



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.

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** **November 14, 2021**

Dear Churches,  
What an awesome October! Obviously we celebrated Pastor Appreciation Month. I have been truly humbled by the outpouring of your love for my family and I this year. I want to thank Anita and the kids for the love and support they constantly show for me as I follow my calling. I know that most of what has happened this month has been focused on me, but Anita and the kids are my teammates and I cannot thank them enough. Blythe and First, it is my joy to serve you. I sense your love, support, and prayers all year long. I thank you for that. This month you have truly stepped up in amazing ways to show your appreciation. Blythe, thank you for the card and the monetary gift. First, thank you for the themed Sundays, the weekly gifts, the meals, and the special Sunday to put the exclamation point on a very memorable month. Thanks to all of the individuals who have sent cards and other gifts during this month. This has truly been a very special month that I won't soon forget. Pastoral ministry can be very challenging, especially coming out of Covid, but it is very heartwarming to know how much I am loved and supported. Thank you so much! Blessings to all.

Love, Pastor John



**TODAY!!!**  
**Specialty Drink Day**  
10~10:30am



Come early to morning  
worship and enjoy your  
choice of

**Pumpkin Latte**  
**Hot Chocolate**  
**Coffee**



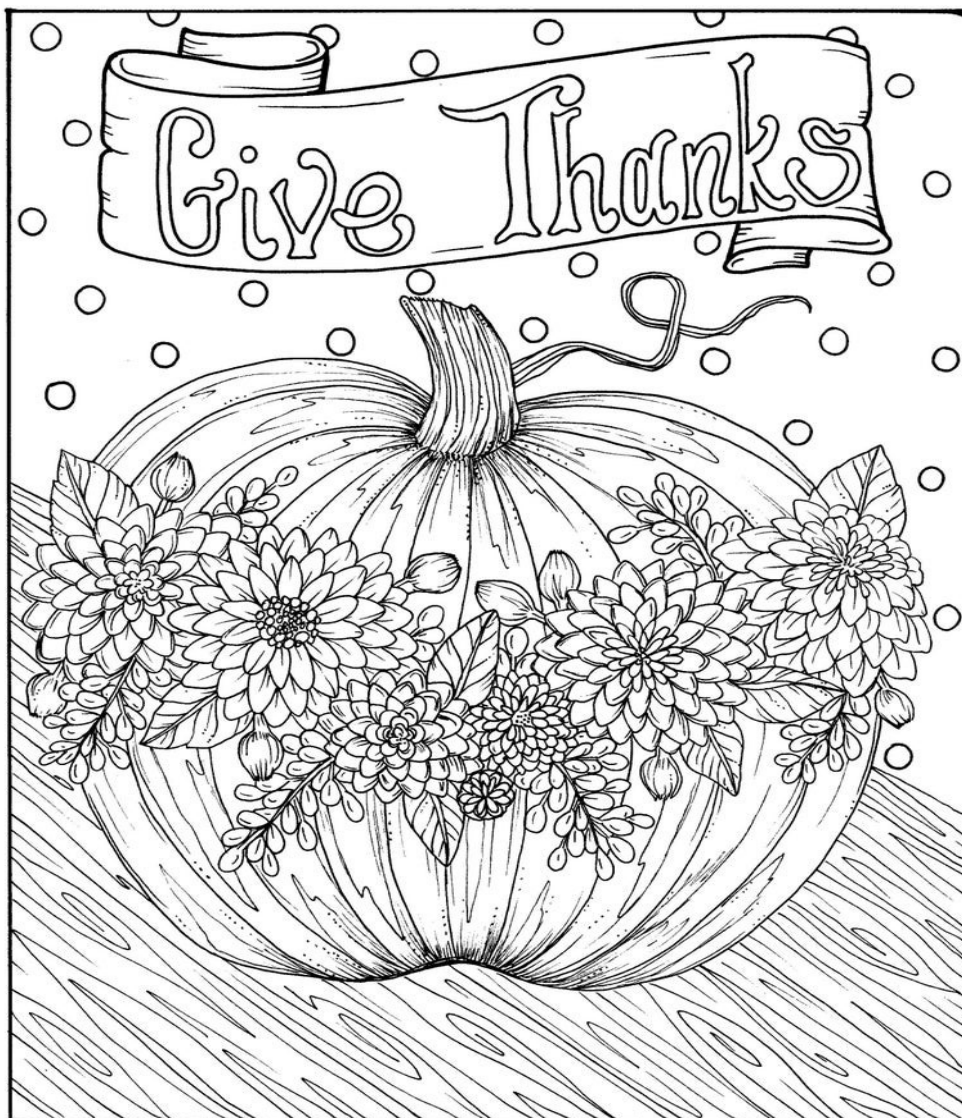
**Sunday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>**

Fort Branch First UMC

*Church Family*  
**Thanksgiving**  
**Dinner**







Enter through fellowship hall on East side of building from the large parking lot.

