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the Teachings of Jesus—  
and Live those Teachings.

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#### WELCOME

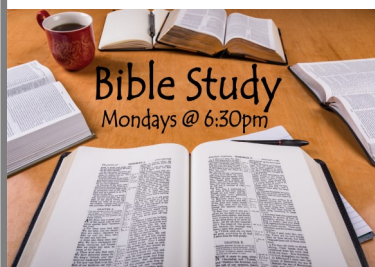
Whoever you are,  
and wherever you find yourself  
on the journey of faith, you are  
welcome to this church as you  
are to receive the riches of  
God's grace...

### *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 19, 2023

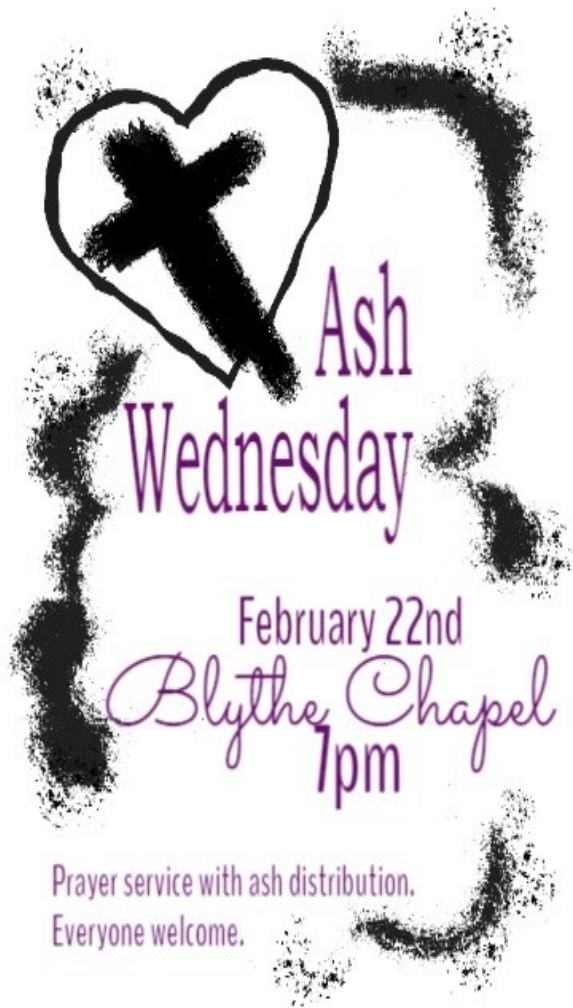


Bible Study  
Mondays @ 6:30pm

### Amazing love

If there is one subject  
more than another upon  
which I wish ever to  
speak, it is the love of  
Christ; but if there is one  
which quite baffles me,  
and makes me go back  
from this platform  
utterly ashamed of my  
poor feeble words, and  
of the tongue which has  
uttered them, it is this  
subject. This love of  
Christ is the most  
amazing thing under  
heaven, if not in heaven  
itself.

—Charles Spurgeon



Ash

Wednesday

February 22nd

Blythe Chapel  
7pm

Prayer service with ash distribution.  
Everyone welcome.



