

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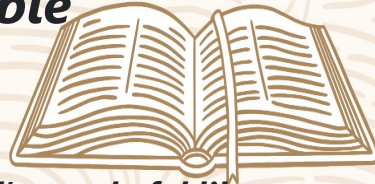
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Office Hours
Monday ~ Wednesday,
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Closed Thursday and Friday

One Church
Two Locations

June 14, 2026

I Am the Bible



***I am the Bible, God's wonderful library.
I am always — and above all — the truth.***

***To the weary pilgrim, I am a strong staff.
To those who sit in darkness, I am glorious light.
To those who stumble beneath heavy burdens, I am sweet rest.
To those who have lost their way, I am a safe guide.***

***To those who are sick in sin, I offer healing, strength and
forgiveness.
To the discouraged, I bring a glad message of hope.
To those distressed and tossed by the storms of life, I am an
anchor, sure and steadfast.
To all who search for salvation, I reveal the Savior of the
world.***

I am the Bible.



Flag Day Ice Cream Social

**Sunday, June 14
2pm~4pm
@Blythe Chapel**

Ice cream and all the fixings! Lawn games for kids & adults

Bring lawn chairs. All are welcome!
Marla Scott ~ 812/664-2101

In case of rain, location will be Shinnysville Hill Venue, Owensville

Stirring Up a Life With Meaning

When Winston Churchill once dined at a prestigious London restaurant, he tasted his soup and promptly sent it back to the kitchen. "It has no theme," he complained.

A good soup, he insisted, should have a theme. The same can be said of many things that matter: a good book, a meaningful concert, a memorable film, a powerful sermon, a beautiful work of art.

It is also true of a good life.

Joan of Arc, the French martyr, declared, "God must be served first." That was her theme. St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians that he desired to know nothing among them except Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 2:2). That was his theme. Again and again, we see that every truly devoted Christian lives with a central, guiding focus — an overriding theme.

That realization invites a personal question: What is ours?

Pastor and psychologist Dr. Curtis Nigh offers this challenge: "If the heart does not have a noble or goodly theme, then it develops an anti-theme." In other words, if we do not intentionally shape our lives around what is good and holy, something lesser will quietly take its place.

To be a Christian is to embrace a compelling, Christ-centered theme. It shapes our priorities, our decisions, our relationships and our hope. It is not simply an idea we admire — it is the heartbeat of a life lived for God.



**Community
Garden**
Fresh harvest for everyone...
Fellowship Hall, Sunday
mornings!

Companions In
Wenesdays @ 9:30am *Christ*

Coming in August

Participating in the annual Fort Branch Town-Wide Yard Sales

**CHURCH
YARD
SALE**

*Start collecting
your items to
donate.
Do NOT bring to
the church garage
before June 9th or
they will become
donations for
Methodist
Mountain Missions*

*Contact is Kristi
812/664-1108*

*All proceeds for
the Feb. 20, 2027
Women's
Conference.*

Missions in Motion:

JUNE

Cereal

(not XL size boxes)



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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.



This Sunday:

10:30am ~Worship & Live
Streaming Worship
2-4:00pm ~ Flag Day Ice
Cream Social

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:

Father's Day
10:30am ~Worship & Live
Streaming Worship

Summer
Office Hours 

Pastor Randy
Monday & Wednesday

Melissa
Tuesday & Wednesday
9am ~ 2pm



MUSICAL ACCOMPANIST

Autumn Scott

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 #64 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

* **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses,
let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so
easily entangles.

***And let us run with perseverance the race marked
out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and
perfector of faith.***

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on
things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.
***Set your minds on things above, not on earthly
things. For you died, and your life is now hidden
with Christ in God.***

When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will
appear with him in glory.

***Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as
members of one body you were called to peace.***

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in
the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father
through him.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #593

Here I Am, Lord

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

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

"The Christian's Focus"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

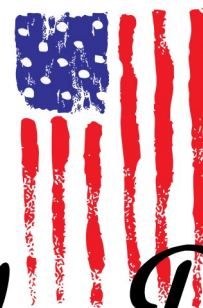
*HYMN #

*BLESSING

Prayer Requests

*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, Wayne
Anderson, Jimmy Johns,
Alec Taylor, Sawyer
Springer*



Flag Day



*Addison Englehardt ~
14th*

Austin Wilson ~ 16th

*Paul & Jeanie Cardinal
~ 17th*

David Fuhs ~ 19th