

The First United
Methodist Church of
Fort Branch



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

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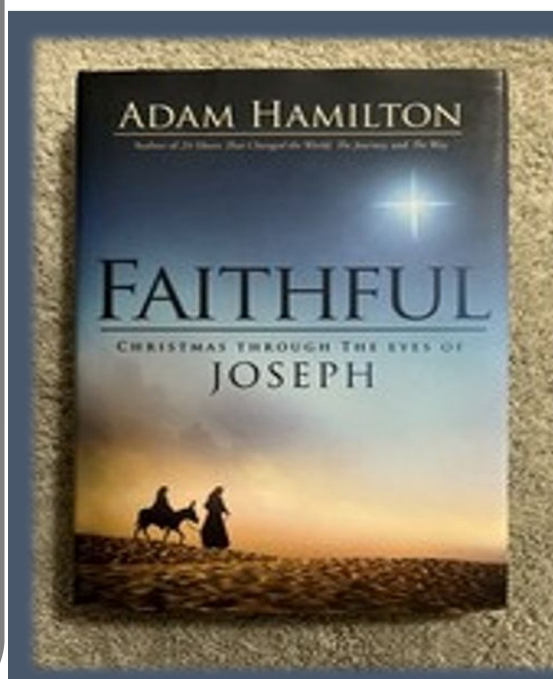
Office Hours
Tuesday & Wednesday,
9:00 am– 2:00 pm
Closed Monday, Thursday
and Friday

One Church
Two Locations
November 2, 2025



A sign up sheet has been posted on the
hallway bulletin board.

It would be very helpful to have a
semi-accurate count of
individuals planning to attend the
dinner. There is also room to let others
know what dish you plan to prepare
and share. Please indicate if you are
planning to bring a meat entree or
prepare a turkey/breast.



An Advent Bible Study
led by Randy Anderson

FAITHFUL
*Christmas through the eyes
of Joseph*

Mondays @ 6:30pm
Nov. 24 ~ Dec. 15

Please register and reserve
your study books asap.
Cost is \$20 per book
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When Paul wrote to the church in Rome, he addressed his letter "To all God's beloved ... who are called to be saints" (Romans 1:7, NRSV). Paul regarded his fellow believers as people who have responded to the good news of Christ by choosing to follow and serve God.

The New Testament emphasizes that Christians are God's beloved — special people set apart to receive his grace and to be his witnesses. All people whose minds and hearts are devoted to God are "called to be saints."

About 700 years after the church began, leaders designated November 1 as All Saints' Day to honor people whose lives reflect Christ dwelling within them. Because of what God has done for us, all Christians can wear the label of saint.

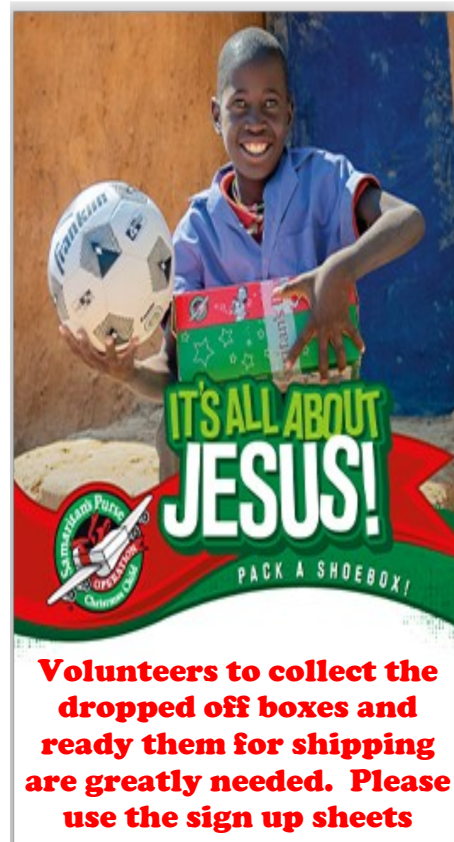


On God's side

Ever been picked last for a team? Eugene Peterson recounts feeling like a "liability" when this happened to him. In *Run With the Horses* (IVP Books), he says God always wants us on his side — no matter our individual strengths or weaknesses:

"For a long time all Christians called each other 'saints.' They were all saints regardless of how well or badly they lived, of how experienced or inexperienced they were. The word *saint* did not refer to the quality or virtue of their acts, but to the kind of life to which they had been chosen, life on a battlefield. It was not a title given after a spectacular performance, but a mark of whose side they were on."

