



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

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

www.fbfirst.org

P. O. Box 116, Fort Branch, IN 47648
Phone: (812) 753-4424
Fax: (812) 768-6441
melissa@fbfirst.org

Blythe Chapel 8141 S. 450 W. Owensville, IN	Fort Branch First 100 W. Vine St. Fort Branch, IN
--	--

Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday, 9:00 am– 2:00 pm
Closed Monday and Friday

Rev. John Baylor, Jr., Pastor
john@fbfirst.org
Parsonage: (812) 615-0053

Melissa Foster, Administrative Assistant
melissa@fbfirst.org

Rexanne Robicheaux
Musician @ First

Derek Robicheaux
Custodian @ First

Zella Frey
Custodian @ Blythe

Lynn Prieshoff,
Director of Music Ministries @ Blythe

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.

Baptism of the Lord Sunday January 9, 2022



Dear Churches,

As always you outdid yourselves in showing your gratitude to my family and I over this Christmas season. Thank you for the cards and the monetary gifts that you have given to us. It is always wonderful to know how much you love us. Please know that it is truly a joy and our honor to continue serving as your pastoral family and look forward to what God has in store for us in the days and years to come.

*Blessings
The Baylor Family*

Dear Church Family,
My sincere gratitude to each of you for showing and living your faith. I cherish every moment we worship together and lift His name in song, prayer and praise. Thank you for letting me serve to bring music to the worship services. It is my joy. Wishing you all well this holy Advent holiday and into the New Year '22. I appreciate your touching Christmas card and love gift.

You are very dear and special to me.
God's blessings always.
Sherry Michel



Friends,
Thank you for remembering me this Christmas with your generous gift. Having so many friends is very humbling and I cannot thank you enough.
Derek

My friends at
Blythe Chapel & Fort
Branch First UMC's~

Thank You for your generous gifts of appreciation as well as friendships and prayers throughout the year. I am truly blessed beyond measure!
In Christ's Love, Melissa



PERHAPS YOU WERE
Created
 ESTHER 4:14
 FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

Women's Conference 2022
Saturday, February 19th
 Keynote Speaker ~Kirsten Hart

**Hot Chocolate Sunday
 January 9th**

**Hot Chocolate &
 Coffee will be served.**

Hope in God;
 FOR I SHALL AGAIN PRAISE HIM,
 MY HELP AND MY GOD.

PSALM 42:4, NKJV

**UNITED
 METHODIST
 YOUTH HOME**
#StillServing

Thank You to everyone who donated cash so that gift cards could be purchased for the 17 young people living at the United Methodist Youth Home in Evansville. Together we collected \$510 which gave each one a \$30 shopping spree. You all are awesome and I feel certain the blessing was well received!

JANUARY
 BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Trowbridge ~ 10th
Wayne Anderson ~ 11th

FREE 2022 wall
 Calendars are available in
 the narthex,
 courtesy of
 Stodghill Funeral Home



Fort Branch First UMC
 P. O. Box 116
 Fort Branch, IN 47648

Deliver to:

* -This symbol,
when found in the Order of Service
invites you to stand - if able.

CCLI #2446518
Streaming License # 20701562

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.

Nursery
Attendant:



1/9: Monica Bryant
1/16: Crystal Smith

† 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 Use—
Robicheaux

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~
6:30pm Ω Women's Bible
Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship
9:30am Ω Sunday School
10:30am Ω Worship & Live

Next Sunday Worship:

*"Chosen by God~
The Tools We Need"*
1 Peter 1:3-11

A graphic with the text "Welcome to Worship" in a white, elegant serif font. The text is set against a dark green background with a subtle pattern of pine branches and needles. The graphic is framed by a thin white border.

The Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

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

*HYMN # 9:00am
430 10:30am *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

*GREETING AND PRAYER

*We offer a cordial greeting to all worshippers 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 # 9:00am
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

John 15:1-17 NLT

MESSAGE

“Chosen by God~ Belonging”

*HYMN # 9:00am
384 10:30am

Love Devine, All Loves Excelling

***BLESSING**

Pastor

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

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn # 251 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

*Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain,
that Jesus Christ is born.*

***PASSING THE PEACE:**

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE

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,
Kyle Stone, Poppy Petry, Linda
McKimmy, Connie Osborn,
Tommy Osborn, Alec Taylor,
Morgan Whitehead, Lisa & Bill,
Linda Reed, Al Rostron,
Amy Casavant, Randy Jones,
Derek Barton,
Dennis Woolston, Jo Eckert,
Jerry McBee, Hattie Kroeger
The family of Cameron Foster*

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE



Listening Guide
“Chosen by God – Belonging”
January 9, 2022

Scripture: John 15:1-17

How do we know that we belong to Jesus?

We are _____ (vs. 1-4)

We are _____ (vs. 5-8)

We _____ and are Loved (vs. 9-17)

Personal Application: What feelings, thoughts, and emotions surface when you truly realize that you're chosen by God?

John 15:1-17 NLT

Jesus, the True Vine

¹ “I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. ³ You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

⁵ “Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. ⁷ But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! ⁸ When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

⁹ “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. ¹⁰ When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! ¹² This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. ¹³ There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn’t confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. ¹⁶ You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. ¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

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