

# WELCOME



**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://firstdiscipleship.org). Call the church office at 424.7771 for more info.
- Serve with us! For Local and Global service opportunities visit [www.firstserves.org](http://www.firstserves.org) or email Ashley Goad (Global) at [agoad@fumcshreveport.org](mailto:agoad@fumcshreveport.org) or Michelle Osborn (Local) at [mosborn@fumcshreveport.org](mailto: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](http://firstshreveport.org).

# Welcome to First United Methodist Church.

*To all of our guests – welcome! We are glad you're here. Please be sure to let us know that you're visiting, so we can make you feel at home.*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Elizabeth & Chris Bowers on the birth of their son, Leeman Thomas Bowers on May 7, 2016. Paternal grandparents are Henrietta & Randy Bowers.

**HOSPITALIZED:** Jere Saur • Arthur Clyde Harper

**DISCHARGED:** Dr. Hollis Gamble • Gwen Branton • James Huggins

**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 and in honor of the wedding of Nataly Michelle Bryce and William Middleton Adams.



### MEMORIALS:

**W. Harvey Laing**  
from Mrs. Creighton Webb  
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Devenney

**Adeline Roemer**  
from Mrs. Creighton Webb

**Steve McKinzie**  
from Ron and Chris Hutchison  
Candace and Rusty Collette  
Mrs. Linda Ferguson

**Honorarium:**  
**Dr. Ashley Goad**  
from Mrs. Linda Ferguson

### ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF MAY 8, 2016

Traditional worship (8:30)	268
Traditional worship (11:00)	604
FaithLink worship	242
Wednesday Business Lunch	20
National Day of Prayer	316
<b>Total worship attendance:</b>	<b>1450</b>
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	514

### VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 05.08.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$63,112	\$126,224	\$1,406,865
Received	\$62,707	\$157,338	\$1,375,733
Over/(Under)	(\$405)	\$31,114	(\$31,132)

Year to Date - April 30, 2016 (in thousands)			
	Budget	Actual	Variation
Cash Receipts	\$1,444	\$1,351	(\$93)
Cash Disbursements	\$1,670	\$1,568	\$102
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$226)	(\$217)	\$9

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. A private space is available for visiting.*

Senior Pastor: Dr. R. Pat Day • Executive Pastor: Dr. Jonathan Beck • Associate Pastor: Rev. Derek Joyce  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Caroline Wilkinson • Pastor of Senior Adult Ministry: Rev. Dr. Carl E. Rhoads • Director of Music: Dr. David Hobson  
Director of Fine Arts: Rev. Dr. Will K. Andress • Principal Organist: E. Ray Peebles • Scholar-in-Residence: Dr. Donald Webb

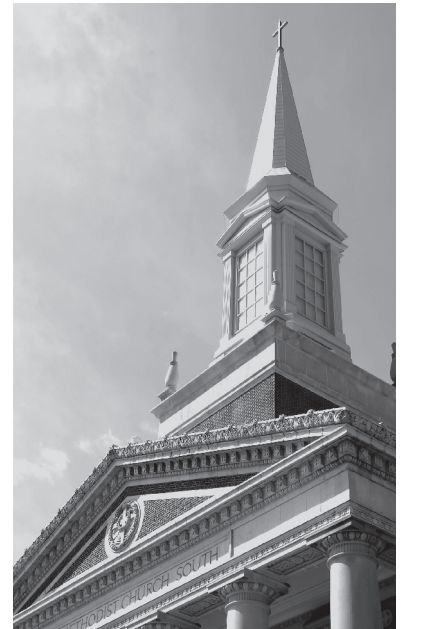
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC AT 11:00 AM  
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00 AM • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 AM  
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30 AM, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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# FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

MAY 15, 2016 • DAY OF PENTECOST



EMBRACING GRACE. GROWING LEADERS.

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Celebration of Worship – Day of Pentecost

PRELUDE.....*Komm, heiliger Geist, Herr Gott* .....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
(Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God)  
Dietrich Buxtehude

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING ..... Rev. Wilkinson

INTROIT.....*This is the Day*.....Texas Street Singers (8:30)  
Warren Angell Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Rev. Wilkinson

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“O Church of God United”.....No. 547

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Dr. Rhoads (8:30)  
Jake Wilkinson (11:00)

CELEBRATION OF LIFE(11:00).....Jeffery Williams

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Fairest Lord Jesus*.....Benjamin Wilkinson, trumpet  
arr. Christina Harmon E. Ray Peebles, organ

† SCRIPTURE READING.....I TIMOTHY 4:12.....Rev. Wilkinson (8:30)  
New Testament, Pages 255 in your Pew Bible Jack Hiers (11:00)

† 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.*

CHILDREN’S BLESSING .....Billie Tate  
*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*

JOYS & CONCERNS ..... Dr. Beck

MORNING PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads (8:30)  
Mariana Russo (11:00)

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.*

† HYMN OF PREPARATION.....“The Gift of Love”.....No. 408

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Many Gifts, One Spirit*.....Texas Street Singers (8:30)  
Allen Pote 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.....JEREMIAH 1:4-9.....Dr. Beck  
Old Testament, Page 855 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**RAISING THE BAR**.....Dr. Beck

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Here I Am, Lord”.....No. 593

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Rev. 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.....Rev. Wilkinson

SENDING FORTH.....*God Be With You* .....Texas Street Singers (8:30)  
*‘Till We Meet Again* Chancel Choir (11:00)  
Fred Bock

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata et Grand Choeur sur “Veni Creator”*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
Denis Bédard

**ACOLYTES:** Cade Carroway (8:30), Kace Sweatman (8:30), Sydney Harrel (11:00),  
William Harrel (11:00)

**CRUCIFER:** Keith Willis (8:30), Charlie Bell (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.**

♦ **To watch online**, download bulletins and sermons, visit our website: [www.firstshreveport.org](http://www.firstshreveport.org).



## Graduating 2016 Seniors

Kennedy Ayres	Caitlin Haley	Margaret Anne Montgomery	Kathryn Lynn White
Hannah Baham	John Lawrence Hiers	Hanna Moore	Jacob Daniel Wilkinson
Braxton Rives Batte	Dalton Houston	Nicholas Nabors	Jeffery Bruce Williams
Thomas Christian Baynham	Carson Ford Huckaby	Jared Nugent	Kylie Willis
Benjamin Dillon Cobb	Allison Humphries	Mariana Faith Russo	Madison Carter Windham
Patrick Davis	Emily Logan	Shelby Lynn Thornhill	
Brittany Fendall	Kendall McMullen	Carter Phillip Toms	
Erin Gray	Mark Andrew Mitchell	Cameron Ford Wallace	

# Sermon Notes

**RAISING THE BAR**  
JEREMIAH 1:4-9 + MAY 15, 2016

**I. God knows you and loves you.**  
“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you...”  
Jer. 1:5

**II. God is equipping you and appointing you.**  
“Before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you...” Jer. 1:5

**III. God is with you to protect you.**  
“Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you.” Jer. 1:8

**IV. God empowers you by his Holy Spirit.**  
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.”  
Jer. 1:9