

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.

NEW MEMBERS: Tom & Caroline Broome

HOSPITALIZED: Jere Saur • Cara Smith

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO Courtney Rayburn & Clay Burris & family in the death of their father, Billy Burris; Tucker Smathers & family in the death of her brother, Gregg Neilson.

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 Joleen Hennigan from Lottie and Wayne Hennigan.

MEMORIALS:

Claude Dance, Jr.
from Burniece Harding

Alton Irvin
from Ellen and Sam Caverlee

Bo Cooksey
from Ellen and Sam Caverlee

Charles Dillman
from Patricia B. Key
Shirley Wilhite
Dr. Gale W. Bridger
Ginger and Glenn Flournoy
Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Cochran

Georgiann Lamb
from Pattye Bowen
Ellen and Sam Caverlee
Mr. and Mrs. George E. McGovern III

Georgiann Lamb
from Sue H. Sanders
Glenda Laird
Susan and Tommy Reeves
Marilyn and John Palmer
Bobbie Yarbrough
Mr. and Mrs. D. Gene Mack, Jr.
Parry and David Holden
Billie Vic and Bub Van Hoose
Mr. and Mrs. Matt Locke
Patsy and Robert Fitzgerald
Randall George
Jane and Ryan Bicknell
Martha Storer
Marsha and Thomas B. Wilson, Jr.
Debbie and Ken Greenway
Evelyn Quinn and Family
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur A. Hirsch
Mary Anne Shemwell
Julie and Jimmy Scruggs
Diane and Scott Lawrence

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 09.18.16	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$71,133	\$213,399	\$2,815,144
Received	\$55,450	\$168,637	\$2,658,286
Over/(Under)	(\$15,683)	(\$44,762)	(\$156,858)

ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

Traditional worship (8:30)	234
Traditional worship (11:00)	321
FaithLink worship	221
Wesleyan Communion	n/a
Total worship attendance:	778
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	622



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

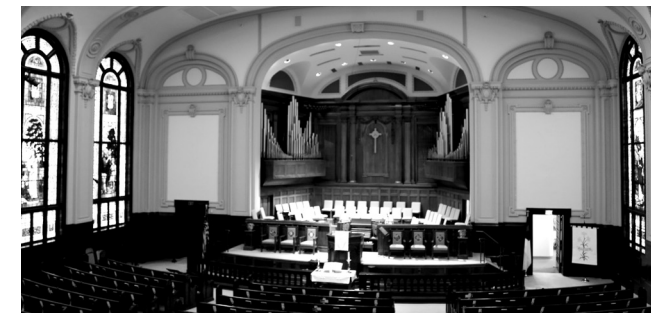
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES: 8:30am & 11:00am, **LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC** at 11:00am
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • **SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 9:45am
WESLEYAN COMMUNION SERVICE: 9:45 – 10:30am, **FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH IN COUCH CHAPEL**

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FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016 • 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



EMBRACING GRACE. GROWING LEADERS.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE.....Prelude on *BEACH SPRING*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Robert Ehrhardt

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING Rev. Wilkinson

INTROIT.....Come, Join Our Cheerful Song.....Ensemble (8:30)
Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“O Spirit of the Living God”.....No. 539

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 885.....Rev. Wilkinson

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Jody Thurmon

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*King David*.....David Westbrook, baritone
Herbert Howells Cara Lamb, piano

† SCRIPTURE READING.....I CORINTHIANS 3:1-9.....Dr. Rhoads
New Testament, Page 203 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:

- 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.....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.....“Lord, Speak to Me”.....No. 463

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*We Will Serve the Lord**.....Ensemble (8:30)
Taylor Davis 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 READING.....HEBREWS 5:11-14.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 267 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**I WILL...GROW**.....Dr. Day

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Go, Make of All Disciples”.....No. 571

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

POSTLUDE.....“Final” from *Sonate #1*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Alexandre Guilmant

*The anthem was commissioned and given to the glory of God and in memory of
Lucy Bendette and Bertram Knox Andress and their descendants.

ACOLYTES: Harper Hearn (8:30), Vivan Vekovius (8:30), Trevor Cox (11:00),
Shep Smith (11:00)

CRUCIFER: Hutson Hearn (8:30), Carter Cox (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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♦ **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.

Sermon Notes

I WILL...GROW

Hebrews 5:11-14 • SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

I. First, Growth is not automatic - it requires a decision, discipline, and a desire to grow.

II. Second, Growth requires continuous improvement.

III. Third, Growth requires you being intentional and not accidental.

IV. Fourth, Growth requires you to move beyond your self-limiting beliefs and stretch.

V. Fifth, Growth requires a growth environment where coaches and mentors can help you grow.

VI. Finally, Growth requires making trade offs.