring training for Christians." This fresh perspective moves away from the flawed understanding that Lent must be somber, or that giving something up for Lent is punishment for sin or a way to earn God's favor.

As people of faith, we should never take a season off. But every so often — at least once a year! — we do well to examine where we need to get back in shape spiritually. Perhaps we will indeed opt to give something up: that swearing habit, sleeping in on Sundays, or the cost of a weekly treat so we can donate the money instead. Or maybe we'll take on something new for Lent: a Bible study, prayer routine or service project.

Hebrews describes spiritual discipline as challenging in the moment but yielding righteousness later. The writer urges us, "Lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees ... so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed" (12:11-13, ESV). May the spring training of Lent strengthen and heal us all.



Women's Conference

**WE LOVE
BECAUSE
HE FIRST
LOVED US.**

1 JOHN 4:19

Fort Branch First UMC
100 W Vine ST, Fort Branch, IN 47648

February 24 9am-2pm

Guest Speaker
Jammy Whitehurst

\$25
conference, lunch & t-shirt

RSVP to Kristi Pflug 812/664-1108
by February 17, 2024
Please indicate t-shirt size.

There is a detailed list of items needing to be donated for this year's conference. If you can help, please reserve the item(s) with your name...the list is posted on the hallway bulletin board at Fort Branch First UMC. Don't forget to RSVP.....



Use one word (perhaps in different forms) for all the blanks to complete this Scripture passage: "Dear friends, let us ____ one another, for ____ comes from God. Everyone who ____ has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not ____ does not know God, because God is ____."

A. believe
C. love

B. help
D. forgive

Valentine's Day jokes

What did one sheep say to the other?

I love ewe!

And how did the other sheep respond?

You're not so baaa-d yourself.

Why do skunks love Valentine's Day?

They are very scent-imental creatures.

What did the enamored deer say?

I'm very fawn-ed of you!

What question did the penguin ask on February 14?

Waddle I do without you?

What do you call two birds in love?

Tweethearts!

What did one bee say to the other?

I love bee-ing with you, honey!



FEBRUARY
Birthdays and Anniversaries

Shannon Dilbeck ~ 13th
Nathan Hargiss ~ 14th
Alexander Hargiss ~ 15th
David Lewis ~ 17th
Steven Schleter ~ 17th



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THIS WEEK *At Church*

† 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 ~

6:30pm Ω Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

7:00pm Ω Ash Wednesday

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

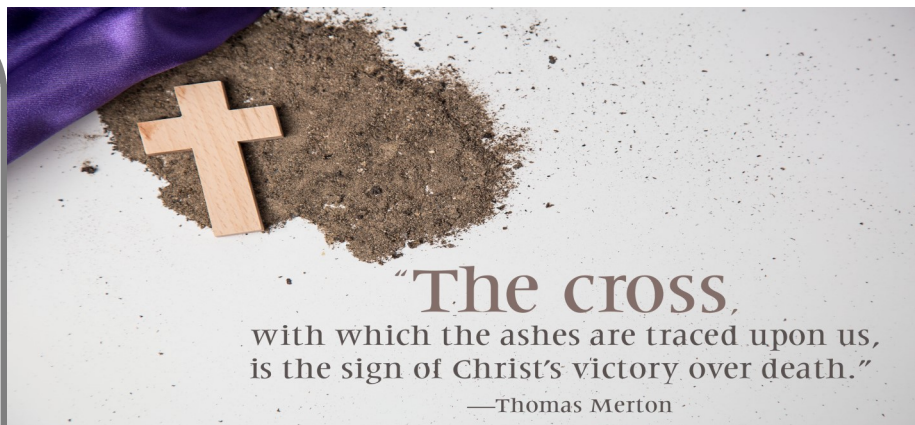
Saturday:

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Lent

9:00am † Blythe Chapel

10:30am Ω Fort Branch First &
Live streaming

Complete Schedule @
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Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #454 9:00am *Open My Eyes, That I May See*
AV 10:30am *You Are My King*

*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 #382 9:00am *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*
#2152 10:30am *Change My Heart,
O God*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE OFFERING:

