



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.

21st Sunday after Pentecost October 17, 2021

Blythe Chapel's Annual Weenie Roast

October 23rd
@ 5:00pm



Fun for all...chili, wiener roast, fish sandwiches
& marshmallows provided.

Bring your own drinks and lawn chairs and join in!

Sunday,
October 31st



There will be a table in the
Narthex with lots of treat bags
ready to be filled with some Halloween goodies you would
like to share. Be sure to grab a filled treat bag on your way
to the Charge Conference meeting at 11:45 am.

Some ideas to trick or treat us with:

- Candy 🐛 Individual package of snacks, granola bars, etc
 - 🐛 Pocket tissues
 - 🐛 Something homemade / handmade
 - 🐛 Small trinket
 - 🐛 \$100 bills...
- just kidding, just making sure you are reading this!

CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, 2021 @ 11:45am
October 31st FB First



**National
Collection Week**

Nov. 15-22



Get your shoebox to fill from fellowship hall @
Fort Branch First
Questions...see Linda Springer or Marilee Rostron

**Methodist Mountain Mission
Pick Up
Tuesday, November 2nd**



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

love
IN
action

*Rick & Deanna Wilson,
loss of her mother, Evelyn
1555 E 650 S
Fort Branch, IN 47648*

*Altar flowers in
remembrance
Evelyn Graper*



Moved address?
New email address?
Have a new mobile phone?

October
Celebrations

*Dakota & Addi Englehardt ~ 17th
Kaitlin Nurrenbern ~ 18th
Jenni Schleiter ~ 19th
Carla Conklin ~ 19th
Alizebeth Woehler ~ 21st
Rachel & Robbie Hollis ~ 22nd*

Fort Branch First UMC
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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:



10/17: Ali Beal-Edwards
10/24: Nancy Jones

† 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 ~
6:30pm Ω Women's Bible Study

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

5:00pm † Annual Bonfire

Next Sunday:

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

Next Sunday Worship:

*"Jesus' Teaching on
Accusation"*

John 8:7-11



Welcome



Rev. John Baylor, Jr.

PRELUDE

*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

*HYMN #110 9:00am *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*
#176 10:30am *Majesty, Worship His Majesty*

*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 #154 9:00am *All Hail the
Power of Jesus' Name*
#397 10:30am *I Need Thee
Every Hour*

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

***SCRIPTURE LESSON**

1 Samuel 17:1-51

MESSAGE

“Exceptional Courage”

***HYMN #530** 9:00_{am}
#364 10:30_{am}

***Are Ye Able
Because He Lives***

***BLESSING**

Pastor

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

Acolytes

***DEPARTING SONG: Hymn #95**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost*

Amen.

***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



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,
Aimee Emmons, Morgan
Whitehead, Lisa & Bill,
Linda Reed, Ryan Steele,
Al & Elizabeth Rostron,
John Boss, Marry Wallace*

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*Prayers of
GRATITUDE*

*Hand of God
IN MY LIFE*

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Requests

Listening Guide
"Exceptional Courage"
October 17, 2021

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:32-51

How does David display exceptional courage?



He _____ (vs. 32-37)

He _____ (vs. 40)

He _____ (vs. 45)

He _____ (vs. 48)

Personal Application: Think about your battle this morning. Can you be courageous? Can you follow David's example? Can you allow God to fight your battle for you, through you?

1 Samuel 17:1-51 NLT

Goliath Challenges the Israelites

¹⁷ The Philistines now mustered their army for battle and camped between Socoh in Judah and Azekah at Ephes-dammim. ² Saul countered by gathering his Israelite troops near the valley of Elah. ³ So the Philistines and Israelites faced each other on opposite hills, with the valley between them.

⁴ Then Goliath, a Philistine champion from Gath, came out of the Philistine ranks to face the forces of Israel. He was over nine feet tall! ⁵ He wore a bronze helmet, and his bronze coat of mail weighed 125 pounds. ⁶ He also wore bronze leg armor, and he carried a bronze javelin on his shoulder. ⁷ The shaft of his spear was as heavy and thick as a weaver's beam, tipped with an iron spearhead that weighed 15 pounds. His armor bearer walked ahead of him carrying a shield.

⁸ Goliath stood and shouted a taunt across to the Israelites. "Why are you all coming out to fight?" he called. "I am the Philistine champion, but you are only the servants of Saul. Choose one man to come down here and fight me! ⁹ If he kills me, then we will be your slaves. But if I kill him, you will be our slaves! ¹⁰ I defy the armies of Israel today! Send me a man who will fight me!" ¹¹ When Saul and the Israelites heard this, they were terrified and deeply shaken.

