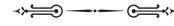


WELCOME

We are glad you're here. Please sign our register to let us know that you're visiting, so our members can make you feel at home.



Want to know more about how you can be involved in the life of First United Methodist Church, Shreveport:

- Ask one of our ushers or volunteers in the Welcome Center. They'll be glad to help!
- Call the church office at 318.424.7771. We're open 8:30am - 5:00pm Monday - Thursday and 8:30am - 4:00pm on Friday.
- Visit www.firstshreveport.org.

STARTING POINTS

- Starting Point tours happen the second Sunday of each month at 9:45am beginning in the Welcome Center located in the Education & Administration Building. Whether you're joining us for the first time or have been considering making this your church home, join us as we explore our church campus.
- If you're curious about what membership means and want to meet our pastors before deciding, join us for our next Starting Point Luncheon right after 11:00am Worship in the Hunter Building, Room 101 or contact our Pastor of New Members, Rev. Caroline Wilkinson at 424-7771, ext. 135 or cwilkinson@fumcshreveport.org.

NEXT STEPS

- Find a Sunday school class! Contact Rev. Caroline Wilkinson at cwilkinson@fumcshreveport.org or call the church office for more info.
- Join a connect group! Contact Erik Rasmussen at erasmussen@fumcshreveport.org or call the church office for more info.
- Serve with us! For Local and Global service opportunities visit www.firstserves.org or email Ashley Goad (Global) at agoad@fumcshreveport.org or Michelle Osborn (Local) at mosborn@fumcshreveport.org.

FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Pick up a copy of the *First Weekly* and *The Columns* located at any of the entryways or visit firstshreveport.org.

ACCESS US DIGITALLY

- To watch online, download bulletins and sermons, visit our website: www.firstshreveport.org.
- Worship services are available for free download online at firstshreveport.org, via iTunes and on your Android and iPhone. Copies of today's sermon are also available for purchase on CD or DVD. Please contact the church office, 424-7771, for additional information.
- Like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fumcshreveport for the latest events, photos and more; then follow us on Twitter @FUMCShreveport.

Our Heritage in Stained Glass

Jesus, the Good Shepherd—"The Lord is my Shepherd" Psalm 23:1

The fourth stained glass window on the right is in loving tribute to the entire Hutchinson family and was installed in 1950. The seven brothers and two sisters were active and devoted members of First Methodist. They served on the committee for the building completed in 1913, as teachers in the Sunday school, and in various other capacities. Some of their descendants are still active in the church. Christ, the Good Shepherd, guides us through His teachings and his works to Ash Wednesday.

JOYS & CONCERNS

HOSPITALIZED: Janell Bullard

DISCHARGED: Tom Davis, Ernest Bernhoft, Mandy Boykin, JoAnn McFerren

CONGRATULATIONS to Mandy & Branson Boykin on the birth of their son, Brantly Steven Boykin on January 30, 2017.

SYMPATHY is extended to Betsy Bailey & family in the death of her husband, Fred Bailey; to Erinn Buteau & family in the death of her grandmother, Ruth Stockinger and to Ellen Kirkland, Charles Kirkland, III, Lea Boykin, Emily Kirkland & family in the death of her husband and their father, Charles Kirkland, Jr.

THE RED ROSE NEAR THE ALTAR honors those serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, at home & abroad.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God by the Altar Flower Fund.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Karcher Harris

from Amy and Vernon Hastings

Robert "Bobby" Cochran, Sr.

from Mr. and Mrs. Pat Johnson

Linda and Richard Biernacki

Robert Parker

from Mr. and Mrs. Pat Johnson

Dr. Hollis Gamble

from Vassar Mills

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hobbs

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor F. Moore

O. Delton Harrison, Jr.

Betty Kennedy

from Ree and Carl Witt

O. Delton Harrison, Jr.

Jay Colvin

from Dr. and Mrs. Seborn E. Woods

Ben N. Craton, Jr.

