



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.

5th Sunday in Lent

March 21, 2021

The Adult Sunday School Class will
start a new series titled

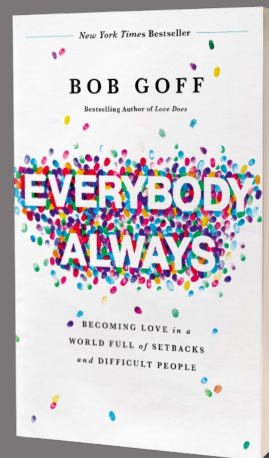
"Everybody Always" becoming love
in a world full of setbacks and
difficult people.

By Bob Goff

Please join us

March 21st @ 9:30am

First UMC Education Wing



prayer

Good Friday Prayer Vigil

April 2nd from 6^{am} ~ 6^{pm}
Sanctuary open for prayer



Spend time in a vigil at the tomb of
Christ, enter into God's Word,
reflect on what is accomplished and
what comes to us through
the death of Jesus.

Write your name with your
committed prayer time on a butterfly
and attach to the branches of our
prayer tree. You may also register
your prayer commitment on our
website www.fbfirst.org



Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world,
but **let God transform** you into a new person
by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know
God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect. Romans 12:2

When God giggles

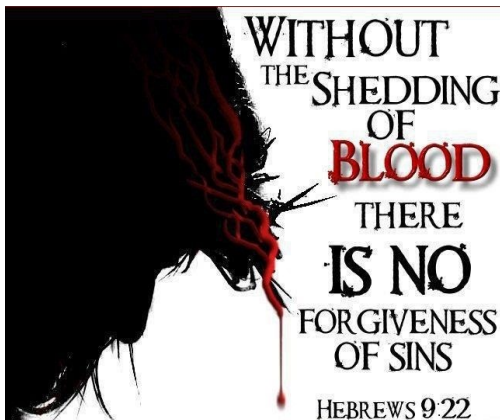
Before dinner, our family was preparing to pray, which we do by holding hands. Upon discovering that one child hadn't washed his hands, my husband struck a contorted pose to avoid physical contact. The mealtime blessing quickly dissolved into laughter as we each peeked at him.

Afterward, as we passed around the food, I asked, "What do you imagine God thought about us laughing during prayer?" One child quickly replied, "I think he was laughing right along with us."



Yes! Although prayer is reverent, God invites us to converse with words, emotions — and even giggles!

—Janna Firestone

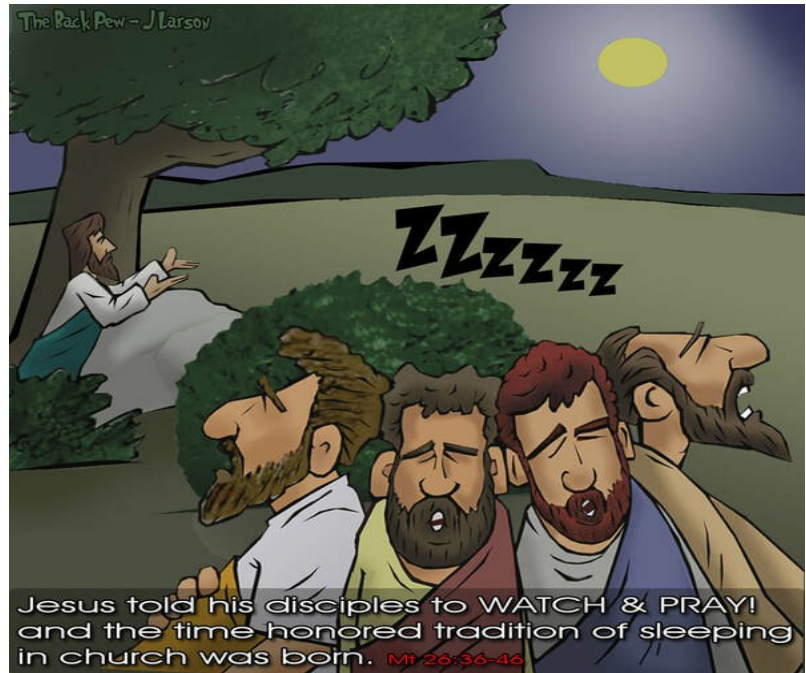
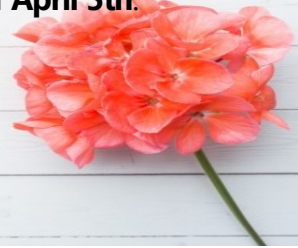


There are **red marbles** near the bulletin table...please take one with you. Allow this single **"droplet"** to be a precious daily reminder of how Jesus made eternal life possible for you.

Deaconess Gibson Hospital Auxiliary
will be taking orders for their beautiful
Geranium Sale Fundraiser
beginning now through **April 5th.**

Pickup is April 19,20,21 from 9-3
at Lafayette Park shelter #4.
Cost is \$4.75 each cash or check only.

**To place an order, call or text
Darla Lewis at 812-457-4683.**



That's the point!

If prayer stands as the place where God and human beings meet, then I must learn about prayer. Most of my struggles in the Christian life circle around the same two themes: why God doesn't act the way we want God to, and why I don't act the way God wants me to. Prayer is the precise point where those themes converge.

--Philip Yancey



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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.

Nursery
Attendant:



3/21: Ruth Ann Salyer
3/28: Pam Mabrey



† Indicates location is Blythe Chapel
Ω Indicates location is First UMC

This Sunday: Lent week 5

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

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday

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

Next Sunday Worship:

Love

LENT 2021

with all your
MIND | HEART | SOUL

"The Triumphant Entry"
John 12:12-19

Lent

Welcome to worship, whether in person or online! May zeal for God's house consume us, as it did Jesus (John 2:17), but remember that the Holy Spirit lives in every human heart.



