

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

January 12, 2025

# Women's Conference 2025

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Shellie Rushing Tomlinson**

**"act justly, love mercy,  
walk humbly"**

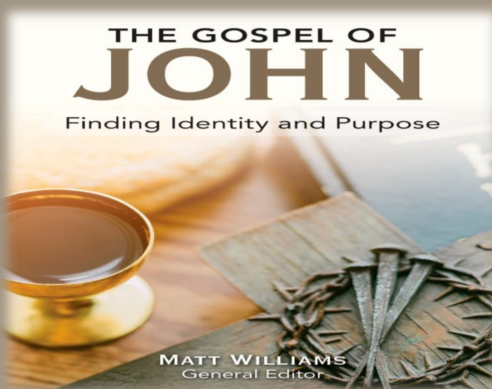
Micah 6:8

**Saturday, February 22**  
**9am ~ 2pm CST**

**Cost is \$25**

**includes: shirt,  
conference & lunch**

**Rsvp by February 2nd**  
**w/shirt size & payment to**  
**Kristi Pflug (812)664-1108**  
**venmo: @Kristi-Pflug-1**



The Next Bible  
Study will start  
on  
**Monday,**  
**February 3 @**  
**6:30pm**

This is a 12 week study. The cost is \$15  
(Anyone wishing to be a part of this study, but the book  
cost is an issue, please see Kristi or Pastor Randy)

**Please reserve your book with**  
**Kristi Pflug by January 20.**

## All about attitude

"The way you say 'representative' to an automated system reflects the real you," a friend told me. After we laughed at that truth, I realized *everything* I say matters. Someone is always listening, whether the words and tone are positive or negative.

Ephesians 4:29 (NLT) says our language shouldn't be "foul or abusive" but good, helpful and encouraging. Whether I'm peaceful, hurried, joyful, empathetic, frustrated, celebrating or hurting, I can carefully choose my words (and the attitude behind them). When I'm not ready to speak wholesomely, may God shut my mouth. When a friend needs encouragement, may I listen to God's prompting. When I need to confront, may I do so lovingly. Changing how we think — that is, how we speak to ourselves — can be tough. But God wants to transform our reactions and motives, dispelling pride, a lack of confidence and anxiety. In this new year:

- *I'm alone* can become *God is with me*.
- *I can't do this* can become *Anything is possible with God*.
- *I'm failing* can become *Just because I'm struggling, it doesn't mean I'm failing*.
- *I'm not enough* can become *I'm God's beloved child*.
- *I'm tired* can become *God will give me rest*.

Don't stop there. Consider the concerns in your heart and let God give you new words and attitudes.

—Janna Firestone

**Sunday, Jan. 19th**  
**Simplified Board Meeting**  
**After morning worship.**



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**Deliver to:**



# Thank You

Julie and I are overwhelmed by the generous gift you gave us at Christmas. We are so blessed and honored to be your pastoral family. Thank you so much for the amazing gift and for being such a wonderful church.  
Pastor Randy

Thank you for the generous gift that you, as a church family, have given me. It will be put to good use. It is appreciated.  
Andy Rostron

I am richly blessed with the friends God has placed in my life. The generous Christmas gifts I have received are greatly appreciated, but truly not necessary. I pray each of you receive a Christmas blessing of love to your heart, health to your body and peace & joy to your home through the New Year.  
Christ over all, Melissa

Jeanie and I would like to Thank the women's group of the FUMC for the Goodies basket and the quilts. We enjoyed all the snacks. We also appreciated Pastor Randy's visit and the many Christmas cards we received. Hope you all have a Happy New Year!  
Paul and Jeanie

random  
Acts of kindness

\* -This symbol,  
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 provide a nursery, located in the education wing near the restrooms.



#### This Sunday

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

Monday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Friday: ~ *Office Closed* ~

Saturday:

#### Next Sunday:

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

11:30am ~ *Simplified Board*



Melissa Almon ~ 6<sup>th</sup>

Colson Odom ~ 8<sup>th</sup>

Kathy Trowbridge ~ 10<sup>th</sup>

Wayne Anderson ~ 11<sup>th</sup>

Marilee Rostron ~ 16<sup>th</sup>



## **Rev. Randy Anderson**

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 #2223 *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

RESPONSIVE READING

The Watcher

Based on Psalm 121:3-8

M: He will not let your foot slip—

**C: He who watches over you will not slumber;**

M: Indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

M: The Lord watches over you—

**C: The Lord is your shade at your right hand;**

M: The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

M: The Lord will keep you from all harm—

**C: He will watch over your life;**

M: The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

### **WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING**

PRAYER HYMN #2193 *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

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

\*The Response

Hymn #139 verse 1

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!*

## WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

**Romans 12:1-2, NLT**

**A Living Sacrifice to God**

**12** And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. <sup>2</sup> Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

*RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.*

***Thanks be to God!***

MESSAGE

***"Discovering God's Will for You"***

## WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

\*HYMN # 2226

***Bind Us Together***

\*BLESSING



PRAYING  
FOR YOU

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

**Jane Marginet, Ruby Wilkerson, June Regenhold, Mark Fear, Deanna Wilson, Norman Bullock, Liz & Alan Creamer, Vivory Brewer, Frances Burns, Paul & Jeanie Cardinal, John & Beverly Boss, Zach Anderson, Morgan Whitehead, Karen Devine, Fred & Debra Stephenson**

## ***New Year's blessing***

*The eighth day of Christmas,  
the eighth day of Creation,  
the Next New Day,  
New Year's Day.  
May every day be a new year's  
day for you:  
a chance to forgive and be  
forgiven,  
to start again.  
May you take courage to begin  
anew. ...  
As you let go of the year past,  
may you ... in your free fall find  
yourself held  
by an eternal love that has  
come ages to be with you,  
and will carry you all the way  
to the end. ...  
Every day may you trust your  
belovedness,  
your freedom from having to  
prove yourself,  
and receive the grace that is  
given to you.*

*May this year be a year of  
grace and hope.*

—Steve Garnaas-Holmes,  
unfoldinglight.net