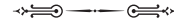


WELCOME

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.



WE'RE SO GLAD YOU ARE JOINING US FOR WORSHIP TODAY! If you have any questions about Sunday morning activities & Worship or you would like more information about how you can be involved in the life of First United Methodist Church, Shreveport:

- Ask one of our wonderful ushers or volunteers in the Welcome Center. They'd 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/getconnected

WANT A TOUR OF THE CAMPUS?

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.

READY TO JOIN OUR FIRST SHREVEPORT FAMILY?

If you're curious about what membership means and want to meet our pastors before deciding, join us for our next Starting Point Luncheon. Contact our New Member Pastor, Rev. Caroline Wilkinson at 424-7771, ext. 135 or cwilkinson@fumcshreveport.org for more information.

You may join the church today by profession of faith, transfer of membership or reaffirmation of your baptismal vows. Our church receives persons from other traditions by transfer. If you have been baptized in another denomination, re-baptism is not necessary. To join, simply come to the front of the church and meet the pastors during the singing of the last hymn.

NEXT STEPS:

- Join a small group! Contact Erik Rasmussen at erasmussen@fumcshreveport.org or call the church office for more info.
- Firstdiscipleship.org is Now Live! Find out where you are in your discipleship journey and steps you can take to go deeper. Sign in today at firstdiscipleship.org. Email Lisa Turnbull at lturnbull@fumcshreveport.org or call the church office at 424.7771 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 OTHER UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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

Our Heritage in Stained Glass

On the road to Emmaus—"He being dead yet speaketh" Hebrews 11:4
The third window on the left, directly opposite of the beautiful Easter window, depicts Christ on the Road to Emmaus walking with two companions after His Resurrection. This journey when Christ was not recognized until they reached the village and were at supper is found in Luke 24. The window was installed in memory of Gus Palmer, a steward of this church. "Mr. Gus," a successful cotton broker and a beloved member of First Church takes us Easter People to Pentecost.

JOYS & CONCERNS

HOSPITALIZED: Jere Saur, Jack Daniel, Winnie Middleton, Cali Lorant
DISCHARGED: Richard Hemmings, Marvin Brossette, Glenda Crout, Lauren Hill, Brigitte Moss
SYMPATHY is extended to Ann Green, Scott Green, Cynthia Davis & family in the death of her husband & their father, D. Frank Green; to Dr. Cindy Payne & family in the death of her mother, Erleen Black; to Dr. Charles Rice & family in the death of his father, Winston Rice; to Bub Van Hoose, Margie West & family in the death of his wife and her mother, Billie Vic Van Hoose; to Ashley Petree & family in the death of her grandmother, Gladis Hill Lynch; to Amy Bailey & family in the death of her father, Bob Richardson and to Scott Dunlop & family in the death of his grandson, Chris Belote.
CONGRATULATIONS TO Drs. Amanda & Marshall Haynie on the birth of their son, John Marshall Haynie, Jr. on April 11, 2017. Maternal grandparents are Mary & Larry Cobb and Sandra & Mike Haynie; to Morgan & James Meyers on the birth of their daughter, Chloe Fae Meyers on April 26, 2017. Maternal grandparents are Renee & Jim McGee; to Emily & Marshall Rice on the birth of their son, John Marshall Rice, Jr. on April 26, 2017; to Lauren & James (Jamey) Hill, IV on the birth of their daughter Blythe Jabrielle Hill on May 8, 2017. Paternal grandparents are Sandy & Jim Hill, III; to Brigitte & Dr. Jared Moss on the birth of their daughter Lillian Georgene Moss on May 9, 2017; and to Cali & Colby Lorant on the birth of their daughter, Charlie Ann Lorant on May 11, 2017. Maternal grandparents are Debbie & Gary Henry.
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

Mary A. Bamburg
 from Don and Don M. Bamburg
Flora B. Jowers
 from Don and Don M. Bamburg
Julia E. Bamburg
 from Don and Don M. Bamburg
Georgiann C. Lamb
 from Jack and the kids
 Diana and Bill Patterson


In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Carl Rhoads
 from Jo Pennington
In honor of Jamie Sanders for his birthday
 from Claiborne Sharp

Year to Date - April 30, 2017 (in thousands)			
	Budget	Actual	Variation
Cash Receipts	\$1,484	\$1,537	\$53
Cash Disbursements	\$1,675	\$1,540	\$135
Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$191)	(\$3)	\$188

VITAL SIGNS			
Contributions	Week Ending 05.07.17	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$74,932	\$74,932	\$1,316,056
Received	\$118,768	\$118,768	\$1,490,304
Over/(Under)	\$43,836	\$43,836	\$174,248

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF MAY 7, 2017	
Traditional worship (8:30)	199
Traditional worship (11:00)	508
FaithLink worship	193
Wesleyan Communion	16
National Day of Prayer	125
Total worship attendance	1041
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	543

Funds from advanced pledge giving and the Hunter Foundation are moved to the operating account each month on a prorated basis to help fund the deficit that we always experience through the year. We pray that members will consider their individual pledges as a floor to giving and not a ceiling, and that those in a position to do so, will move ahead to help fund God's 365-day-a year work through our church. — Your Finance Team