March 12<sup>th</sup> | 12pm | \$8 donation  
Carry-Outs Available

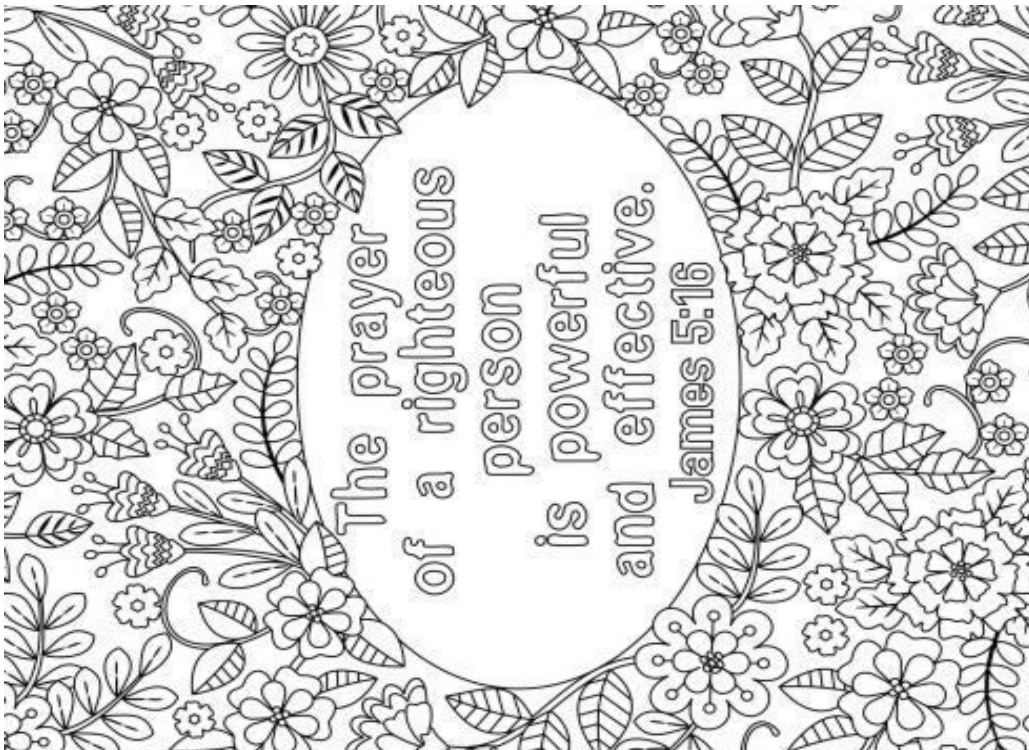
## LOADED POTATO BAR

100% Proceeds to help with expenses for  
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox.



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 D C S R E D L E M F E A G U S

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.  
 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let  
 them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the  
 prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if  
 he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one  
 to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual  
 fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to  
 like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and  
 it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he  
 prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.



Shelby Workman ~ 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Lauren Foster ~ 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Linda Russell ~ 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Madison Marginet ~ 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Riley Bryant ~ 23<sup>rd</sup>

**AARP**  
 FOUNDATION  
**FREE TAX HELP**  
 @ the Library

AARP TaxAide  
 volunteers will be  
 available to prepare in  
 person Federal and  
 Indiana state taxes free  
 for those who are over  
 55, low to moderate  
 income, beginning  
 Thurs and Fri, Feb 9, 10  
 and each Thurs and Fri  
 from 9:30 -1:30 by  
 appointment. TP may  
 signup in person at the  
 Princeton Public Library  
 on S Main St. and  
 pickup a required form  
 on Thurs and Fri. No  
 phone calls please. Any  
 amended returns will be  
 done late Mar/early Apr.  
 The program is also  
 available at many  
 Evansville Public  
 Libraries and SWIRCA.

Fort Branch First UMC  
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when found in the Order of Service  
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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 ~  
6:30pm Ω Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday: ASH WEDNESDAY  
7:00pm † Distribution of Ashes

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~  
Saturday

Next Sunday: Lent ~ week 1

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

Complete Schedule @ [www.fbfirst.org](http://www.fbfirst.org)

#### *Next Sunday's Message:*

"LENT ~  
JESUS' EXAMPLE OF  
FAITH"



# WELCOME TO church

*Rev. John Baylor, Jr.*

## PRELUDE

**\*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US**

**\*HYMN # 577** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

## \*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 #474** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

## 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 *Derek Robicheaux ~ We Will Remember  
John & Anita Baylor ~ In The Garden*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

*James 5 NLT*

MESSAGE “James ~ Having an Undivided Faith:  
*Practical Faith*”

\*HYMN # 672 *God Be with You till We Meet Again*

\*BLESSING Pastor

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

\*DEPARTING SONG: *Thank You, Lord*

*Thank You, Lord,  
for saving my soul;  
Thank You, Lord,  
for making me whole;  
Thank You, Lord,  
for giving to me  
Thy great salvation  
so rich and free.*

