



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.

19th Sunday after Pentecost October 8, 2023

Thank you!
PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

What is lament?

The spiritual discipline of lament may not come naturally, and churches rarely teach it. Because we're raised to stay silent if we can't say something nice, passionately pouring out our sorrow just doesn't seem right.

My opinion changed when I heard author Sharon Garlough Brown explain this spiritual practice from God's perspective. As parents can attest, toddlers have an innate ability to find foreign objects and put them in their mouths. Concerned parents bend down and coax the child to remove the toy, bottle top, coin or rock. "Spit it out." "Let me have it." "It's not good for you to swallow that."

As a concerned parent, God sees and knows what's troubling us. He knows that this world's woes and trials will hurt us if we keep them all inside. God, our good and gracious Father, wants us to passionately pour out our grief, so he bends down, looks us in the eyes, and says, "Spit it out." "Let me have it." "It's not good for you to swallow that."

Spend time with God, sharing your laments. God loves you and is faithful to listen well.

—Janna Firestone

Blythe Chapel's Annual Weenie Roast

October 21st

@ 5:00pm

Fun for all...
chili, wiener roast,
& marshmallows provided.
Bring your own drinks and lawn
chairs and join in!

**Fort Branch First
Annual Incorporation
Meeting @ 11:30am
Sun., October 15th**

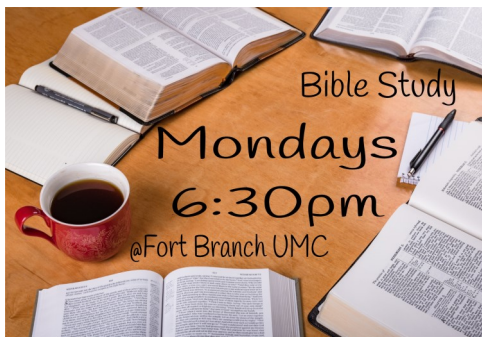
**10/17/23 Charge Conference
completed Packet
SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

**10/27/23 Charge Conference
approved packet
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submission deadline**

**2024
CHARGE
CONFERENCE
Sun., Nov. 5th,
2pm via Zoom**

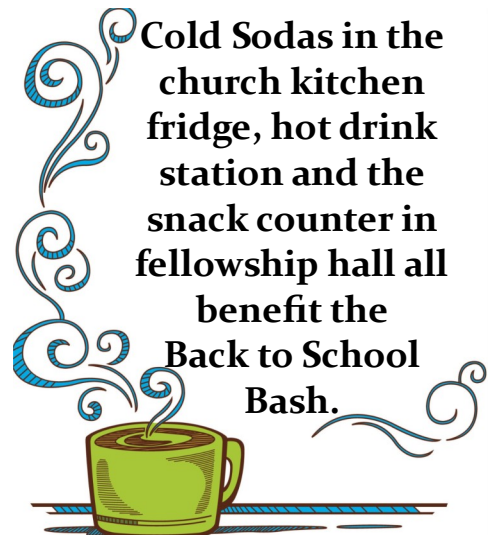


Daniel was put with large, scary lions because he prayed to God.



Methodist Women's Group
Next meeting on
Saturday, October 14th @ 9am
All women of the church are invited.

**Full Circle Speaker
@ Bethel Memorial
Church
1520 S Main ST
Princeton, IN
Sunday, October 8
@ 6pm**



*Tona Smith ~ 8th
Debra Stephenson ~ 9th
Rick & Deanna Wilson ~ 9th
Cori Pflug ~ 13th
Larry Beal ~ 13th
Linda & Shane Springer ~ 13th*

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THIS WEEK *At Church*

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

This Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

6:30pm Ω Bible Study

Tuesday:

6:00pm Ω Finance Meeting

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

9:00am Ω Methodist Women

Next Sunday:

9:00am † Worship

10:30am Ω Worship & Live
streaming worship

11:30am Ω Annual Inc. Meeting

Complete Schedule @
www.fbfirst.org

WELCOME

Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

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

***HYMN #**

***GREETING AND PRAYER**

*We offer a cordial greeting to all worshippers 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 #

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.**

*Morning
Devotions*

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CHILDRENS MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Jenni Schleter ~ *Through the Fire*

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Daniel 6:1-10 NLT

MESSAGE

"Faith in the Lions Den"

*HYMN

*BLESSING

Pastor

*THE LIGHT OF GOD LEADS US INTO THE WORLD

Acolytes

*DEPARTING SONG:

Hymn

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Will you let me be your servant?

Let me be as Christ to you?

Pray that I may have the grace to

Let you be my servant, too.

