

The First United
Methodist Church of
Fort Branch



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*Our Mission....
To make disciples of
Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the
world.*

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One Church
Two Locations

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Finding Jesus

When we find Jesus, it costs us everything. He has happiness, joy, peace, healing, security, eternity, everything. So we say, "I want this pearl. How much is it?" "Well," the seller says, "it's very expensive."

"But how much?" we ask.

"Everything you have," says the seller.

We make up our minds. "All right, I'll buy it," we say.

"Well, what do you have?" he wants to know. "Let's write it down."

"Well, I have ten thousand dollars in the bank."

"Good-ten thousand dollars. What else?"

"That's all. That's all I have."

"Nothing more?"

"Well, I have a few dollars here in my pocket."

"That's fine. What else do you have?"

"I have a house...and a camper...and two cars..."

"Are you alone in the world?"

"No, I have a wife and two children..."

"Oh, yes, your wife and your children, too."

"I have nothing left! I am left alone now."

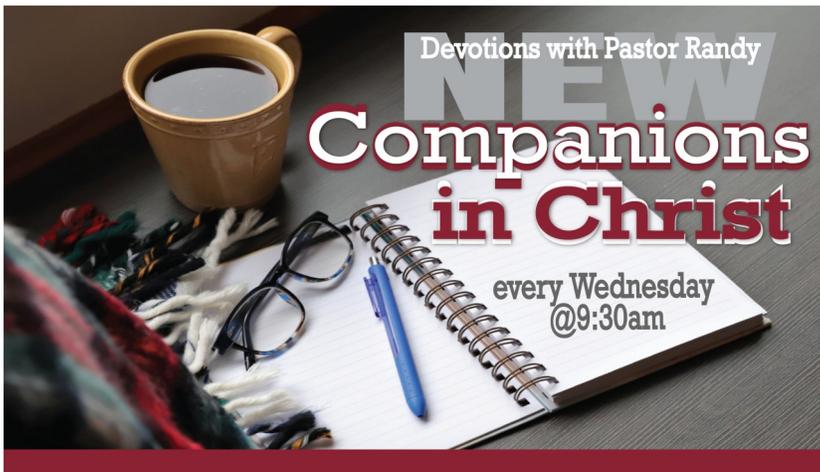
Suddenly the seller exclaims, "Oh, I almost forgot! You yourself, too. Everything becomes mine-wife, children, house, money, cars-and you, too."

Then he goes on, "Now listen-I will allow you to use all these things for the time being. But don't forget that they are mine, just as you are. And whenever I need any of them, you must give them up, because now I am the owner."

--Juan Carlos Ortiz in Disciple



Second Sunday
IN LENT



Missions in Motion:
March

Mayonnaise or Miracle Whip

Invaluable!

"The kingdom of heaven," said Jesus, "is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it" (Matthew 13:45-46, NRSV).

In 2021, the Good News Network reported that a crab fisherman in Thailand stumbled upon a valuable Melo pearl while cutting up a snail for lunch. In wonder, he brought it to his brother to verify the discovery. "My family had been fishing for generations," said Prasarnphon Phunwan, "but I believe our fate is about to change because of my lunch." Several months prior, another fisherman had been offered \$351,000 for a similar pearl.

Likewise, God's priceless love immeasurably alters our eternal fate. If we fully comprehended the value of that love, we'd give up everything to obtain it. But the greater wonder is that we don't have to buy it. God gives it to us as a gift! Whether we seemed to encounter Jesus by chance or someone joyfully shared the Gospel with us, our Savior is the merchant who "sold all that he had" — even his life. So priceless is salvation! So valuable are we! —Heidi Hyland Mann

LOVE *in Action*

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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.

Second SUNDAY IN LENT



This Sunday: 2nd Sunday
10:30am ~ Worship & Live
streaming worship

Monday: ~ Office Closed ~
6:30pm ~ Bible Study

Tuesday:
4:00 pm ~ Yoga, for everyone

Wednesday:
9:30am ~ Companions in
Christ

Thursday: ~ Office Closed ~
8:30am-3pm ~ Finish It
Thursday

Friday: ~ Office Closed ~

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday
10:30am ~ Worship & Live
streaming worship



THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN
THE PEARL
OF GREAT PRICE

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 #374 *Standing on the Promises*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

People: ***"Your face, LORD, do I seek."***

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the
LORD in the land of the living.

All: ***Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your
heart take courage; wait for the LORD!***

WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYING

PRAYER HYMN #405

Seek Ye First

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

Matthew 13:45-46, NLT

⁴⁵ "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for choice pearls. ⁴⁶ When he discovered a pearl of great value, he sold everything he owned and bought it!"

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

MESSAGE

"The Pearl of Great Price"

WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONDING

*HYMN #354

I Surrender All

*BLESSING



Spring forward in faith!
CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS and
join us on time for worship next week

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, Carolyn Jones, Jim Feutz, Kathy Trowbridge, Kelsey Holder, Sherry Holder, Mona Davis, Alec Taylor



*John Windell ~ 1st
Sherry Michel ~ 4th
Ed Trapp ~ 5th*

