

## Joys & Concerns:

**HOSPITALIZED:** Anne King, Tim Dulany, Jimmie Overdyke

**DISCHARGED:** Lydia McClanahan

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Laura & Taylor Bray on the birth of their son, Tripp Harrison Bray on January 5, 2016. Maternal grandparents are Pat & Mark Harrison.

**SYMPATHY** is extended to Steve Walker & family in the death of his mother, Dorothy "Chris" Walker and to Leah Rea & Jessica Russell in the death of their aunt, C. June Gloor.

*Please let the church office know if you, one of your family members or church friends enters the hospital so they can be offered pastoral presence and the love and concern of the congregation.*

## Sign up now!

Each week, we'll send you an informative, interactive bulletin packed full of upcoming events and opportunities to help keep you connected to all the wonderful things going on here at First Shreveport. You'll find band member spotlights, a word from our pastor, encouraging scriptures, noteworthy articles, and links to that worship song from Sunday that you just can't get out of your head! Best of all, you can receive this weekly bulletin through an easy-to-use app on your smart phone or by email. To sign up simply scan the QR code with your phone, or email Heather at [hgunter@fumcshreveport.org](mailto:hgunter@fumcshreveport.org), or go to <http://pixelark.com/faithlink>.

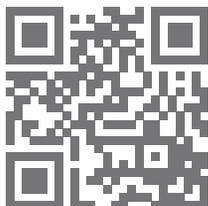
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## Becoming Wise • Rev. Derek Joyce

**2 Chronicles 1:1-13-** “Give me wisdom and knowledge so I can lead this people, because no one can govern this great people of yours without your help.” (v. 10)

**Proverbs 1:7—** “Wisdom begins with the fear of the LORD.”

Life is not stagnant. Life is dynamic. There is always movement. Some movements we can manage; other movements are beyond our control. But in the course of life, all of us are becoming something. The simple question to ask is, “What are you becoming?” This question crosses all aspects of our lives. It challenges our being on every level: spiritual, physical, relational, personal, communal, and more.

Are you becoming proud, humble, safe, dangerous, faithful, fearful, wise, foolish, passionate, apathetic, filled with purpose, wandering in spirit, a leader, a student, and so on? Of course, the ultimate aim is that we are becoming like Christ, and we pray for the Holy Spirit to lead us to this end. This week, let’s take a look at how we become wise by drawing close to the Lord.

### Order of Worship:

Welcome!

“Lion & The Lamb” by Bethel

Meet & Greet

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading

“In Christ Alone” by Passion

“10,00 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” by Matt Redman

Message

Offertory

“O Praise the Name (Anástasis) by Hillsong Worship

Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

## 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.
- 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

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