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Fort Branch



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Our Mission....
To *make disciples* of
Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the
world .

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One Church
Two Locations
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Echoing God's goodness

Roald Dahl's 1988 novel *Matilda*, since adapted for stage and screen, tells of a young girl surrounded largely by abusive adults. With her exceptional intelligence, wit and courage, Matilda decries her father's lying and cheating, resists injustice against her classmates and kind teacher and, in the end, refuses to perpetuate a cycle of revenge. A community-theater director in Minnesota wrote in the musical's playbill, "Her story reminds us that strength isn't always loud, and power doesn't always look like we expect."

That also aptly describes Jesus, who came not with what society deems strength and power. Instead, the Messiah showed that true strength is kind, compassionate and sometimes quiet. True power is not bullying and domination, but giving of oneself in love. Refusing to curse his opponents or even his executioners, Jesus prayed for their forgiveness, demonstrating how to end cycles of violence and death.

Humans — no matter how brilliant! — can go only so far by themselves. That's why Jesus went farther, rising to new life and defeating death entirely. But in the world around us, particularly in books, plays and other works of art, we can catch echoes of God's goodness. Inspired by characters like Matilda and real-life neighbors who uplift others, we too can echo God's goodness. While we trust above all in our Savior Jesus, let's work courageously and creatively for kindness and care. —Heidi Hyland Mann

Not 'OK' but 'forgiven'

Since Thomas Harris' popular self-help book *I'm OK, You're OK* was first published in 1967, the title has become a cliché, thanks to knock-offs and parodies. One is titled *I'm OK, You're Not So Hot*. Indeed, it's often in our nature to be more accepting of our own behavior than of others'.

Yet at other times we're too quick to dismiss a wrong done against us. When a wise Christian apologized to me for something she'd done, I immediately replied, "It's OK." But she responded, "No, it's *not* OK, but you can tell me I'm forgiven."

Lent reminds us that none of us is perfectly "OK" in our relationships with God and one another. But thanks to God's unconditional love, demonstrated through Jesus' willingness to suffer even death for us, we're indeed forgiven. —Heidi Mann

Oh Butta!

July Missions in Motion: we're asking for butter or margarine sticks/tubs for The Lord's Pantry. Please utilize the church fridge as our collection site.



How to Treat Others

How does God want us to get along with other people? Ephesians 4:32 tells us. To find out what it says, use the code to fill in the blanks.

CODE:

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Answer: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."



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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 provide a nursery, located in
the education wing near the restrooms.

@Church

This Week

This Sunday:

10:30am ~ Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:
5:30pm ~ Yoga

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~

Friday:

Saturday:
9am-12pm ~ Church Yard Sale

Next Sunday:

10:30am ~ Worship & Live
streaming worship

Full calendar of events:
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to Love

- stop feeling angry or resentful
toward (someone) for an offense,
flaw or mistake.
- cancel (a debt)



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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 #77

How Great Thou Art

*AFFIRMATION FROM ROMANS

HYMN #887

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or
famine, Or nakedness or peril or sword?
No!

*In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.*

We are sure that neither

death nor life,

nor angels, nor principalities

nor things present, nor thing to come,

nor powers, nor height, nor depth,

nor anything else in all creation,

*will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Thanks be to God! Amen.

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #393

Spirit of the Living God

SHARING PRAYER 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 Offertory Response:

Hymn #70

***Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:31-32, NLT

*³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and
slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to
each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God
through Christ has forgiven you.*

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

MESSAGE

"Forgiven to Forgive"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

***HYMN # 2152**

Change My Heart, O God

***BLESSING**



*Sundays in July are for sunshine,
fellowship, and worship! Whether you're
here every week or dropping in between
vacations, we'd love to see you.*

Prayer Requests

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

***Jane Marginet, June
Regenhold, Mark Fear,
Deanna Wilson, Terri &
Steve Jarboe, Liz & Alan
Creamer, Paul & Jeanie
Cardinal, Zach
Anderson, Morgan
Whitehead, Roger &
Nancy Jones, Julie
Anderson, Carolyn
Jones, Jim Feutz,
Autumn Scott, Ron
Dunning, Bruce Rostron***



***The family of Frances
Burns***

***Carolyn Burns & Deanna
Lutz, their mother
107 E Oak ST
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***Daniel & Kayla Hall ~ 27th
Chris Bryant ~ 28th
Barb & Ed Trapp ~ 29th
Terri Jarboe ~ 30th
Will & Heather Scott ~ 30th
Phil Scott ~ 1st***