

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



### **An underappreciated faith hero**

Saul, who was converted from persecutor of Christians to the foremost evangelist Paul, is a tremendous role model for surrendering one's life to Jesus. But another man in that story warrants celebration, too.

Ananias, a disciple of Jesus, lived in Damascus when Saul was led there, blind from his bright-light encounter with Jesus. The Lord told Ananias to visit Saul, lay hands on him and restore his sight (see Acts 9:11-12). Not surprisingly, Ananias resisted; he knew of Saul and his violence toward Christians. Yet the disciple surrendered and obeyed.

To top it off, when Ananias arrived, he spoke the warmest of greetings: "Brother Saul ..." He didn't just call Saul by name, nor did he berate him. Despite initial misgivings, Ananias claimed this former enemy as a fellow member of God's family. What an act to follow!



## Any complaints?

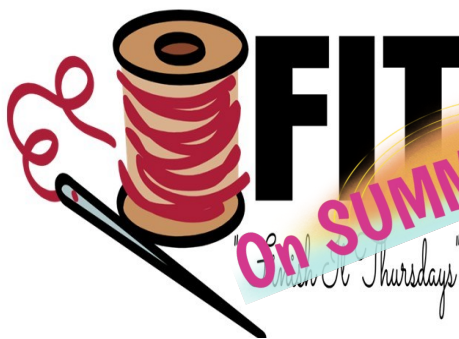
While serving as a chaplain at a children's hospital, Lisa Anderson once found a young mother kneeling in the chapel. When Anderson apologized for disrupting, the woman said, "That's okay. I was just complaining to the Lord. I figure it worked for the Israelites!"

After laughing, the women began discussing how God listens to his people regardless of our approach. Indeed, Moses tells Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining'" (Exodus 16:9, NRSV). And as David hid in a cave from Saul, he wrote, "I pour out my complaint before [the Lord]" (Psalm 142:2).

No matter what we say — or pray — our all-powerful God certainly can handle it. And no matter what's troubling us, we can "take heart!" because Jesus has "overcome the world" (John 16:33, ESV).

### The Bible in fifty words

God made.  
Hope died.  
Adam bit.  
Love rose.  
Noah arked.  
Spirit flamed.  
Abraham split.  
Word spread.  
Joseph ruled.  
God remained.  
Jacob fooled.  
Bush talked.  
Moses balked.  
Pharaoh plagued.  
People walked.  
Sea divided.  
Tablets guided.  
Promise landed.  
Saul freaked.  
David peaked.  
Prophets warned.  
Jesus born.  
God walked.  
Love talked.  
Anger crucified.



A space for stitchers and crafters to come together for a day of friendship and (hopefully) completing some projects. This is open to anyone wanting to join the group.



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\* -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

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~

Tuesday:

10:00am ~Swat qtr treatment

5:30pm ~Yoga

Wednesday:

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday:

10:30am ~ Worship & Live  
streaming worship

Full calendar of events:  
[www.fbfirst.org](http://www.fbfirst.org)



When on vacation,  
be with us in spirit.  
The rest of the summer,  
be with us in person.



## 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 #2282

*I'll Fly Away*

\*POEM OF ENLIGHTENMENT

God uses

*what you have  
to fill a need which  
you never could have filled.*

God uses

*where you are  
to take you where  
you never could have gone.*

God uses

*what you can do  
to accomplish what  
you never could have done.*

God uses

*who you are  
to let you become who  
you never could have been.*

### WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #500 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*



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 #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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE INSERT

**Acts 9:10-19, NLT**

MESSAGE

**"USEABLE"**

### WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

\*HYMN # 469

**Jesus Is All the World to Me**

\*BLESSING



## *Prayer Requests*

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

**Jane Marginet, June  
Regenhold, Mark Fear,  
Deanna Wilson, Terri &  
Steve Jarboe, Norman  
Bullock, Liz & Alan  
Creamer, Frances Burns,  
Paul & Jeanie Cardinal,  
John & Beverly Boss,  
Zach Anderson, Morgan  
Whitehead, Roger Jones,  
Pastor Randy & Julie,  
Carolyn Jones, Jim Feutz**



**Darrel & Ali  
Edwards ~ 25th  
Darrin Woehler ~  
26th  
Bruce & Marilee  
Rostron ~ 26th  
Brandon & Lauren  
Foster ~ 27th**

## **Acts 9:10-19, NLT**

<sup>10</sup> Now there was a believer in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, calling, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord!" he replied.

<sup>11</sup> The Lord said, "Go over to Straight Street, to the house of Judas. When you get there, ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying to me right now. <sup>12</sup> I have shown him a vision of a man named Ananias coming in and laying hands on him so he can see again."

<sup>13</sup> "But Lord," exclaimed Ananias, "I've heard many people talk about the terrible things this man has done to the believers in Jerusalem! <sup>14</sup> And he is authorized by the leading priests to arrest everyone who calls upon your name."

<sup>15</sup> But the Lord said, "Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel. <sup>16</sup> And I will show him how much he must suffer for my name's sake."

<sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized. <sup>19</sup> Afterward he ate some food and regained his strength.

## **Saul in Damascus and Jerusalem**

Saul stayed with the believers in Damascus for a few days.

*RESPONSE: The Word of God, for the people of God.*

***Thanks be to God!***



Help to raise money for the  
Fort Branch First United Methodist Church's

**10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL** Back to School Bash

**Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>  
10:30am to 9:00pm**

**All You have to do:  
dine-in or carry-out**

**R'z Cafe**

**(this day only).  
20%**

**will be  
donated back!**

Alcohol excluded/Gift Cards Included



**CAFÉ & CATERING**