

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'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/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. 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.

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.

HOSPITALIZED: Charles Dillman • Joe Sepulvado

DISCHARGED: Dr. Fred Willis

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO: Jan Dance & family in the death of her father, Claude Dance; to Paula Bates & family in the death of her grandmother, Cleo Goss; and to Allen Jones & family in the death of his father, Edwin Jones.

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 Seekers Sunday School Class. They are given in loving memory of Leonard Gates and Rigby Hollingsworth.



MEMORIALS:

Rigby Hollingsworth
from Bobby Roper
Alice R. Thompson

Todd Fisher
from Nancy E. Mosley

HONORARIUM:

James G. Eakin, IV
from Susan and Lee Gammill

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 08.14.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$87,983	\$175,966	\$2,425,779
Received	\$59,765	\$149,800	\$2,289,356
Over/(Under)	(\$28,218)	(\$26,166)	(\$136,423)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2016

Traditional worship (8:30)	214
Traditional worship (11:00)	480
FaithLink worship	271
Wesleyan Communion	n/a
Total worship attendance:	968
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	603



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: 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

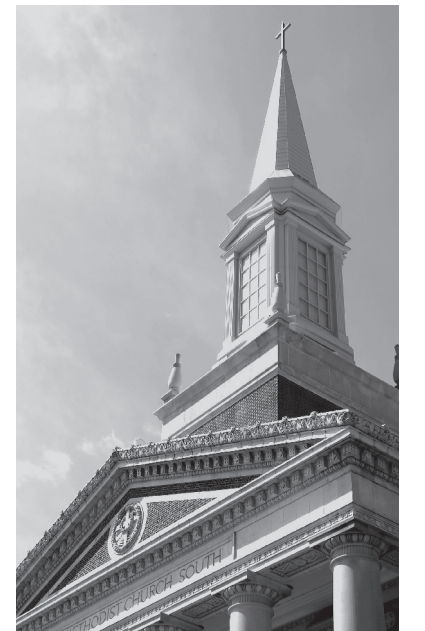
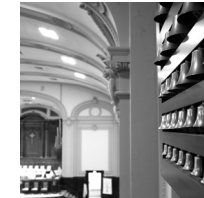
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45am
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

AUGUST 21, 2016 • 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



EMBRACING GRACE. GROWING LEADERS.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE.....*Ronde Française*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Leon Boëlmann

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING Dr. Goad

INTROIT.....*Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*.....Chancel Choir
Fred Bock

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Goad

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”.....No. 66

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 885.....Dr. Goad

CELEBRATION OF LIFE (11:00).....3rd Grade Bible Presentation
We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, your Sunday school classes, and in worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

MUSICAL OFFERING.....“Slane” from *Four Celtic Preludes*.....Derek Gunter, guitar
Charles Callahan E. Ray Peebles, organ

† SCRIPTURE READING.....GENESIS 50: 15-21.....Dr. Goad
Old Testament, Page 60 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
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. Day

MORNING PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

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.....“Through it All”.....No. 507

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads
MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Didn’t My Lord Deliver Daniel*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Mark Hayes Meredith Ball, alto

† 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 READING.....PSALM 73.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 657 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**WHEN YOU DRAW THE SHORT STRAW**.....Dr. Day

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Beams of Heaven as I Go”.....No. 524

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Rhoads
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. Rhoads

SENDING FORTH.....*God Be With You ’Till We Meet Again*..... Chancel Choir
arr. Fred Bock

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata on “How Firm A Foundation”*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Claude Murphree

ACOLYTES: Cade Carroway (8:30), Ellen Douglas (8:30), Grant Reagan (11:00), Harrison Ayres (11:00)

CRUCIFER: Keith Willis (8:30), Sanders Graf (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.**



Presentation of Bibles to Third Grade

Avery Ellen Adams	Ivy Rebecca Frierson	Henry Harman Peacock
Frank Huckaby Andrews	Mae Louise Graf	Arman Fakhri Ravari
Kate Elizabeth Bell	Grayson Paul Hargon	Ashley Stuart Rayburn
Jake Parker Black	Harper Macy Hearron	Jillian Kate Rodgers
Carl Benjamin Bretz	John Ashton Hunter	Owen Brooks Sepulvado
Georgia Grace Buteau	Noah Daniel Knight	Parker William Stage
Bryce Daniel Call	Ansley Elizabeth Kremeier	Alexandra Burnett Thaxton
Cannon James Chandler	Kent Gregory Lolley	Caden Elliott Thaxton
Crew Hudson Chandler	Jacob Conrad Mangin	Jeremy Holten Tujague, Jr.
Kathryn Abigail Foreman	Elizabeth Byrd May	
Sarah Margaret Foreman	Bryce Alexander Nix	

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” - Psalm 119:105

Sermon Notes

WHEN YOU DRAW THE SHORT STRAW
PSALM 73 • AUGUST 21, 2016

I. Lesson 1: Pour out your heart to God.

II. Lesson 2: Carefully consider your choices and their potential impact on others.

III. Lesson 3: See the big picture that God will bring about justice.

A. Enter the sanctuary of the Lord to worship and reflect in the light of truth.

B. Consider how God used raw deals for good in the lives of others.

C. Talk with those who can help you see things from God's perspective.

D. Look at life through the lens of God's goodness and sovereignty.

IV. Lesson 4: Reaffirm and strengthen your relationship with God.