



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

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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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.

Day of Pentecost May 28, 2023

GRADUATION Sundays

Sunday, May 28th ~Blythe Chapel Graduates
Cake and Punch following worship service.

Charity Baylor

~ Gibson Southern High School

Alizabeth Woehler

~ Gibson Southern High School

Autumn Scott ~

Owensville Community School

Chelbi Englehardt

~ Preschool

Tate Mossberger

~ Kindergarten

Sunday June 4th ~ Fort Branch First Graduates
Breakfast celebration served @ 9:45am prior to worship service.

Charity Baylor

~ Gibson Southern High School

Riley Bryant

~ Gibson Southern High School

Thomas (TJ) Lewis

~ Gibson Southern High School

Nathan Schleter

~ Gibson Southern High School

Bailey Draper

~ Princeton High School

Elisabeth Canizo (Conklin)

~ University of Colorado, Colorado Springs, BS Nursing

Bill Conklin IV

~ Oakland City University, BS Business Mgt.

Zach Draper

~ Vincennes University, BS Cyber Security

Life immortal

At the end of May, Americans honor those who've died for our country — and remember all deceased loved ones. These times of reflection, often in cemeteries, can make us ponder our own mortality. Even some Christians may fear the unknown of death.

Yet because of our faith, followers of Jesus can aim to make productive use of whatever earthly time we have left. We know the grave isn't the end. Consider this poetic description of life everlasting from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: "Dust thou art, to dust returnest / was not spoken of the soul."

To our death-defying, death-defeating God we pray: Eternal God, empower us to take hold of the eternal life to which Christ calls



us, and to boldly testify of it to anyone who asks the reason for our hope. To the immortal King of the ages, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, to him be honor, glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

**Methodist Mountain
Mission Pick Up
Tuesday, June 6th**



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



*Mike & Sydney Russler ~ 28th
Roger Jones ~ 29th
Gracelyn Moskos ~ 31st
George & Crystal Smith ~ 31st
Marla Scott ~ 2nd
Rebecca Smith ~ 2nd
Bill & Susan Ahlfeld ~ 2nd
Gabe Steinmetz ~ 3rd*



Cold Sodas in the church kitchen fridge, hot drink station and the snack counter in fellowship hall all benefit the 8th Annual Back to School Bash. Check out the new selection of snacks just added this week.



Fort Branch First UMC
P. O. Box 116
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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: Graduation Sunday

9:00am † Worship

Cake & Punch following

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: Graduation Sunday

9:00am † Worship

9:45am Ω Grad. Breakfast

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Next Sunday's Message:

Faith in the Spirit, Part 2



Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

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

***HYMN #420**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*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 #393

Spirit of the Living God

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Derek Robicheaux ~ *King of Who I Am*
Jenna Schleter ~ *Sinking Deep*

*SCRIPTURE LESSON *insert* Acts 2:1-21 NLT

MESSAGE "Faith in the Spirit, Part 1"

*HYMN #500 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

*BLESSING Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD
Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG: *I Will Serve Thee*

*I will serve Thee
Because I love Thee,
You have given life to me;
I was nothing before You found me,
You have given life to me,
Heartaches, broken pieces,
Ruined lives are why You
Died on Calvary;
Your touch was what I longed for,
You have given life to me.*

*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



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, Chad Windell,
C. Marion Brown, Charity Baylor,
Pastor John
The Family of Max Mahrenholz*

Breath of the Spirit

The breathing I did yesterday will not keep me alive today. I must continue to breathe afresh every moment, or my life will cease. In like manner, yesterday's grace and spiritual strength must be renewed, and the Holy Spirit must continue to breathe on my soul from moment to moment in order that I may continue to enjoy him and to work the works he has assigned me.
—Augustus Toplady

Acts 2:1-21 NLT

The Holy Spirit Comes

² On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. ² Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. ³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

⁵ At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. ⁶ When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

⁷ They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee, ⁸ and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages! ⁹ Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!" ¹² They stood there amazed and perplexed. "What can this mean?" they asked each other.

¹³ But others in the crowd ridiculed them, saying, "They're just drunk, that's all!"

Peter Preaches to the Crowd

¹⁴ Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o'clock in the morning is much too early for that. ¹⁶ No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days,' God says,

I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

Your young men will see visions,

and your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸ In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants—men and women alike—and they will prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will cause wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below—blood and fire and clouds of smoke.

²⁰ The sun will become dark, and the moon will turn blood red before that great and glorious day of the LORD arrives.

²¹ But everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.'

