

United Methodist Church

*Blythe Chapel & Fort Branch First
Congregations*

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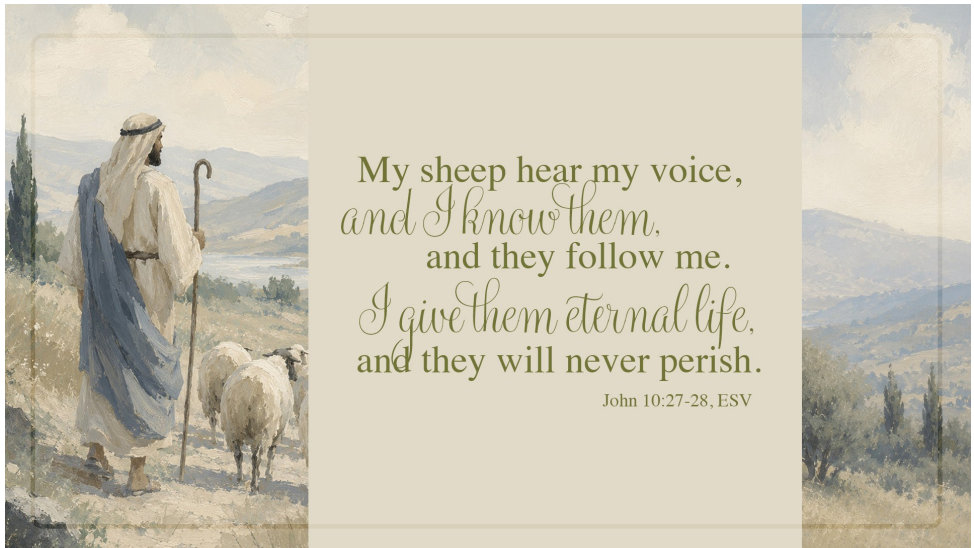
All are always welcome!

Who, me? Yes, you!

The Bible is filled with people who don't feel up to the challenge of serving God, speaking for God or leading his people. But God always knows what he's doing. Pastor Haviland Houston issues this challenge: "When you are hesitant to act, or feel a failure of nerve coming on, when courage lags, or even if laziness and the 'I don't care' blues get you down, may the words of Mordecai to Esther burn in your hearts and minds: 'And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?'" (See Esther 4:14.)

Max Lucado offers a similar reminder in *You Were Made for This Moment*. "God always has his person," he writes, also citing the book of Esther. "When we feel as though everything is falling apart, God is working in our midst, causing everything to fall into place. He is the King of quiet providence, and he invites you and me to partner with him in his work."

Lucado continues: "[God] has a Joseph for every famine and a David for every Goliath. When his people need rescuing, God calls a Rahab into service. When a baby Moses needs a mama, God prompts an Egyptian princess to have compassion. He always has his person. He had someone in the story of Esther. And in your story he has you."



Why Me?

When we're faced with unexpected hardship, our first impulse is often to ask, "Why me, O God? Why me?"

Yet when a blessing comes our way, we receive it with gratitude and rarely ask the same question: "Why me, O God? Why me?"



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

Missions in Motion:
August
Peanut Butter
small jars



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



PRAYING OVER
a new
school year
♥



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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:

Saturday:

~ Office Closed ~

Next Sunday:

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

Summer
Office Hours

Pastor Randy
Monday & Wednesday
Melissa
Tuesday & Wednesday



MUSICAL ACCOMPANIST

Andy Rostron

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 #314

In The Garden

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The world is loud, and our minds are full of many worries.
Let us pause to be still before God.

*Lord, quiet our hearts. Help us to put aside our daily
noise and wait for You.*

God does not always shout in the storm, but speaks in a gentle
whisper of peace.

*Open our ears to hear Your voice, O God, and give us
minds ready to obey.*

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #2218

You Are Mine

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 #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 HEARING

SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 3:1-10, NLT

The LORD Speaks to Samuel

³ Meanwhile, the boy Samuel served the LORD by assisting Eli. Now in those days messages from the LORD were very rare, and visions were quite uncommon.

² One night Eli, who was almost blind by now, had gone to bed. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was sleeping in the Tabernacle near the Ark of God. ⁴ Suddenly the LORD called out, "Samuel!"

"Yes?" Samuel replied. "What is it?" ⁵ He got up and ran to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?"

"I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go back to bed." So he did.

⁶ Then the LORD called out again, "Samuel!"

Again Samuel got up and went to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?"

"I didn't call you, my son," Eli said. "Go back to bed."

⁷ Samuel did not yet know the LORD because he had never had a message from the LORD before. ⁸ So the LORD called a third time, and once more Samuel got up and went to Eli. "Here I am. Did you call me?"

Then Eli realized it was the LORD who was calling the boy. ⁹ So he said to Samuel, "Go and lie down again, and if someone calls again, say, 'Speak, LORD, your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went back to bed.

¹⁰ And the LORD came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!"

And Samuel replied, "Speak, your servant is listening."

RESPONSE: The word of God, for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

MESSAGE

"How to Listen and Know It's God!"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN # 382

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

*BLESSING

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



David & Sarah Fuhs ~ 10th

Autumn Scott ~ 12th

Bruce Holder ~ 12th

Barb Trapp ~ 14th

Gina Cauthen ~ 14th

Mike & Kristi Pflug ~ 14th

Drew Steinmetz ~ 15th

Crystal Smith ~ 15th

Tim & Tona Smith ~ 15th