*PASSING THE PEACE:

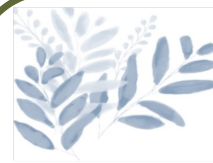
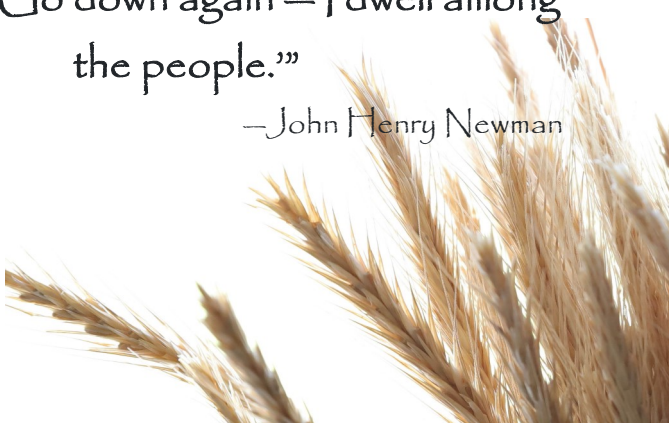
Let us greet one another with the peace of God.

POSTLUDE



"I sought to hear the voice of God and
climbed the topmost steeple, but God
declared: 'Go down again — I dwell among
the people.'"

—John Henry Newman



Friends
needing
prayers

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

*Jane Marginet, Richard
Michel, Becca Manosov, Carla
Jackson, Morgan Whitehead,
Terri Jarboe, Derek Barton,
Jo Eckert, Ruby Wilkerson,
Scotti Pitts,, Gretchen Young,
June Regenhold, Brian Price,
Triston, Tegan, Chad Windell,
Pastor John, Thelma & Len
Robicheaux, Wyatt Wagner,
Jared Huey, Kathy Trowbridge,
TJ Lewis*

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE

Daniel 6:1-10 NLT

Daniel in the Lions' Den

⁶ Darius the Mede decided to divide the kingdom into 120 provinces, and he appointed a high officer to rule over each province. ² The king also chose Daniel and two others as administrators to supervise the high officers and protect the king's interests. ³ Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and high officers. Because of Daniel's great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire.

⁴ Then the other administrators and high officers began searching for some fault in the way Daniel was handling government affairs, but they couldn't find anything to criticize or condemn. He was faithful, always responsible, and completely trustworthy. ⁵ So they concluded, "Our only chance of finding grounds for accusing Daniel will be in connection with the rules of his religion."

⁶ So the administrators and high officers went to the king and said, "Long live King Darius! ⁷ We are all in agreement—we administrators, officials, high officers, advisers, and governors—that the king should make a law that will be strictly enforced. Give orders that for the next thirty days any person who prays to anyone, divine or human—except to you, Your Majesty—will be thrown into the den of lions. ⁸ And now, Your Majesty, issue and sign this law so it cannot be changed, an official law of the Medes and Persians that cannot be revoked." ⁹ So King Darius signed the law.

¹⁰ But when Daniel learned that the law had been signed, he went home and knelt down as usual in his upstairs room, with its windows open toward Jerusalem. He prayed three times a day, just as he had always done, giving thanks to his God.

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

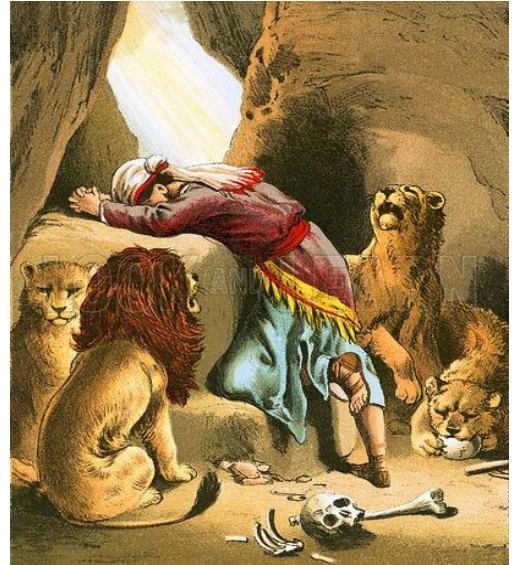
Daniel 6

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Listening Guide
“Faith in the Lion’s Den”
October 8, 2023

Scripture: Daniel 6:1-10

How is faith demonstrated in character?



_____ **Character (vs. 1-5)**

_____ **Character (vs. 6-9)**

_____ **Character (vs. 10)**

Personal Application: Good character and absolute faith in God seem to go hand-in-hand. Is that how God would describe us?