



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.

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** **May 14, 2023**



## Honor your mother

Anna Jarvis, the woman who first suggested a national day to honor mothers, had an incredible mother to honor. Her mom, Ann Reeves Jarvis (1832-1905), was a Sunday school teacher and activist who helped lower infant-mortality rates in Appalachia and promoted friendship among families of Civil War soldiers.

At a memorial service for her mother, Anna Jarvis distributed carnations — her mom's favorite flower — to attendees. Her idea to set apart one day each year for moms gained traction, and in 1914, President Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May Mother's Day. It was customary by then to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living.

Of the white flowers, Jarvis said they "symbolize the truth, purity and broad-charity of mother love; its fragrance, her memory, and her prayers. The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying."



*We will be acknowledging the achievements of all the  
graduates in our congregations on*

*Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> @ Blythe Chapel*

*Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> @ Fort Branch First*

*during worship. We don't want to leave anyone out!*

*If you have a student graduating either Jr. High, High School,  
or college, please inform Heather Scott, Laura Nurrenbern,  
Melissa Foster or Pastor John.*



Happy Mother's Day!

Methodist Mountain  
Mission Pick Up  
Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>



Please use boxes when  
collecting your donations  
and stack neatly as possible  
in the church garage.



celebrate!

*Jean Stone ~ 15th*

*Bill McBee ~ 16th*

*Diana Knapp ~ 19th*

*Mike Russler ~ 20th*

Back to School  
BASH

Backpack & School Supply

DRIVE-THRU



July 29, 2023

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

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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 Mother's Day

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live  
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

6:30pm Ω Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

3:30pm Ω Port Gibson 4-H

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live  
streaming worship

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## Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

### PRELUDE

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

\*HYMN #337

*Only Trust Him*

### \*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.*

### IT WAS MOM: A MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE

### 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 #534

*Be Still My Soul*

### 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!

*Next Sunday's Message:*

*Special Guest Speaker*  
*Rev. John Windell*



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

## \*SCRIPTURE LESSON

## MESSAGE

## \*HYMN #130

## \*BLESSING

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

## \*DEPARTING SONG: insert

## \*PASSING THE PEACE:

*Let us greet one another with the peace of God.*

## POSTLUDE

Jenna Schleter ~ *Mammas*

*John 21:15-23 NLT*

"Peter's Restoration, Part 2"

*God Will Take Care of You*

Pastor

Acolytes

*I Will Serve Thee*



God of strong and tender love,  
thank you for those who have  
shown me your love in motherly  
ways, and for the opportunities I  
have to care for others.



# Happy Mother's Day

## PRAYER list

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

*Jane Marginet, 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, June Regenhold,  
Margie Beal, Lesa Prater, Brian  
Price, Roger & Nancy Jones,  
Kathy Trowbridge, Triston, Tegan*

## Jokes only a mother could love

Why is a computer so  
smart?

*It listens to its  
motherboard.*

Why did you chop the  
joke book in half?

*Mom said to cut the  
comedy.*

Why do mother  
kangaroos hate rainy  
days?

*Because their kids have to  
play inside!*

What did the mother  
rope say to her child?

*"Don't be knotty."*



## John 21: 15-23 NLT

<sup>15</sup> After breakfast Jesus asked Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” Peter replied, “you know I love you.”

“Then feed my lambs,” Jesus told him.

<sup>16</sup> Jesus repeated the question: “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

“Yes, Lord,” Peter said, “you know I love you.”

“Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said.

<sup>17</sup> A third time he asked him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question a third time. He said, “Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Then feed my sheep.”

<sup>18</sup> “I tell you the truth, when you were young, you were able to do as you liked; you dressed yourself and went wherever you wanted to go. But when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and others will dress you and take you where you don’t want to go.” <sup>19</sup> Jesus said this to let him know by what kind of death he would glorify God. Then Jesus told him, “Follow me.”

<sup>20</sup> Peter turned around and saw behind them the disciple Jesus loved—the one who had leaned over to Jesus during supper and asked, “Lord, who will betray you?” <sup>21</sup> Peter asked Jesus, “What about him, Lord?”

<sup>22</sup> Jesus replied, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? As for you, follow me.” <sup>23</sup> So the rumor spread among the community of believers that this disciple wouldn’t die. But that isn’t what Jesus said at all. He only said, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?”

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

*Thanks be to God!*

**Listening Guide**  
**“Peter’s Restoration Part 2”**  
**May 14, 2023**

**Scripture:** How does Jesus call Peter to a deeper faith?

**The** \_\_\_\_\_ **(vs. 15-17)**

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**His** \_\_\_\_\_ **(vs. 18-19)**

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\_\_\_\_\_ **(vs. 20-23)**

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**Personal Application:** Jesus restored Peter and He can restore us. Have you been restored? How did that process happen for you?

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# I Will Serve Thee 499

WILLIAM J. AND GLORIA GAITHER

*It is the Lord Christ you are serving.* Col. 3:24

WILLIAM J. GAITHER

I will serve Thee be - cause I love Thee, You have giv - en

The first system of the song features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

life to me; I was noth - ing be - fore You found me,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

You have giv - en life to me. Heart - aches, bro - ken

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

piec - es, Ru - ined lives are why You died on Cal - vary; Your touch

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes.

was what I longed for, You have giv - en life to me.

The fifth system concludes the song with a final cadence. The lyrics are written below the notes.



# GRADUATION CELEBRATION



**Time to celebrate our  
graduate,**

**Charity Baylor**

**2023 Gibson Southern  
High School**

**Saturday, May 27th  
12-2pm**

**Fort Branch First UMC  
Fellowship Hall**



**Please come and help us  
celebrate  
Gibson Southern graduates**

**Riley Bryant  
& Thomas Lewis**

**Sunday, May 28th  
from 12-3  
at The Bryant home  
801 East John St.**