**MONDAY, November 15, 2021.... 10:00AM - 12:00PM**

**TUESDAY, November 16, 2021.... 5:00PM - 7:00PM**

**WEDNESDAY, November 17, 2021.... 5:00PM - 7:00PM**

**THURSDAY, November 18, 2021.... 2:00PM - 4:00PM**

**FRIDAY, November 19, 2021.... 2:00PM - 4:00PM**

**SATURDAY, November 20, 2021.... 2:00PM - 4:00PM**

**SUNDAY, November 21, 2021.... 2:00PM - 4:00PM**

**MONDAY, November 22, 2021.... 10:00AM - 12:00PM**

**VOLUNTEERS** with heavy lifting ability and trucks for transporting @ 3:00PM



HOW CAN WE  
**Thank**  
**God**  
ENOUGH FOR YOU?  
- 1 Thessalonians 3:9, NIV -

## RIDING MOWER NEEDED

The church zero turn riding mower needs a new motor. We've been professionally advised not to repair this 16 year old mower. National supply chain problems have led to no "end of season deals".

If anyone has a used rider they would like to donate or sell at an attractive price, please contact the church office.



## November Celebrations

*Jeanie Cardinal ~ 14th*

*Alan Creamer ~ 15th*

*Zach Nurrenbern ~ 16th*

*Kurt Stone ~ 18th*

*Derek & Rexanne Robicheaux ~ 18th*

*J.T. Baylor ~ 20th*

*Brian Prater ~ 20th*

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when found in the Order of Service  
invites you to stand - if able.

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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:



11/14: Ruth Ann Salyer  
11/21: Pam Mabrey

† 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

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday: Thanksgiving Sunday

9:00am † Worship  
9:30am Ω Sunday School  
10:30am Ω Worship & Live  
streaming worship  
11:30am Ω Church Thanksgiving  
Dinner—all invited

Next Sunday Worship:  
*"Why Be Thankful?"*



# Welcome

We worship in the name of  
the Creator, the Savior and  
the life-giving Spirit.  
Amen.



*Rev. John Baylor, Jr.*



## PRELUDE

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

\*HYMN #131 9:00am  
#2160 10:30am

*We Gather Together  
Into My Heart*

### \*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 #496 9:00am *Sweet Hour of Prayer*  
#2068 10:30am *I Love You, 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.



## 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

*Philippians 4:2-9*

MESSAGE

*"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"*

\*HYMN #362 9:00<sub>am</sub>  
#160 10:30<sub>am</sub>

*Nothing but the Blood*  
*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

\*BLESSING

Pastor

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

\*DEPARTING SONG: Hymn # 71 *Glory Be to the Father*

*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.*

\*PASSING THE PEACE:

Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

## POSTLUDE



Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to  
say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge  
you build to overcome evil and welcome good.  
—Maya Angelou

## 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 & Betty  
Michel, Becca Manolov,  
Carla Jackson, Kyle Stone,  
Joyce Kruse, Poppy Petry,  
Judy Basham, Connie Collins,  
Linda McKimmy, Kim, Connie  
Osborn, Tommy Osborn,  
Alec Taylor, Connie Dunn,  
Morgan Whitehead, Lisa & Bill,  
Linda Reed, Ryan Steele,  
Al & Elizabeth Rostron,  
Amy Casavant, Randy Jones,  
Derek Barton, Wayne Anderson.  
Dennis Woolston*

Count your  
*Blessings*



Listening Guide  
“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”  
November 14, 2021

Scripture: Philippians 4:2-9

What are the ingredients of a grateful heart?

\_\_\_\_\_ Relationships (vs. 2-3)

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\_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 4-5)

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Avoid \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 6-7)

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Focus on \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 8-9)

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**Personal Application:** What are you doing to achieve thankfulness more often than just during the last Thursday of November?

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# Philippians 4:2-9 NLT

## Words of Encouragement

<sup>2</sup> Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche. Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement. <sup>3</sup> And I ask you, my true partner, to help these two women, for they worked hard with me in telling others the Good News. They worked along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are written in the Book of Life.

<sup>4</sup> Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! <sup>5</sup> Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming soon.

<sup>6</sup> Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. <sup>7</sup> Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. <sup>9</sup> Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

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

*Thanks be to God!*



## A gratitude game

Years ago, ads for a toy-store chain featured an animated kangaroo jumping on a frown to turn it upside down. That reminds me of family life, which can feel like a nonstop attempt to keep everyone happy. Busy schedules, grumpy kids and tired parents can be a bad combination.

When our family needs to turn frowns upside down, we play the thankful game. The rules are simple: We take turns sharing one thing we're thankful for. Everyone plays. No one can pass. No repeats are allowed. Our kids, now teens, still chime in.

As we share gratitude for football, Grandma, hugs, warm brownies, coffee and more, kids tend to stop bickering, and adults get a mental reset. Try playing — and bring on lots of smiles!