Bainbridge First This Week

MINISTRY UPDATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS





noun: disciple; plural noun: disciples

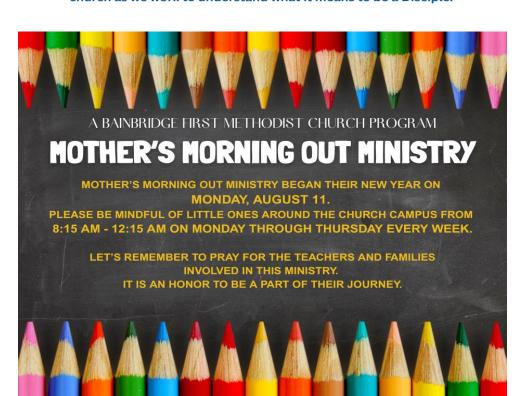
a personal follower of Jesus during his life, especially one of the twelve Apostles.

Similar: apostle follower

a follower or student of a teacher, leader, or <u>philosopher</u>.

The word disciple is one of the most misunderstood words in the church. If you ask ten people what it means to be a disciple, you will more than likely get ten different answers. While all the answers may share some similarities, this often creates confusion. The unfortunate side of this confusion is that the church's mission is to make disciples. How can the church make disciples if we do not understand what it means to be a disciple?

Beginning in the fall, we will initiate the process of exploring what it means to be a disciple. As part of this process, we will be starting small groups on Wednesday evening, using the book "Practicing the Way" by John Mark Comer. In August, we will start a sermon series, "Covered in the Masters Dust." we will be discussing the discipleship process and our church. So I invite you to begin praying today for our church as we work to understand what it means to be a Disciple.







Prayer Requests

Carol Cochran
Hank Metcalf
Mandy Moye
Edward Brown
Calhoun Family
Todd Martin
Henry Metcalf
Kim Mills
Nina Parello
Chelsey Dalton
Jones Family
Hortencia Guzman
Teachers for Children
Teachers for Youth



Members Who Minister

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 2025

USHERS: Jackie Fleetwood, Kevin Lewis, Peanut

Enfinger, George Myers

LITURGIST: Paxton Poitevint **ACOLYTE: Collin Reynolds**

VIDEO: Matt Reynolds

GREETERS: Lee Bush and Beth Yarbrough

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR: Maston & Ann Griffin

Farewell to the Floyds.....



Join us after church on Sunday, August 24, 2025, in the foyer of the J.O. Smith Building as we bid farewell to our dear friends, George and Carolé Floyd, and wish them well.

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face;

the rains fall soft upon your fields
and until we meet again,

may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

— Irish Blessing

ONGRATULATIO ON THE MARRIAGE

OF

Hannah Louise Pope Tones Howard Gossett

ON AUGUST 2, 2025 IN FLORENCE, AL.

JONES IS THE SON OF CATHERINE & TREY GOSSETT AND THE GRANDSON OF MARION HALL & REGINA GOSSETT.







Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser Wednesday, August 27th Dinner at 6:00PM "Hunger Games" at 6:30PM

Children's Activities begin September 3rd Sunday Night Alive begins September 7th



