

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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Closed Monday, Thursday
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One Church Two Locations

August 31, 2025

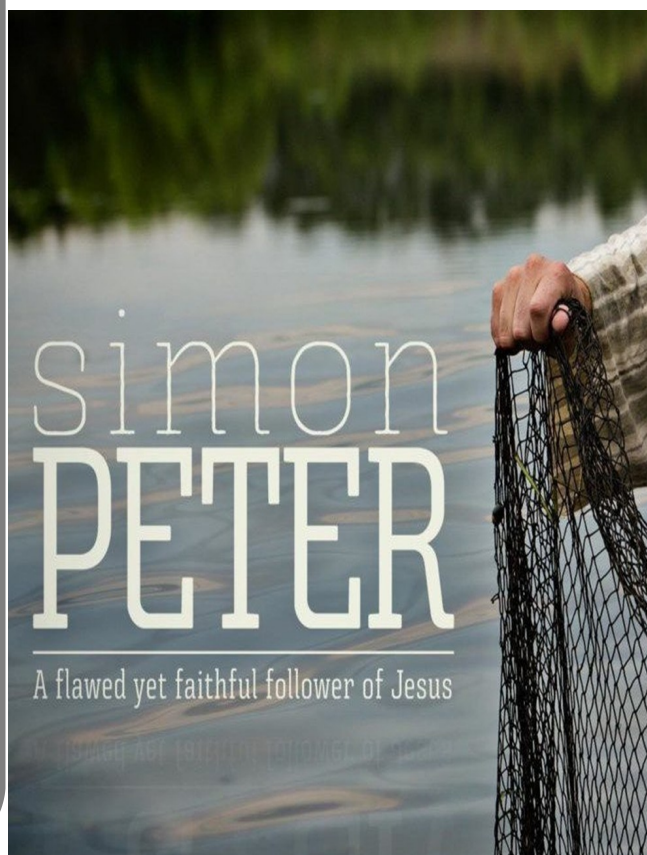
Joyous transformation

In the Bible, the coming of God's kingdom is often portrayed as a wedding — the primary Jewish celebration of the time, when joy and wine flowed for days. So it's fitting that the first sign of Jesus being the Messiah happened at a marriage feast (John 2): When the host's wine ran out, Jesus turned water into an *abundance* of new wine!

Neither modern bridal couples nor any of us can provide, on our own, everything needed to sustain joy in life. We must look to Jesus for something new. When we listen to and follow Jesus, he'll transform us as surely as he did the water.

As Marlo Schalesky writes in *Wrestling With Wonder* (Zondervan): "[Jesus] is in the business of transforming our water to wine, our empty jars into vessels of joy, our very selves into disciples and servants of a kingdom of celebration."

Trust Jesus to take care of things, just as the servants at Cana and even Jesus' own mother did.



New Bible Study
on Mondays
@ 6:30pm

October 13-
November 17

Reserve your book
today.
\$15

Study led by
Pastor Randy

Honoring the Gift of Work

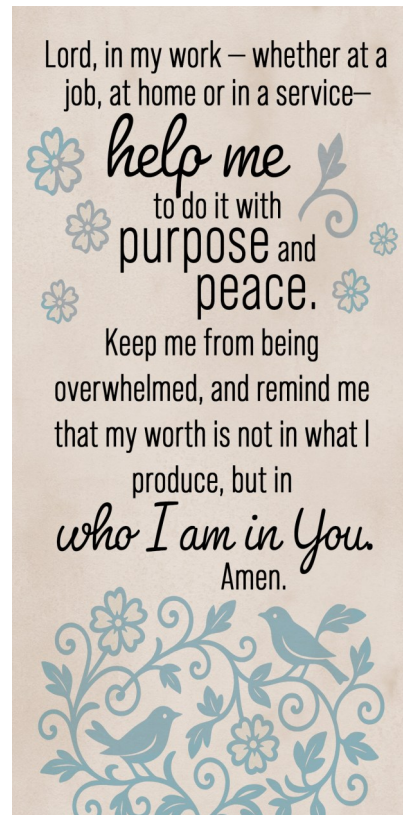
The Bible affirms both the value and dignity of work. From the beginning, God placed Adam in the garden "to work it and keep it" (Genesis 2:15, ESV). In the fourth commandment, we are reminded not only to observe the Sabbath, but also to labor diligently throughout the week: "Six days you shall labor, and do all your work" (Exodus 20:9, ESV).

Work is more than a routine obligation; it is an opportunity to engage our God-given abilities in meaningful ways. Whether using our hands, minds, or hearts, we reflect the image of our Creator—bringing order, care, and creativity into the world.



Our labor allows us to contribute to the common good, find personal fulfillment, and practice faithful stewardship of the talents and strengths God has entrusted to us. As Paul writes, "We are God's fellow workers" (1 Corinthians 3:9, ESV).

On this Labor Day, may we take time to recognize the blessing of work and celebrate those who serve, build, teach, lead, and labor with purpose and care.



PARKING ATTENDANTS NEEDED

Vanderburgh County 4-H Craft Show
Sept. 27 & 28

Fundraiser to benefit Hearts for Haiti. Parking attendants both days 8am-2pm ish
See Debi Phillips for more details and your willingness to participate.

THE SNACK BAR

We need to know your favorite snacks, please send Melissa a note.

It's becoming more difficult to offer items like candy bars due to the purchase cost.

All proceeds support the Back to School Bash Ministry.



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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 ~

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

10:30am ~ Worship & Live
streaming worship

Extended calendar of events
www.fbfirst.org



Kimber Michel ~ 31st



Welcome,
Let's worship together!

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 #389

Freely, Freely

*RESPONSIVE READING

Sing a new song to the Lord!

Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!

Sing to the Lord; praise his name.

Each day proclaim the good news that he saves.

Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.

Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.

Great is the Lord! He is most worthy of praise!

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #513

Soldiers of Christ, Arise

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 #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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE **The Wedding at Cana John 2:1-11, NLT**

² The next day there was a wedding celebration in the village of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the celebration. ³ The wine supply ran out during the festivities, so Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine."

⁴ "Dear woman, that's not our problem," Jesus replied. "My time has not yet come."

⁵ But his mother told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Standing nearby were six stone water jars, used for Jewish ceremonial washing. Each could hold twenty to thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus told the servants, "Fill the jars with water." When the jars had been filled, ⁸ he said, "Now dip some out, and take it to the master of ceremonies." So the servants followed his instructions.

⁹ When the master of ceremonies tasted the water that was now wine, not knowing where it had come from (though, of course, the servants knew), he called the bridegroom over. ¹⁰ "A host always serves the best wine first," he said. "Then, when everyone has had a lot to drink, he brings out the less expensive wine. But you have kept the best until now!"

¹¹ This miraculous sign at Cana in Galilee was the first time Jesus revealed his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

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

MESSAGE

"Things Got Better"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN # 189

*BLESSING



Fairest Lord Jesus

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, Ron Dunning, Kathy Trowbridge
The family of June Regenhold***

random Acts of kindness

***Jane Marginet
Card Shower for 90th birthday
Sept. 18th
North River Health
811 E Baseline Rd
Room 519
Evansville, IN 47725***

***Kathy Trowbridge,
Recovery from hospitalization
309 S Mill ST
Owensville, IN 47665***

***Debi Phillips,
Surgical recovery
104 W Walnut
Fort Branch, IN 47648***

***Julie Anderson,
Surgical recovery
1634 Breezy Creek DR
Evansville, In 47720***