Rev. John F. Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN # 374 9:00am *Standing on the Promises*
395 10:30am *Take Time to Be Holy*

*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

PRAYERS

SHARING OF CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYER HYMN # 297 9:00am *Beneath the Cross
of Jesus*
#328 10:30am *Surely the Presence
of the Lord*

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.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Jenni Schleter

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *insert*

John 17

MESSAGE

“Jesus Prays”

*HYMN #133 9:00am *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*
#176 10:30am *Majesty, Worship His Majesty*

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn #467 Trust and Obey

*Trust and obey,
for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus,
but to trust and obey.*

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

*THE OFFERING

*Please place your tithes and gifts in the offering
plates located at any of the three main sanctuary exits.*

POSTLUDE

*For the safety of all, please take home all items you
brought with you and properly dispose of your bulletin,
paper mask and other trash.*

Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the
night. —George Herbert



Prayer REQUESTS

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

*Jane Marginet, Marty
Marginet, Joann Davis Fitch,
Mark Dillion, Jake Prieshoff,
Lynn Prieshoff, Richard & Betty
Michel, Becca Manolov, Carla
Jackson, Kyle Stone, Mark Fear,
Joyce Kruse, Lucile Johnson,
Poppy Petry, Judy Basham,
Thomas Brown, Connie Collins,
Linda McKimmy, Bruce
Rostron, June Regenhold, Kim,
Connie Osborn & Tommy
Osborn, Alec Taylor,
Derek Barton
The Family of Connie Crowder*



*We want to give God the Glory
for the many blessings in our lives.
Let's share these moments with
praise!*

Congratulations to **Johnathan
Jenkins-Spindler** for placing
third for FFA Creed

*...in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free! In the
cold and snow of winter there's a
spring that waits to be...
Happy Spring*

Let's Celebrate

*Laura Nurrenbern ~ 22nd
Kelton Edwards ~ 23rd
Mary Wallace ~ 24th
Hannah Bryant ~ 27th*

Listening Guide

"Jesus Prays"

March 21, 2021



Scripture: What were the topics of Jesus' prayers?

_____ (vs. 1-5)

_____ (vs. 6-8)

_____ (vs. 9-12)

_____ (vs. 13-19)

_____ (vs. 20-26)

Personal Application: Jesus had us on His mind the night before He died. How does this impact you in following Him?

John 17

The Prayer of Jesus

¹⁷ After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so he can give glory back to you.” ² For you have given him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one you have given him. ³ And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth. ⁴ I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began.

⁶ “I have revealed you to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you, ⁸ for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me.

⁹ “My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you. ¹⁰ All who are mine belong to you, and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory. ¹¹ Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are. ¹² During my time here, I protected them by the power of the name you gave me. I guarded them so that not one was lost, except the one headed for destruction, as the Scriptures foretold.

¹³ “Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy. ¹⁴ I have given them your word. And the world hates them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to this world any more than I do. ¹⁷ Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. ¹⁸ Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. ¹⁹ And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth.

²⁰ “I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. ²¹ I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

²² “I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. ²³ I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me. ²⁴ Father, I want these whom you have given me to be with me where I am. Then they can see all the glory you gave me because you loved me even before the world began!

²⁵ “O righteous Father, the world doesn’t know you, but I do; and these disciples know you sent me. ²⁶ I have revealed you to them, and I will continue to do so. Then your love for me will be in them, and I will be in them.”

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

Thanks be to God!



Together in Lent

Holy Week

Palm Sunday ~ March 28th

9:00_{am} ~ Blythe Chapel
10:30_{am} ~ Fort Branch First
& Live Streaming

Holy Thursday ~ April 1st

7:00_{pm} ~ Communion
@ Fort Branch First & Live Streaming

Good Friday ~ April 2nd

6_{am}-6_{pm} ~ 12 Hour Prayer Vigil

Easter Sunday ~ April 4th

7:00_{am} ~ Sunrise Service w/Communion
@ Blythe Chapel
w/ Easter Egg Hunt following

9:00_{am} ~ Easter Worship Service
w/Communion & Live Stream
@ Fort Branch First



Tithe & Offerings

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Thank you

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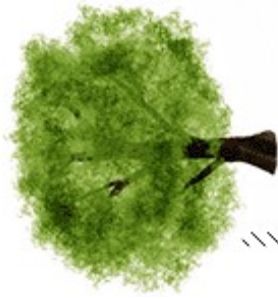
God in my hands

When I was ready to give up on the Church, it was the sacraments that pulled me back.

When my faith had become little more than an abstraction, a set of propositions to be affirmed or denied, the tangible, tactile nature of the sacraments invited me to touch, smell, taste, hear, and see God in the stuff of everyday life again. They got God out of my head and into my hands. They reminded me that Christianity isn't meant to simply be believed; it's meant to be lived, shared, eaten, spoken, and enacted in the presence of other people. They reminded me that, try as I may, I can't be a Christian on my own.

—Rachel Held Evans





Bible Pathway Adventures

WORD SEARCH

GETHSEMANE

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PASSOVER

PRAYER

ASLEEP

BETRAYAL

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MOUNT OF OLIVES

OIL PRESS

CHIEF PRIESTS

CRUCIFIXION

LANTERNS

SWORD

JUDAS

JERUSALEM

TEMPTATION

GETHSEMANE

DISCIPLES

YESHUA

PHARISEES