

The First United
Methodist Church of
Fort Branch



Blythe Chapel United
Methodist Church

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

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Tuesday & Wednesday,

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Closed Monday, Thursday
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One Church
Two Locations

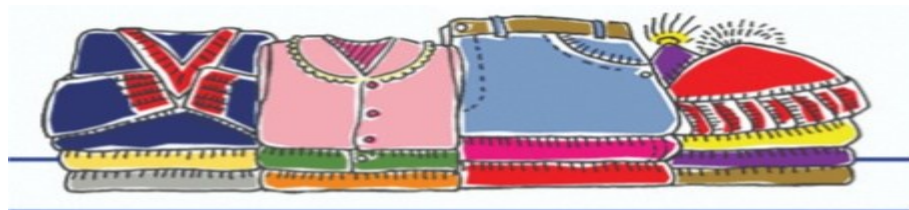
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Creation care

Sir Robert Baden-Powell, who founded the Boy Scouts, asked troop members to “leave this world a little better than you found it.” For Christians, that aim is rooted in Scripture.

Using a Bible-like parable, biology professor Michael Duncan writes: “Imagine you owned a property and rented it out to tenants for a period of time. Upon move-in, the tenants found the place clean and in perfect working order. As the owner of the property, it is your desire to see that the tenants regard the condition of the property and live in such a way that does not destroy the house. This is the mindset that we should adopt as tenants living on the earth.”

Almost five centuries ago, John Calvin encouraged creation care too. “The earth was given to man, with this condition, that he should occupy himself in its cultivation,” he wrote. “Let him who possesses a field, so partake of its yearly fruits, that he may not suffer the ground to be injured by his negligence, but let him endeavor to hand it down to posterity as he received it, or even better cultivated. Moreover, that this economy, and this diligence, with respect to those good things which God has given us to enjoy, may flourish among us; let everyone regard himself as the steward of God in all things which he possesses.”



Clothed in compassion

In Colossians 3:12, Paul tells us to clothe ourselves in compassion. What does that look like? Consider these parallels to actual clothes:

Each morning, we select outfits depending on our activities and who we'll see. For example, clothing looks different for a day of chores than for worship on Easter Sunday. To maintain our wardrobe, we regularly clean, fold and repair items. Likewise, each day we choose how we'll treat others. Our approach to each activity or interaction might differ, as we seek to represent Christ well. And to maintain an effective witness, we often must renew and “mend” our attitude.

One more comparison: Look in your closet. Have you updated your clothes lately? Compassion looks different than it did decades ago. While staying grounded in biblical truth, let's adapt the care we wear — making it “fit” better for today's generations.


—Janna Firestone

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Our Church's
Graduates

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



Saturday, July 26th

We  Love
Our
VOLunteers

APRIL — National
Volunteer Month



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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*

Monday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Tuesday:

5:30pm ~ *Yoga*

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

8:30-3:00 ~ *F.I.T.*

Friday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Saturday:

8am-3pm ~ *Private Rental* ~
Pastor Anderson

Next Sunday:

10:30am ~ *Worship & Live
streaming worship*



After Christ's resurrection, the disciples demonstrate
many responses: not only faith and joy
but also doubt and confusion.

Welcome to worship —
no matter where you are on your faith journey.

Rev. Randy Anderson

PRELUDE #327

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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 #98

To God Be the Glory

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried,
the third day he rose from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #334

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

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 #99**

*To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
to God be the glory, for the things he has done.
With his blood he has saved me,
with his power he has raised me;
to God be the glory for the things he has done*

WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 2:1, NLT

A Warning against Drifting Away

2 So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it.

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

MESSAGE

"Remedies Against Drifting"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN # 2129

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE #333

I'm Goin' Sing When the Spirit Says Sing



PRAYER
list...

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

Jane Marginet, June Regenhold, Mark Fear, Deanna Wilson, Terri & Steve Jarboe, Norman Bullock, Liz & Alan Creamer, Frances Burns, Paul & Jeanie Cardinal, John & Beverly Boss, Zach Anderson, Morgan Whitehead, Roger Jones, Pastor Randy & Julie, Carolyn Jones

NATIONAL DAY

OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 1, 2025

APRIL
birthdays & anniversaries

*Roger & Nancy Jones
~ 27th
Beverly Boss ~ 28th
Heather Scott ~ 30th*