

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

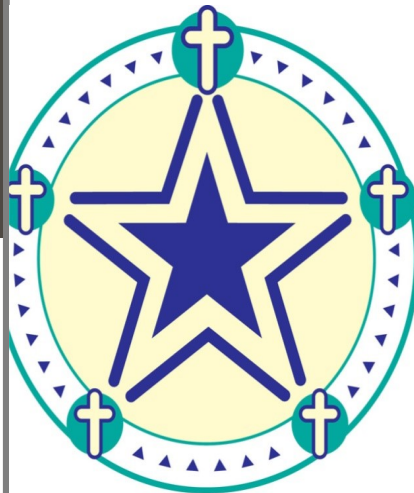
One Church
Two Locations

November 17, 2024



Calling all past and want-to-be choir members!

A Christmas song has been chosen to sing to the congregation on **December 8** during the church service. We will start to practice the song on November 3rd after church. Practice should last for about 15 minutes.



**SW DISTRICT
Zoom MEETING
Dec. 8 @ 2pm**

**TODAY!!
Simplified
Board Meeting**

**Forming the
2025 Operating
Budget**

**PACK A
SHOEBOX!**

National Collection Week
November 18—25th



Sign up to be a Collection Site
Volunteer
www.fbfirst.org

CHURCH OFFICE

CLOSED

Thanksgiving Week
Nov. 21 - Dec. 2

Wesleyan, First Presbyterian, Blythe Chapel, First UMC

The Churches of Fort Branch present

The Best Gift EVER!

1-Day Christmas VBS
3yrs & older



December 23rd, 2024

12:30pm ~ 6:00 PM

Doors Open at 12:00pm

Supper & snacks served (eat lunch prior)

Pre-registration by Dec. 9
helpful, not required

VBS Children's
Christmas Program
6:00pm



Location: Fort Branch First UMC 100 W Vine Street

What your heart clamors to do

We often speak of pastors as having a divine "calling." God gives them a strong sense of purpose for a specific holy role, like how Old Testament prophets were called to bring messages to God's people. But what about the rest of us? Is teaching, practicing medicine, being a plumber, writing or another non-church job also a "call"?

Martin Luther and others have said we should seek work that benefits others and for which God has given us talent. We should also treat any good work we do as a calling — be it cleaning a house or school, mending a broken leg or torn garment, or (as Luther mentioned a *father* doing — in the 1500s!) changing a baby's diaper.

Dorothy Sayers wrote that "work is not primarily a thing one does to live, but the thing one lives to do," and that "we should clamor to be engaged in work that [is] worth doing, and in which we [can] take pride." What work does your heart clamor to do? In other words, what is *your* divine call?

*Christmas Brings
the Beauty
of ...*

**HOPE
PEACE
JOY
LOVE**



First Sunday of Advent ~ December 1st
10:30am ~ Worship, "Christmas Brings the
Beauty of Hope"
Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 8th
10:30am ~ Worship, "Christmas Brings the
Beauty of Peace"
Special Music Presentation by the Choir
Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 15th
10:30am ~ Worship, "Christmas Brings the
Beauty of Joy"
Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 22nd
10:30am ~ Worship, "Christmas Brings the
Beauty of Love"
Children's Christmas Vacation Bible School
Presented by Churches of Fort Branch
December 23rd
12:30pm ~ 6:00pm 1-Day VBS
6:00pm ~ Children's Program, community
invited and live streamed

Church office will be closed
December 23rd - January 6th



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Deliver to:

* -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.

At Church This Week

This Sunday Stewardship Day

10:30am ~ Worship & Live
streaming worship

11:30am ~ Thanksgiving
Fellowship Dinner

12:15pm ~ Simplified Board
Meeting

Operation Christmas Child
Shoebox Collection Week

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

10:30am ~ Worship & Live
streaming worship

11:30am ~ Hanging the Greens

Extended Calendar

www.fbfirst.org



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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 #398

Jesus Calls Us

*HYMN #677

Listen, Lord (A Prayer)

*O Lord, we come this morning knee-bowed and body
-bent before they throne of grace. O Lord—this morning—
bow our hearts beneath our knees, and our knees in some
lonesome valley. We come this morning like empty
pitchers to a full fountain, with no merits of our own. O
Lord, open up a window of heaven, and lean out far over
the battlements of glory, and listen this morning. Amen.*

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #2152

Change My Heart, O God

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS AND Celerations

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 **Glory Be to the Father**
Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen. Amen.

Hymn #70

WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE ***Suffering for Being a Christian*** 1 Peter 4:12-16, NLT

¹² Dear friends, don't be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. ¹³ Instead, be very glad—for these trials make you partners with Christ in his suffering, so that you will have the wonderful joy of seeing his glory when it is revealed to all the world.

¹⁴ If you are insulted because you bear the name of Christ, you will be blessed, for the glorious Spirit of God rests upon you. ¹⁵ If you suffer, however, it must not be for murder, stealing, making trouble, or prying into other people's affairs. ¹⁶ But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by his name!

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

MESSAGE

"Let's Describe a Christian"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN #2129

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

*BLESSING

In awe of everyday joys

Maybe you've heard of making micro-resolutions for the new year. Similarly, health experts recommend becoming aware of — and thankful for — micro-joys we experience and encounter.

In *The Power of Awe*, Jake Eagle and Michael Amster describe the benefits of taking several brief A.W.E. breaks throughout the day:

- **A** is for Attention, as you focus on something that amazes you or seems valuable.
- **W** is for Waiting, as you pause to take a deep breath.
- **E** is for Exhaling, as you breathe out and feel joy and gratitude. This simple practice reveals how profound the "ordinary" can be, thanks to the generosity of our extraordinary God.

Prayer Requests

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

Jane Marginet, Terri & Steve Jarboe, Ruby Wilkerson, June Regenhold, Mark Fear, Deanna Wilson, Norman Bullock, Terry Phillips, Liz & Alan Creamer, Vivory Brewer, Frances Burns, Paul & Jeanie Cardinal, John & Beverly Boss, Zach Anderson, Morgan Whitehead. Margie Beal, Karen Devine



Kurt Stone ~ 18th
Derek & Rexanne Robicheaux ~ 18th
Brian Prater ~ 20th
Alec Steinmetz ~ 21st
Elisabeth & Javier Canizo ~ 22nd



A long tradition for Advent is to purchase individual plants for dedication to loved ones and enjoy them through the month of December during morning worship service. We tried something new last year with great success and enjoyment that we are going to do it again this year!

An array of live Christmas plants will be purchased for our sanctuary. By completing the DEDICATION FORM at the bottom and returning it with a \$10 donation, you will have the opportunity to honor loved ones. You can place your dedication in the offering plate, or leave in Melissa's mailbox in the hallway or drop off during office hours.

Thank you for considering your participation in what may become our new tradition during the Advent Season.

The last day to submit dedications with donation will be

Sunday, November 24th

In Memory or In Honor

(please select one)

Dedicated to: _____

From: _____