 **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

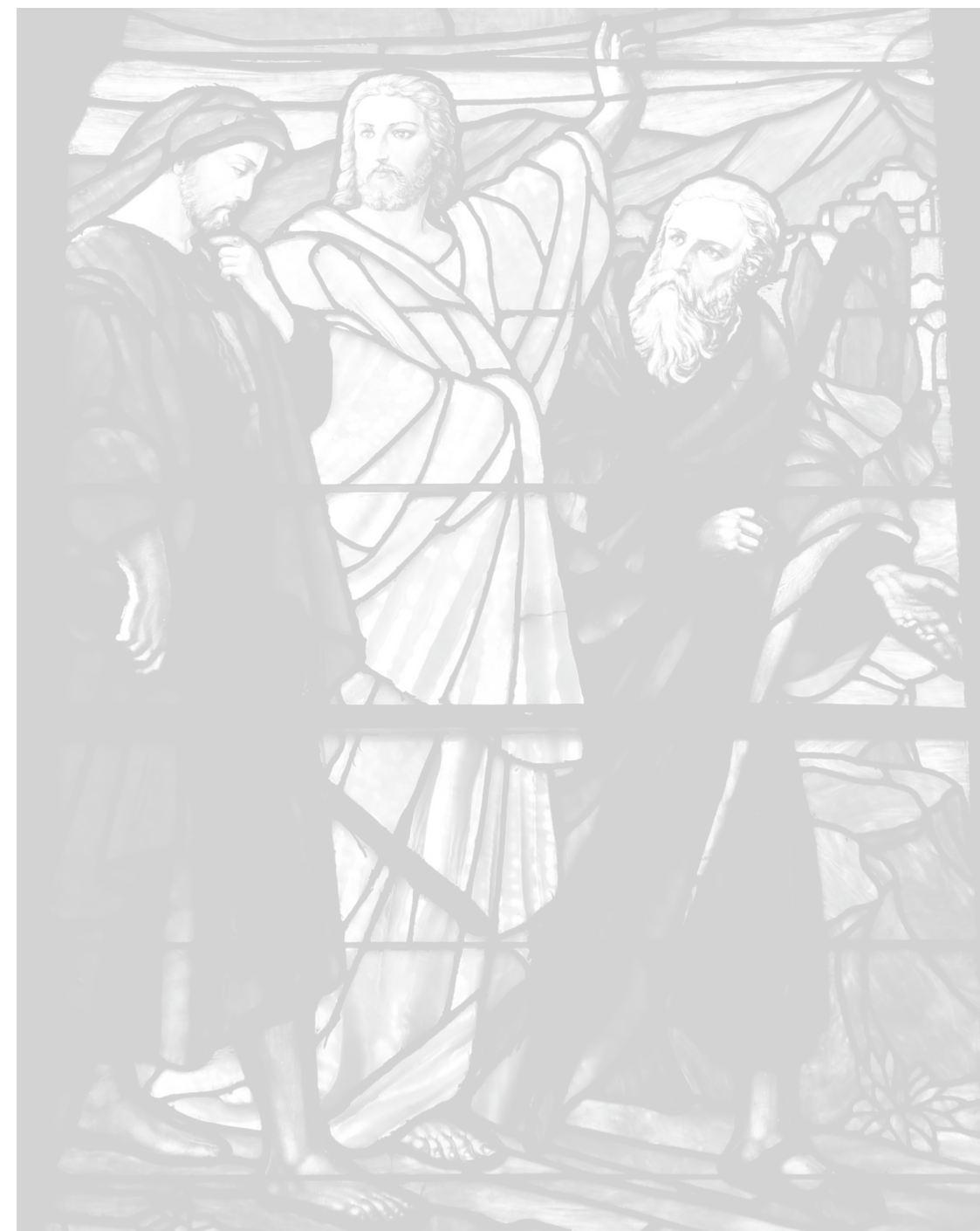
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 9:45am
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

MAY 14, 2017 • 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship

Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 14, 2017

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

PRELUDE*Chorale: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*.....E. Ray Peebles
 Johann Sebastian Bach
 [Sleepers, Wake, A Voice is Calling]

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING Rev. Wilkinson

INTROIT (8:30).....*Come, Join Our Cheerful Song*Ensemble
 arr. Dale Wood

INTROIT (11:00).....*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*..... Wesley Bells
 arr. Meredith Ball

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION Rev. Wilkinson

† HYMN OF PRAISE “For the Beauty of the Earth” No. 92

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 884 Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING..... “Lift thine eyes” from *Elijah* Women’s Ensemble
 Felix Mendelssohn

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Ephesians 5:25-6:4..... Dr. Goad
 New Testament, Page 238 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.....Billie Tate

JOYS & CONCERNS Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER Bishop William Hutchinson

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.....“Happy the Home When God is There” No. 445

OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Many Gifts, One Spirit*Ensemble (8:30)
 Allen Pote Chancel Choir (11:00)

† DOXOLOGYNo. 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 READINGDeuteronomy 6:5-7..... Dr. Day
 Old Testament, Page 204 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGEVITAL SIGNS OF A HEALTHY F.A.M.I.L.YDr. Day

† *HYMN OF INVITATION ..“O Lord, May Church and Home Combine” ...No. 695
*(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 MEMBERSRev. Wilkinson

*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 Bishop William Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH..... *God Be With You ’Till We Meet Again*Ensemble (8:30)
 arr. Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Fugue à la Gigue*..... E. Ray Peebles
 Johann Sebastian Bach

Acolytes: Harper Hearron (8:30), Crew Chandler, Cannon Chandler (11:00)

Crucifer: Ellen Douglas (8:30), Mason Sater (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:

- 3–4 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

Childcare for infants through 4 years is available from 8:15 to 12:15 in the Children’s Ministry Center. From the sanctuary, follow the sign located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Dawson Building. Outdoor access is located on the corner of Douglas and Milam Streets.

Sermon Notes

VITAL SIGNS OF A HEALTHY F.A.M.I.L.Y

Deuteronomy 6:5-7

I. First, healthy families create Fun times together.

II. Second, healthy families give Attention to one another.

III. Third, healthy families capture Memories.

IV. Fourth, healthy families verbally Inspire through encouragement.

V. Fifth, healthy families Love unconditionally.

VI. Finally, healthy families Yield to God.