

United Methodist Church

*Blythe Chapel & Fort Branch First
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All are always welcome!

Pearls of wisdom

"A man begins cutting his wisdom teeth the first time he bites off more than he can chew," said Herb Caen. Though his tongue may have been planted firmly in his cheek, right next to said wisdom teeth, we do indeed learn from our mistakes — including the mistake of thinking we can handle more than we can, or that we know more than we do, or that we don't need anyone's help (including God's).

As far back as Old Testament times, people collected "wisdom sayings" into books from which we can still learn. Foundational to the book of Proverbs, attributed to King Solomon, is this first nugget of wisdom: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge" (1:7).

May we cut the "wisdom teeth" of our lives not by foolishly overestimating ourselves but by following God.



Wise words

Want to provoke a warm response from others? Look in people's eyes and smile sincerely.

Faith isn't meant to be kept to oneself. It simply has to be shared in non-threatening ways and shown in loving actions.

Peace must begin within ourselves. Anger only provokes anger in others.

We cannot make enough of the virtue of trust. If we cannot be trusted, of what value are we?



NEW BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION

All are welcome to attend; no book to purchase.

MONDAY EVENINGS @ 6:30PM

Beginning September 14

Fort Branch First UMC Fellowship Hall



Missions in Motion:

**August
Peanut Butter**
small jars



Companions In

Lead by
Pastor Randy

Wednesdays @ 9:30am

Christ



*O Lord
my God,
I take
refuge in you.
Psalm 7:1*

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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:

9:30am ~ Coffee & Fellowship
10:30am ~ Worship & Live Streaming Worship

Monday:

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:

9:30am ~ Coffee & Fellowship
10:30am ~ Worship & Live Streaming Worship

Summer Office Hours

Pastor Randy
Monday & Wednesday
Melissa
Tuesday & Wednesday



MUSICAL ACCOMPANIST

Ben Scott

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 #469

Jesus Is All the World to Me

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Death and life are in the power of the tongue;

Congregation: ***Our words carry the weight to heal or to hurt.***

Leader: Those who love its use will eat its fruit;

Congregation: ***We harvest the true results of what we choose to speak.***

Leader: Let us set a guard over our lips;

Congregation: ***Let our speech bring encouragement and grace.***

Leader: May the words of our mouths be pleasing to God;

All: ***And may our tongues be instruments of life***

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #2148

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 18:19-21, NLT

¹⁹ *An offended friend is harder to win back than a fortified city.*

Arguments separate friends like a gate locked with bars.

²⁰ *Wise words satisfy like a good meal;
the right words bring satisfaction.*

²¹ *The tongue can bring death or life;
those who love to talk will reap the consequences.*

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

MESSAGE

"The Power of the Palate"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN # 378

Amazing Grace

*BLESSING



Fresh harvest for everyone...
Fellowship Hall, Sunday mornings!

Church **FAMILY** —PRAYER LIST—

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

**Jane Marginet, Terri
Jarboe, Liz & Alan
Creamer, Paul & Jeanie
Cardinal, Zach Anderson,
Morgan Whitehead, Jim
Feutz, Roger & Nancy
Jones, Kathy
Trowbridge, Kelsey
Holder, Sherry Holder,
Linda & Shane Springer,
Darla Lewis, Sherry
Michel, Larry Hunter,
Gary Sokeland, Clay
Pflug, Crystal Smith,
Julia Gentry, Sophia
Anderson, Tom Vieke,
Kevin Caniff**

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**Warren & Karen
Devine ~ 16th
Kelly Foster ~ 18th
Alec & Vanessa
Steinmetz ~ 21st
Nehemie Mathurin ~
22nd**