

The First United  
Methodist Church of  
Fort Branch



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Methodist Church  
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Our Mission....

To *make disciples of  
Jesus Christ for the  
transformation of the  
world.*

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**Office Hours**

Tuesday & Wednesday,  
9:00 am– 2:00 pm  
Closed Monday, Thursday  
and Friday

One Church  
Two Locations

April 19, 2026

## It's the attitude

Dr. Philip Amerson, president of Garrett-Evangelical Seminary, tells of asking his 88-year-old father how he was. The elderly retired minister answered with one word: "Rejoicing."

What a great attitude! Imagine rejoicing in the blessings and challenges of each day that God gives us.

St. Paul suffered numerous hardships including a persistent physical problem he called his "thorn in the flesh," yet he was a man in whom joy abounded. His letter to the Philippians reveals that he kept rejoicing regardless of his problems. "I will continue to rejoice," he writes (1:18, NRSV).

He asked his friends at Philippi to have a mind to rejoice. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice" (4:4, NRSV).

It was his dependence upon Christ that enabled him to find contentment and even joy in any and all circumstances. Therefore he affirmed, "I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (4:12-13, NRSV).

I can do  
*all things*  
through Christ  
who  
*strengthens*  
me.


Philippians 4:13, NKJV



# Community Garden

The garden has started. As Ova would say "it will either grow or it won't!"  
 God bless our garden and harvest.

**Celebrating Creation — Earth Day**  
 April offers a beautiful reminder of God's handiwork. Earth Day encourages us to care for creation with gratitude and stewardship. Consider small steps — reducing waste, planting something new or enjoying the beauty of God's world with fresh appreciation.



April: National Volunteer Month




*Volunteers  
 You are amazing!*



**2026 Graduates**  
 Let us know who our graduates are so we can celebrate them!

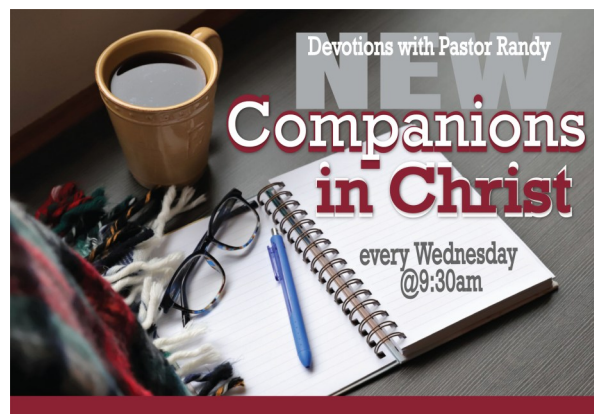

Missions in Motion: April  
**Hamburger Helper**



**Simplified Board** *meeting*  
 Sunday, April 19th  
 11:30am



Devotions with Pastor Randy  
**NEW**  
**Companions in Christ**  
 every Wednesday @9:30am

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### CHILDREN & WORSHIP

Children are welcome in the worship  
service! We do provide a nursery, located in  
the education wing near the restrooms.



#### This Sunday:

10:30am ~Worship & Live  
Streaming Worship  
11:30am ~ Simplified Board  
Meeting

#### Monday:

~ Office Closed ~

#### Tuesday:

4:00pm ~ Yoga, for everyone

#### Wednesday:

9:30am ~Companions in  
Christ Devotions

#### Thursday :

8:30-3pm ~ Office Closed ~  
~ Finish It  
Thursday

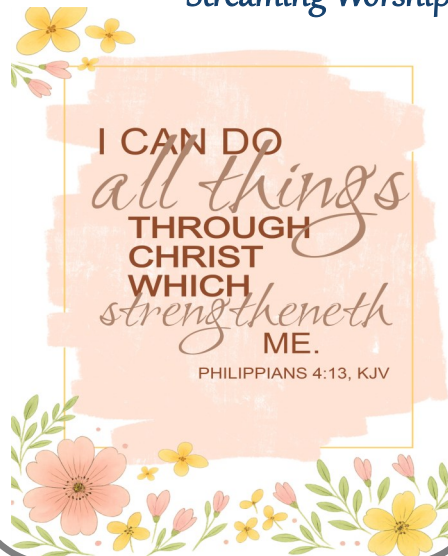
#### Friday:

~ Office Closed ~

#### Saturday:

#### Next Sunday:

10:30am ~Worship & Live  
Streaming Worship



*The warmest of welcomes to one and all. Lift up your hearts  
unto the Lord. Reach out in loving acceptance to those around  
you. We are all children of the heavenly King.*

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PRELUDE

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.*

### WORSHIP THROUGH GATHERING

\*THE LIGHT OF GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

\*HYMN #334

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your  
care for me has flourished again.

***Though you surely did care, but you lacked  
opportunity.***

Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in  
whatever state I am, to be content.

***I know how to be abased, and I know how to  
abound.***

Everywhere and in all things I have learned the secret both  
to be full and to be hungry.

***Both to abound and to suffer need.***

***I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.***

### WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #333

***I'm Goin' a Sing  
When the Spirit Says Sing***

## SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

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***

### **WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

THE OFFERING: The Gathering of the Gifts

\*Presentation of Gifts with Offertory Response: **Hymn #95**

***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.***

### **WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

***Philippians 4:13, NLT***

<sup>13</sup> For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

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

MESSAGE

***"Confident Faith"***

### **WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING**

\*HYMN #338

***Where He Leads Me***

\*BLESSING



## *Prayer Requests*

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

***Jane Marginet, Terri & Steve Jarboe, Mark Fear, Liz & Alan Creamer, Paul & Jeanie Cardinal, Zach Anderson, Morgan Whitehead, Jim Feutz, Roger & Nancy Jones, Julie Anderson, Kathy Trowbridge, Kelsey Holder, Sherry Holder, Mona Davis, Alec Taylor, Linda & Shane Springer, Darla Lewis, Sherry Michel, Larry Johnson, Mark Allen, Wayne Anderson, Jimmie Johns, Thane Teel***



*Caleb Foster ~ 20th*

*Natalia Steinmetz ~ 22nd*

*Larry & Margie Beal ~ 22nd*

*Collin Steinmetz ~ 25th*