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

Listening Guide
“Faith in the Spirit- Part 1”
May 28, 2023

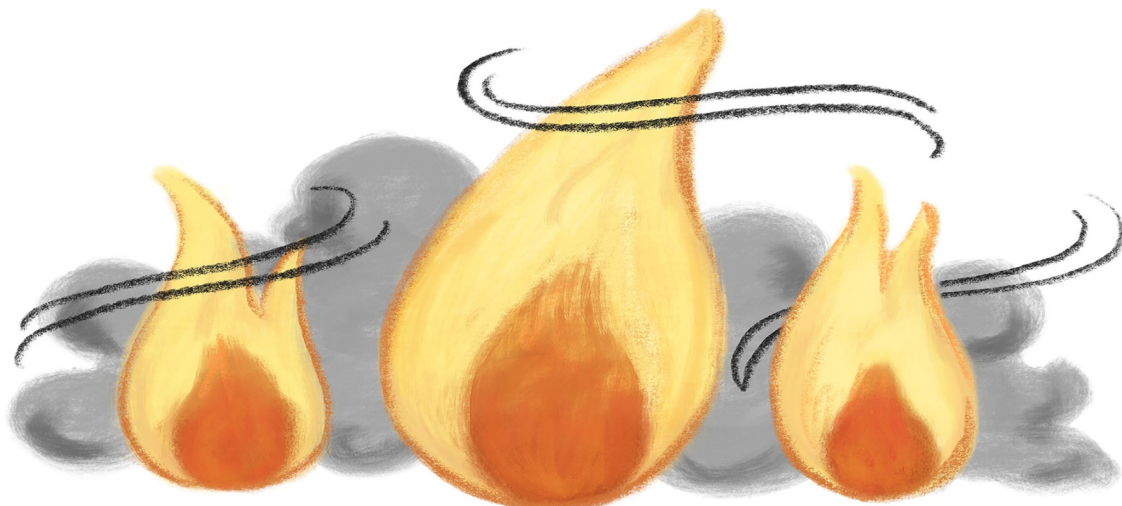
How does Pentecost answer the believers’ need for faith?

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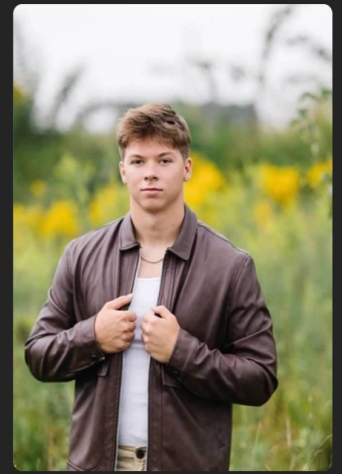
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Personal Application: This moment changed the direction of the church. Do we allow the Holy Spirit to change the direction of our church?



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Time to celebrate
our graduate,
**Charity
Baylor**
2023 Gibson
Southern HS
Saturday, May 27th
12-2pm
Fort Branch First
UMC Fellowship Hall



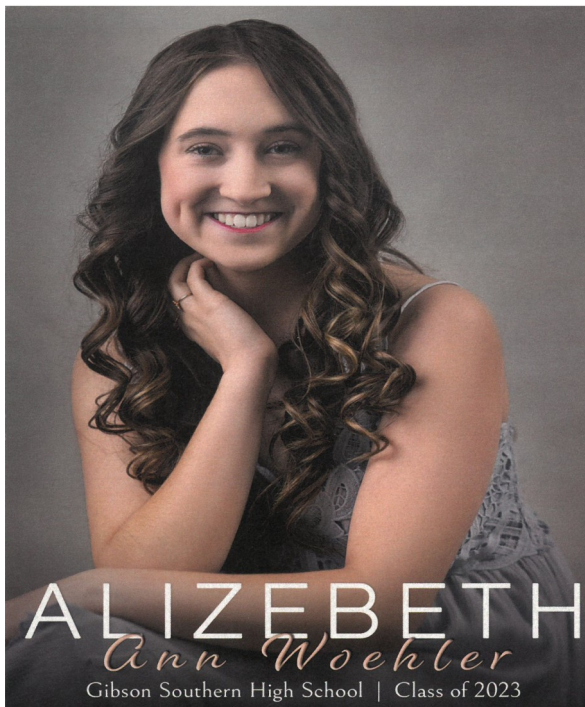
Please come and help us celebrate
Gibson Southern graduates

**Riley Bryant
& Thomas Lewis**

Sunday, May 28th
from 12-3

at The Bryant home

801 East John St., Fort Branch, IN



ALIZEBETH
Ann Woehler
Gibson Southern High School | Class of 2023

Let's Celebrate!

June 4th, 2023

1:00-4:00

Fort Branch Community Center
112 North Railroad Street
Fort Branch, IN 47648



Please join us to celebrate

Nathan Schleter

on Sunday, June 25th from 2-4pm

@ **First UMC 100 W. Vine Street**

Please call or text RSVP
to Jenni 812-499-2384



Pentecost

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