The Gathering of the Gifts

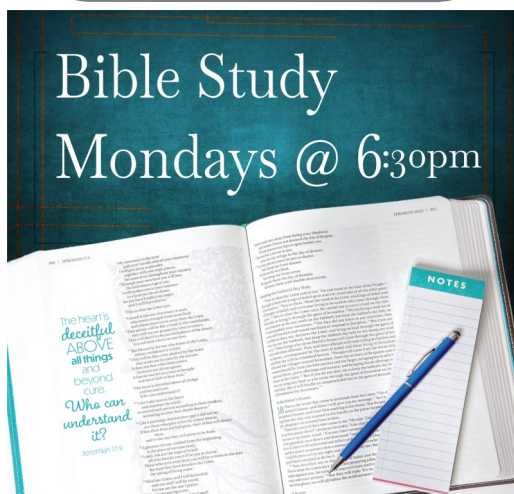
*Presentation of Gifts with DOXOLOGY:

**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.**

CHILDRENS MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

**Derek Robicheaux & Shelby Wynn ~ Come Thirsty
Jenni Schleter ~ Holy Water**



***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Luke 10:25-37 NLT

MESSAGE

“Who Is My Neighbor”

HOLY COMMUNION

A L L A R E W E L C O M E

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

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 AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS

THE SERVING OF THE BODY AND BLOOD

In this church, all are welcome to the Lord's Table.

***HYMN #467** 9:00am

#2165 10:30am

*Trust and Obey
Cry of My Heart*

***BLESSING**

Pastor

***THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD**

Acolytes

***DEPARTING SONG:**

Hymn

chorus

Glory to His Name!

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There to my heart was the blood applied.

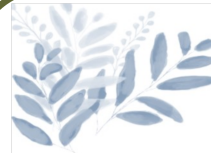
Glory to His Name!

***PASSING THE PEACE:**

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE

Lent
B E G I N S



**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,
Morgan Whitehead, Terri
Jarboe, Jo Eckert, Ruby
Wilkerson, Scotti Pitts,
Gretchen Young, June
Regenhold, Brian Price,
Triston, Tegan, Pastor John,
Thelma & Len Robicheaux,
Wyatt Wagner, Mary & Roy,
Roberta & Duncan, Mark
Fear, Kim Stratman, Deanna
Wilson, Kenny Shaw,
Doug Shaw, Laynie Speicher*

With the current tax laws,
not everyone will need to
itemize their

**2023 Federal Income
Taxes.**



As to save our Financial
Secretary (aka volunteer)
a lot of extra work,
a financial statement
of your offerings and tithes
will only be prepared for you
upon request.

Please contact

Don Steinmetz

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or via phone (812)664-8705

The Most Important Commandment

²⁵ One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?”

²⁷ The man answered, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

²⁸ “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!”

²⁹ The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Parable of the Good Samaritan

³⁰ Jesus replied with a story: “A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road.

³¹ “By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. ³² A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.

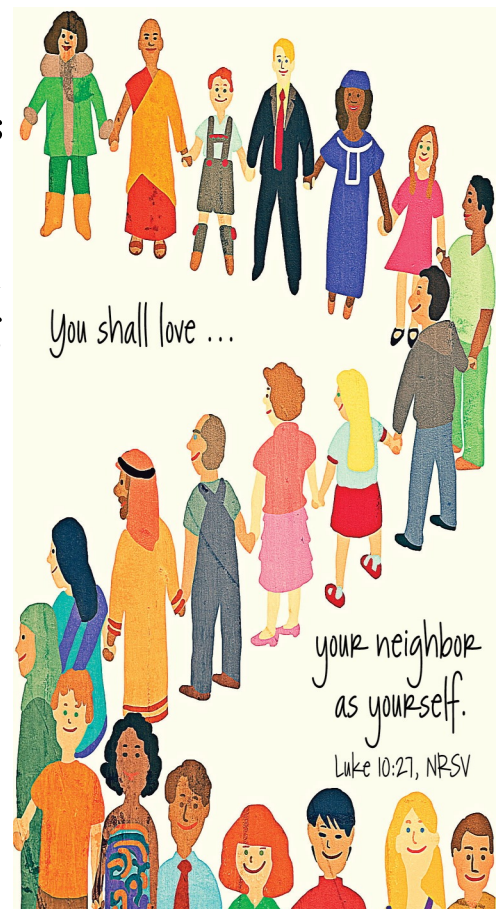
³³ “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. ³⁴ Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’”

³⁶ “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked.

³⁷ The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.”

Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.”

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



Listening Guide
“Who is My Neighbor?”
February 11,

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

The _____ Response

The _____ Response

The _____ Response

Personal Application: Who was this man’s neighbor? What does Jesus teach us about who our neighbors are?