\*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

## POSTLUDE

*Let's go bananas!*

*When the baseball team in Savannah, Georgia, got new owners in 2016, it also received a new name and identity — the Bananas! Adding pep to what often seemed a long, boring game, Jesse and Emily Cole offered a creative new experience, full of entertainment and spectacle. Players wear all-yellow uniforms (sometimes kilts), and the mascot is a banana named Split. Cheering on the team are the Banana Nanas senior-citizen dancers and the Man-Nanas Dad Bod Cheering Squad. The entire organization sets out to bring hospitality and joy, sending people home thinking, “This was the best experience of my life!”*

*What if Christians, individually and as a community, fully embraced our new name and identity, sharing radical hospitality and profound joy with everyone? Jesus has bought us from our former owner, sin, and given us a new name: Beloved of God.*

*This identity may seem silly to some, just as the Savannah Bananas raised eyebrows initially. But before long, the delighted fans were going bananas for them!*

*With the same wild abandon and big-hearted outreach, the church — with its much-greater message — can spread love and goodwill, and have fun doing it!*



## PRAYER list...

*Prayer Requests — last names are printed for individuals requesting prayer for themselves or with explicitly given permission.*

*Jane Marginet, Jake Prieshoff,  
Richard Michel, Becca Manolov,  
Carla Jackson, Connie Osborn,  
Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor,  
Morgan Whitehead, Terri Jarboe,  
Derek Barton, Jo Eckert,  
Ruby Wilkerson, Scotti Pitts,  
Deanna Wilson, Don Colvin,  
Gretchen Young, Effie Dilbeck,  
Bill Conklin, Frances Burns,  
June Regenhold, Sam Smith,  
Ruth Ann Sokeland, Margie Beal,*

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

### 2022 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

**Paul Cardinal**

email: [redbird937@hotmail.com](mailto:redbird937@hotmail.com)

Listening Guide  
"Practical Faith"  
February 19, 2023



**Scripture:** James 5

**What are some components of a practical faith?**

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\_\_\_\_\_ in Waiting (vs. 7-11)

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**Simplicity in** \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 12)

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**Be** \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 13-18)

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\_\_\_\_\_ **God to Hear** (vs. 16-20)

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**Personal Application:** Practical tips for living faith on a daily basis is what Chapter 5 is all about. Are these present in your life?

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### Warning to the Rich

<sup>5</sup> Look here, you rich people: Weep and groan with anguish because of all the terrible troubles ahead of you. <sup>2</sup> Your wealth is rotting away, and your fine clothes are moth-eaten rags. <sup>3</sup> Your gold and silver are corroded. The very wealth you were counting on will eat away your flesh like fire. This corroded treasure you have hoarded will testify against you on the day of judgment. <sup>4</sup> For listen! Hear the cries of the field workers whom you have cheated of their pay. The cries of those who harvest your fields have reached the ears of the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

<sup>5</sup> You have spent your years on earth in luxury, satisfying your every desire. You have fattened yourselves for the day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup> You have condemned and killed innocent people,<sup>1</sup> who do not resist you.

### Patience and Endurance

<sup>7</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who patiently wait for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They eagerly look for the valuable harvest to ripen. <sup>8</sup> You, too, must be patient. Take courage, for the coming of the Lord is near.

<sup>9</sup> Don't grumble about each other, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. For look—the Judge is standing at the door!

<sup>10</sup> For examples of patience in suffering, dear brothers and sisters, look at the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. <sup>11</sup> We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. For instance, you know about Job, a man of great endurance. You can see how the Lord was kind to him at the end, for the Lord is full of tenderness and mercy.

<sup>12</sup> But most of all, my brothers and sisters, never take an oath, by heaven or earth or anything else. Just say a simple yes or no, so that you will not sin and be condemned.

### The Power of Prayer

<sup>13</sup> Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. <sup>14</sup> Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven.

<sup>16</sup> Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! <sup>18</sup> Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.

### Restore Wandering Believers

<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, <sup>20</sup> you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.

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