

# Marbleton Community Free Will Baptist Church

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## WELCOME

### Week of January 26, 2025 Schedule of Services:

Sunday School	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship Service	10:45 A.M.
<b>Board Meeting</b>	5:00 P.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, <b>Quarterly Business Meeting</b> followed by Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	7:00 P.M.

### A Just and Lasting Peace

With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan - to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.

*President Abraham Lincoln*

*2nd Inaugural Address, March 4th, 1865*

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation (that horrible time we lose to death someone we dearly love), or distress (those thousand momentary problems which all compound into one day), or persecution (when we are overlooked for a promotion at work because we're "too religious"), or famine (when all the bills are paid, and there's nothing left over), or nakedness (when the one that promised to live life with us decides life is better without us) or peril (when we only have five minutes to get somewhere, and the car is dead - never to be resurrected again), or sword (when that agonizing killer called death stops and knocks on our door). Can these separate us from the love of Christ? **No!** Read Romans 8:38,39.  
Chris Whitney

### Thanks for Treasures

The gold that You promised me came today  
Though I've never quite thought of gold that way.  
But this morning while combing my daughter's blond hair  
The sun kissed it, Lord, and I found it there.

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And diamonds, my God, I have found all around  
From the stars in the sky to the snow on the ground.  
And sapphires, dear Lord, in my baby's blue eyes ...  
I see them twinkle - what a nice surprise!

Emeralds abound on a carpet of green  
As Spring brings more jewels than I've ever seen.  
Rubies and topaz, there in a flower  
And I grow richer, Lord, hour by hour.

I found all these riches right here on earth  
Your love gave me wisdom to know their worth,  
And your blessed Spirit gave me vision to see  
That I have more treasure than I'd dreamed could be.

I'm glad You gave them to me in this form  
Treasures like this are living and warm,  
I'll not lock them up - they're for all to see  
And no thief on earth can take them from me!

*Nancy Elftman*

### The Power of Example

A great preacher closed his sermon with an earnest gospel appeal. Among the score of many who responded was a woman of wealth and social distinction. She asked permission to speak a few words to the audience.

"I want you to know," she said, "just why I came forward tonight. It was not because of any word spoken by the preacher. I stand here because of the influence of a little woman who sits before me. Her fingers are rough with toil; the hard work of many years has stooped her low, she is just a poor, obscure washer-woman, who has served in my home for many years. I have never known her to be impatient, speak an unkind word, or do a dishonorable deed. I know of countless little acts of unselfish love that adorn her life. Shamefacedly, let me say that I have openly sneered at her faith and laughed at her fidelity to God. Yet when my little girl was taken away, it was this woman who caused me to look beyond the grave and shed my first tear of hope. The sweet magnetism of her life has led me to Christ. I covet the thing that has made her life so beautiful."

At the request of the minister, the little woman was led forward, her eyes streaming with glad tears, and such a shining face as one seldom sees on this earth. "Let me introduce you," said he, "to the real preacher of the evening," and the great audience arose in silent, though not tearless, respect.

Oh, ye obscure toilers of the world, ye patient "doers of the Word," think not that no one sees. I say unto you that a great cloud of witnesses will rise up on that great day, and call you blessed.

