

# 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](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.*

**HOSPITALIZED:** Jere Saur • Cara Smith

**DISCHARGED:** Bill Hitchcock • Dr. Bill Tenney • Jamie Sanders

**SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:** the family & friends of Margaret Ann Bickham in her death; to Nell Sherrod & family in the death of her sister, Sarah Hyde.

**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 loving memory of James Taylor Moore from his family.

### MEMORIALS:

**Paul Holman**

from Karen and Martin Anthony

**Charlotte E. Webb**

from Brenda Hall Lazarus

**Harry Lazarus, Jr.**

from Brenda Hall Lazarus

**Ms. Kay Henderson**

from Brenda Hall Lazarus

**Claude Dance, Jr.**

from Cole, Evans & Peterson

**Georgiann Lamb**

from Margaret and Tony Catanese

Alison and Robert Touchstone

Ann and Gilbert Shanley

Linda and Bill Sullivan

Susan and Ryan Wicker

Harriet Kendrick Carroll

### Georgiann Lamb

from Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Knicely

Dr. and Mrs. J. Eric Bicknell

Ginger and Glenn Flournoy

Molly and Bob Stewart

MaryLeah and Martin Walke

Cora and Martin McCoy

Mr. and Mrs. W. Michael Adams

Audrey and Gerry Riser

Evelyne Campbell Taylor

Beth and Tony Harrington

Greater Shreveport-Bossier Auto Auction

Mrs. Vassar Mills

Charles W. Salley

Liffy Jones

Karen and Martin Anthony

Jane C. Woodard

Cloe Henington Rinehart

Madison and Miller Shuey

Larry H. Evensky and Family

Marilyn and Craig Prothro and Family

Robert L. Price

Lynn and Armand Roos

## VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 09.11.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$71,133	\$142,266	\$2,744,011
Received	\$48,893	\$113,187	\$2,602,836
Over/(Under)	(\$22,240)	(\$29,079)	(\$141,175)

### ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

Traditional worship (8:30)	.....229
Traditional worship (11:00)	.....510
FaithLink worship	.....239
Wesleyan Communion	.....n/a
<b>Total worship attendance:</b>	<b>.....978</b>
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	.....512



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

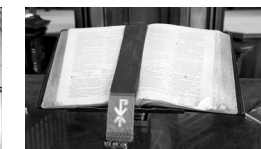
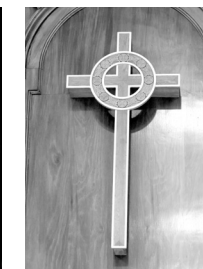
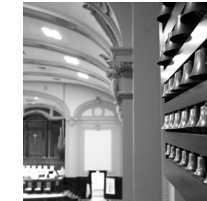
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am  
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45am  
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30am, FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL

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# FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 • 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



EMBRACING GRACE. GROWING LEADERS.

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Celebration of Worship – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE.....“Romance” from *Symphonie #4*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
Louise Vierne

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING ..... Dr. Goad

INTROIT.....*The Lord Reigns*.....Chancel Choir  
Dale Wood

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”.....No. 103

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Dr. Goad

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....David Morgan

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*.....Men's Ensemble  
Kathleen Thomerson/arr. Tom Trenney

† SCRIPTURE READING.....ACTS 26:12-19.....Dr. Goad  
New Testament, Page 180 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  
*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

JOYS & CONCERNS ..... Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER.....Rev. Wilkinson

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.....“Open My Eyes, That I May See”.....No. 454

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Canticle of Praise\**.....Chancel Choir  
John Ness Beck

† 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.....EPHESIANS 6:6.....Dr. Day  
New Testament, Page 238 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**I WILL...LIVE THE VISION**.....Dr. Day

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Be Thou My Vision”.....No. 451

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.....*Amen*..... Chancel Choir  
John Rutter

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
Eugène Gigout

\*The anthem *Canticle of Praise* is given to the glory of God and in honor of E. Ray Peebles by Johnny and Mary Peoples.

**ACOLYTES:** William Peacock (8:30), Henry Peacock (8:30), Lily Blaylock (11:00), Avery Adams (11:00)

**CRUCIFER:** Russell Peacock (8:30), Grant Reagan (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.**

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♦ **WORSHIP SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR FREE DOWNLOAD ONLINE** at [firstshreveport.org](http://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.

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# Sermon Notes

**I WILL...LIVE THE VISION**

Ephesians 6:6 • SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

I. **Step 1:** Surrender your will to His and ask Him to reveal it.

II. **Step 2:** Don't expect to grasp the fullness of your vision at first. God will reveal it over time.

III. **Step 3:** The vision will relate to solving a problem or meeting the needs of other hurting people.

IV. **Step 4:** The vision may be revealed to you out of your pain, hardships or as you start serving in cooperation with somebody else's cause.

V. **Step 5:** The vision has the power to enable you to persevere when the going gets tough and courageously move forward with faith and confidence.