Based on its Latin roots, *saint* is the noun form of the verb *consecrate*; in other words, Peterson adds, God gave us "spiritual shape" even before we had "biological shape" (see Jeremiah 1:5). Even before forming us, God set us apart, or consecrated us, as saints — and chose us to be on his side.



Volunteers to collect the dropped off boxes and ready them for shipping are greatly needed. Please use the sign up sheets posted on the bulletin board or utilize the online forms @

www.fbfirst.org

Be a part of this powerful outreach! Fill a shoebox with gifts and love to bless a child across the globe.



FILL A SHOEBOX



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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.

@Church

This Week

This Sunday: All Saints Day
10:30am ~ Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~
6:30pm ~ Simon Peter Bible
Study

Tuesday:
4:00pm ~ Yoga

Wednesday:

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

Friday:

Saturday:
12-4pm ~ Private Rental

Next Sunday:
10:30am ~ Worship & Live
streaming worship



NOVEMBER
birthdays & anniversaries

John Boss ~ 2nd



All Saints Day ~ Welcome

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 #696 *America the Beautiful*

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

THE OFFERING: The Gathering of the Gifts

*Presentation of Gifts with Offertory Response : *Hymn #70*

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.

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

***RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP FOR ALL SAINTS DAY**
(Hebrews 12:1)

Insert

HOLY COMMUNION & REMBRANCE THROUGH CANDLES

We call the roll this morning of those who have passed on to the next life over this past year:

***Sandra Kay Weber, Frances Burns, Deanna Wilson,
Alice June Regenholt, Debra Stephenson***

WORSHIP THROUGH HEARING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:1-2, NLT

God's Discipline Proves His Love

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. ² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne.

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

MESSAGE

"Surrounded by Examples"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

***HYMN # 370**

Victory in Jesus

***BLESSING**



Prayer Requests

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

Jane Marginet, Mark Fear, Terri & Steve Jarboe, Liz & Alan Creamer, Paul & Jeanie Cardinal, Zach Anderson, Morgan Whitehead, Roger & Nancy Jones, Julie Anderson, Carolyn Jones, Jim Feutz, Kathy Trowbridge, Kelsey Holder



A Responsive Call to Worship for All Saints Day

Hebrews 12:1

We remember, O God...

*The countless saints of history
who have blazed a trail of courage through time.*

We remember, O God...

*The tender touch of loved ones,
the example of heroes,
the healing words of comforters,
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.*

We remember, O God...

*The gentle strength of grandmothers,
the loyalty of friends,
the kindness of strangers,
the joy of children,
the sacrifice of parents.*

We remember, O God...

*The supreme love of Jesus,
the blessing of his Spirit,
the reminder of his words,
the sharing of his suffering,
the glory of his resurrection:
shown forth in the lives of his disciples,
young and old,
dead and living,
articulate and silent,
strange and familiar,
brilliant and ordinary.*



We remember in every time and place the saints of God
Who have shown us the Lord.

*Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...
Let us worship God with joy!*

Cleaning
Crew
Needed



Seeking volunteers to maintain the church property by sharing tasks. Please utilize the sign up sheet and select a chore commitment from December to May.

Christmas Decorating

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday, November 16th
After the Grateful Gathering Dinner



Anyone interested in joining to sing an anthem for the Christmas season please get in touch with Carla Conklin or Susan Ahlfeld as soon as possible. We plan to sing in the December 14th church service. Practices will likely be directly after church services in the weeks before.

Missions

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Motion

109 ROLLS OF TOILET
TISSUE DONATED IN
OCTOBER!!!
THANK YOU!

NOVEMBER:
CEREAL
&
PEANUT BUTTER