Jesse Sends David to Saul's Camp

¹² Now David was the son of a man named Jesse, an Ephrathite from Bethlehem in the land of Judah. Jesse was an old man at that time, and he had eight sons. ¹³ Jesse's three oldest sons—Eliab, Abinadab, and Shimea—had already joined Saul's army to fight the Philistines. ¹⁴ David was the youngest son. David's three oldest brothers stayed with Saul's army, ¹⁵ but David went back and forth so he could help his father with the sheep in Bethlehem.

¹⁶ For forty days, every morning and evening, the Philistine champion strutted in front of the Israelite army.

¹⁷ One day Jesse said to David, "Take this basket of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread, and carry them quickly to your brothers. ¹⁸ And give these ten cuts of cheese to their captain. See how your brothers are getting along, and bring back a report on how they are doing." ¹⁹ David's brothers were with Saul and the Israelite army at the valley of Elah, fighting against the Philistines.

²⁰ So David left the sheep with another shepherd and set out early the next morning with the gifts, as Jesse had directed him. He arrived at the camp just as the Israelite army was leaving for the battlefield with shouts and battle cries. ²¹ Soon the Israelite and Philistine forces stood facing each other, army against army. ²² David left his things with the keeper of supplies and hurried out to the ranks to greet his brothers. ²³ As he was talking with them, Goliath, the Philistine champion from Gath, came out from the Philistine ranks. Then David heard him shout his usual taunt to the army of Israel.

²⁴ As soon as the Israelite army saw him, they began to run away in fright. ²⁵ "Have you seen the giant?" the men asked. "He comes out each day to defy Israel. The king has offered a huge reward to anyone who kills him. He will give that man one of his daughters for a wife, and the man's entire family will be exempted from paying taxes!"

²⁶ David asked the soldiers standing nearby, "What will a man get for killing this Philistine and ending his defiance of Israel? Who is this pagan Philistine anyway, that he is allowed to defy the armies of the living God?"

²⁷ And these men gave David the same reply. They said, "Yes, that is the reward for killing him."

²⁸ But when David's oldest brother, Eliab, heard David talking to the men, he was angry. "What are you doing around here anyway?" he demanded. "What about those few sheep you're supposed to be taking care of? I know about your pride and deceit. You just want to see the battle!"

²⁹ "What have I done now?" David replied. "I was only asking a question!" ³⁰ He walked over to some others and asked them the same thing and received the same answer. ³¹ Then David's question was reported to King Saul, and the king sent for him.

David Kills Goliath

³² "Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!"

³³ "Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth."

³⁴ But David persisted. “I have been taking care of my father’s sheep and goats,” he said. “When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. ³⁶ I have done this to both lions and bears, and I’ll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! ³⁷ The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!”

Saul finally consented. “All right, go ahead,” he said. “And may the LORD be with you!”

³⁸ Then Saul gave David his own armor—a bronze helmet and a coat of mail. ³⁹ David put it on, strapped the sword over it, and took a step or two to see what it was like, for he had never worn such things before.

“I can’t go in these,” he protested to Saul. “I’m not used to them.” So David took them off again. ⁴⁰ He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them into his shepherd’s bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd’s staff and sling, he started across the valley to fight the Philistine.

⁴¹ Goliath walked out toward David with his shield bearer ahead of him, ⁴² sneering in contempt at this ruddy-faced boy. ⁴³ “Am I a dog,” he roared at David, “that you come at me with a stick?” And he cursed David by the names of his gods. ⁴⁴ “Come over here, and I’ll give your flesh to the birds and wild animals!” Goliath yelled.

⁴⁵ David replied to the Philistine, “You come to me with sword, spear, and javelin, but I come to you in the name of the LORD of Heaven’s Armies—the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ Today the LORD will conquer you, and I will kill you and cut off your head. And then I will give the dead bodies of your men to the birds and wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel! ⁴⁷ And everyone assembled here will know that the LORD rescues his people, but not with sword and spear. This is the LORD’s battle, and he will give you to us!”

⁴⁸ As Goliath moved closer to attack, David quickly ran out to meet him. ⁴⁹ Reaching into his shepherd’s bag and taking out a stone, he hurled it with his sling and hit the Philistine in the forehead. The stone sank in, and Goliath stumbled and fell face down on the ground.

⁵⁰ So David triumphed over the Philistine with only a sling and a stone, for he had no sword. ⁵¹ Then David ran over and pulled Goliath’s sword from its sheath. David used it to kill him and cut off his head.

Israel Rout the Philistines

When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they turned and ran.

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