What: Children's Weekend Retreat
Where: Epworth by the Sea on St. Simons Island

When: September 12th-14th

Who: 3rd - 6th graders

How much: \$210

Register and pay your depost online by Aug. 24th

Final payment due September 2nd

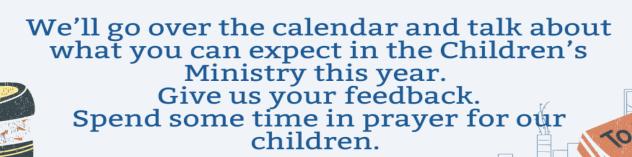






Children's Ministry Parent Meeting

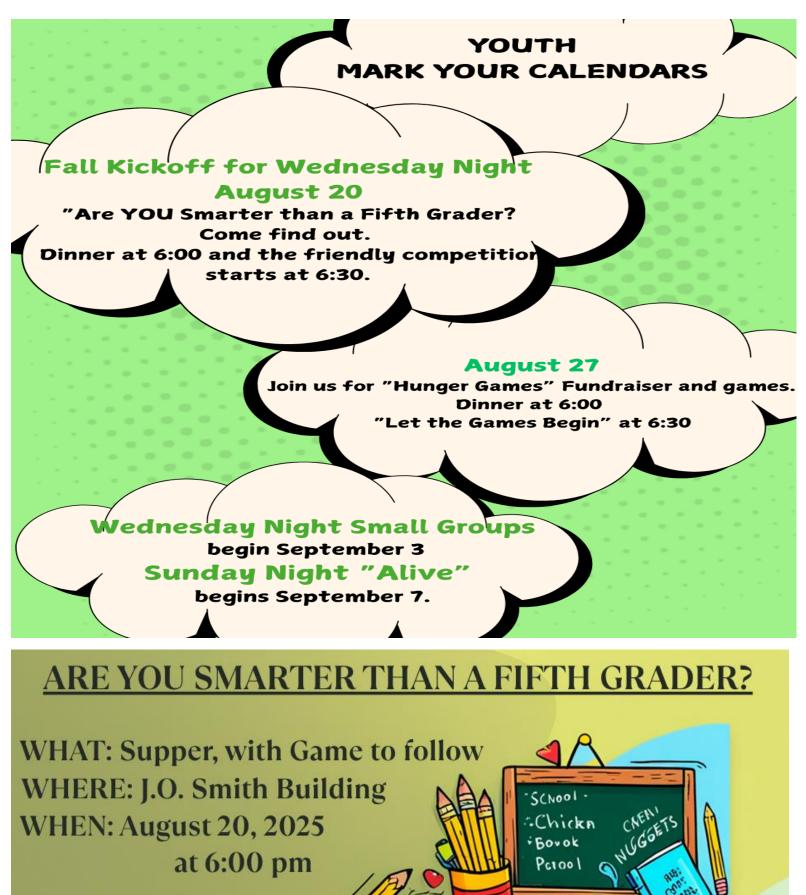




Childwatch/nursery provided.



Youth Confirmation Class will begin in October.
Open to youth 6th grade and up.
Sign up on the app.







Dessert

Drink

RSVP by August 29, 2025

229-246-1864

Ladies' Night

September 9, 2025 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm

It's a Craft Night!

Sign up to do an Acrylic Pour with Marjorie Mayfield.
We will meet in the JO Smith Building for a night of fellowship and crafts! Donations to cover supplies will be accepted.

(Next month we'll have Mahjong Night, but we need table leaders. Let us know if you're willing to teach beginners.)

Register with the QR Code, On the
App or
Call the Church Office at 229-246-1864



Practicing the Way

Be with Jesus Become like him Do as he did

John Mark Comer



Beginning Wednesday, September 3, 2025, at 6:30pm.

Adult Groups Led By:

Rev. Nate & Erica Lehman Ginger Johnson Penny Reynolds Bruce Kirbo

Books can be ordered on Amazon for about \$14.00

Connect - Grow - Serve

New York Times bestseller
From the author of The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry



OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT- GROW - SERVE

At Bainbridge First Methodist,

we know that our mission and calling are to

LOVE GOD and LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR.

So how do we do that?

By **CONNECTING**, **GROWING**, and **SERVING**.

We **CONNECT** to the body of Christ,

GROW as a disciple of Christ, and

SERVE as Christ served.

CONNECT GROUPS- Connect Groups are a great way to connect to the church in a low-pressure way. If you would like to get to know others in the church, this is your opportunity. Once a month, connect groups get together to share a meal. Depending on the plans, meals may be at a home or local restaurant. If you would like to join a Connect Group, it's easy, just click the link in the app or talk to:

Lynn Walker lynnmatthewswalker@gmail.com or

Elizabeth Simmons elizabethc.simmons@yahoo.com.

GROWTH GROUPS- Our Growth groups are the next step. Growth groups use a small group design to build relationships and support your growth as a disciple of Christ. Organized by life stage, we currently have four Growth groups that will meet on Wednesday Nights (Possibly expanding to other days) following our Wednesday night meal. For more information about grow groups, please contact Nate at nateclehman@gmail.com

Other growth groups include our Sunday School classes and Youth or Children's Programming.

SERVE GROUPS- We have numerous ways to serve in the church, including the Community Food Bank and Lifeline Ministries led by our Missions Team. Every year, we have our Serve Campaign to encourage our congregation to serve in many ways throughout church ministries. The servants of our church are pivotal to our mission of Loving God and Loving our Neighbor.



Contact the Church Office for more information (229) 246-1864