from Cathey and Steve Sholar

Bobby Gilbert

from Paula and Ben Sour

~ Honorariums ~

Susan and Pete Daniels

on their 40th wedding anniversary

from Drew Daniels and Lauren

Daniels McCown

Kay Camp

from Yvonne and Bill Grammer

Karla and Eric Camp

from Yvonne and Bill Grammer

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 01/29/17	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$60,790	\$303,950	\$303,950
Received	\$42,040	\$ 279,301	\$ 279,301
Over/(Under)	(\$18,750)	(\$24,649)	(\$24,649)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF January 29, 2017	
Traditional (8:30)	233
Traditional (11:00)	441
Faithlink (11:00)	160
Total worship attendance:	834
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	593



WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRIES CARING CONGREGATION. If you are in need of personal prayer, we have Stephen Ministers available to listen and pray with you. A Stephen Minister will be at the altar by the left door at the end of each service.

Senior Pastor: Dr. R. Pat Day • Executive Pastor: Rev. Derek Joyce • Associate Pastor: Rev. Caroline Wilkinson

Associate Pastor, Global Missions & Women's Ministry: Dr. Ashley Goad • Pastor of Senior Adult Ministry: Dr. Carl E. Rhoads

Director of Music: Dr. David Hobson • Director of Fine Arts: Dr. Will K. Andress • Principal Organist: E. Ray Peebles

Bishop-in-Residence: William W. Hutchinson

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am

FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45am

WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 - 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

FEBRUARY 5, 2017 • FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 5, 2017

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00 AM

PRELUDE“Rondeau” from *Abdelazar*E. Ray Peebles
Henry Purcell Laura Crawford, violin

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETINGDr. Rhoads

INTROIT.....*This is the Day*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATIONDr. Rhoads

† HYMN OF PRAISE“How Great Thou Art” No. 77

BAPTISM (11:00).....Stella Adele Allen.....No. 39, Dr. Day
Presented by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Cecil Allen

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITHNo. 881Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*The Lord’s Prayer* Laura Crawford, violin
Albert Hay Mallote E. Ray Peebles, organ

† SCRIPTURE READINGIsaiah 55:6-11Rev. Wilkinson
Old Testament, Page 838 in your Pew Bible

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† GLORIA PATRI
*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.*

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**CHILDREN’S BLESSING Staci Zeagler

JOYS & CONCERNS Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER Dr. Goad

THE LORD’S PRAYER Congregation (speaks in unison)
*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.*

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HYMN OF PREPARATION.....“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”..... No. 358

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Be Thou My Vision*.....Ensemble (8:30)
John Rutter Chancel Choir (11:00)

† DOXOLOGY No. 94
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

SCRIPTURE READING Proverbs 23:7 (KJV)..... Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 743 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE**CHANGE YOUR THINKING - CHANGE YOUR LIFE**.....Dr. Day

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“I Know Whom I Have Believed”.....No. 714
*(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family
are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS..... Dr. Goad
*We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome
to the congregation of First United Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows
to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.*

BENEDICTION Dr. Goad

SENDING FORTH.....*Amen*Ensemble (8:30)
John Rutter Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*March on JOYFUL SONG*.....E. Ray Peebles
Jon Spong



Acolytes: Emily Anderson (8:30), William Harrel, Chandler Gulett (11:00)

Crucifer: Annie Anderson (8:30), Sydney Harrel (11:00)

† *Those who are able may stand. ‡ Latecomers may be seated at these times.*

• **COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED AT 9:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY AND NOON IN COUCH CHAPEL.**

* **IF YOU WISH TO JOIN** the First United Methodist Church family, please come forward at this time.

***Children leaving the service for Children’s Chapel may be picked up after the service:*

• *Infants–4 years (8:30 & 11:00): Children’s Ministry Center*

• *K5–1ST graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 207, behind the Sanctuary*

• *2ND–3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary*

Sermon Notes

CHANGE YOUR THINKING - CHANGE YOUR LIFE

PROVERBS 23:7

I. First, your thoughts determine your **self-talk** and **self-image**.

II. Second, your thoughts determine your **beliefs**.

III. Third, your thoughts determine your **feelings** and **emotions**.

IV. Fourth, your thoughts determine your **choices** and **actions**.

V. Finally, your thoughts determine your **outlook** and **outcome** in life.