

## Joys & Concerns:

**HOSPITALIZED:** Jessica Russo


**DISCHARGED:** Tim Dulany, Tammie Webber, Janet Nolan, Jimmie Overdyke

**SYMPATHY** is extended to the family & friends of Anne King in her death, to June Miller & family in the death of her mother, June Anderson, and to Jennie, Mary Katherine, & Shelby and Jack Easterwood & family in the death of her husband and their father and brother, Don Easterwood, Jr.

*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>.

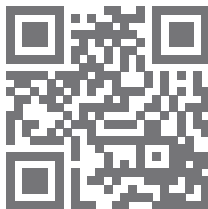
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## Becoming Obedient • Rev. Derek Joyce

**2 Chronicles 16:9**—For the eyes of the LORD range throughout the entire earth to strengthen those whose heart is true to him.

**1 Samuel 13:14b**—the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart; and the LORD has appointed him to be ruler over his people.

Many people want to be great. They want to rule over others. They want success in business, family, sports, academics, finances and more. They want others to look up to them, to lead in their organizations, and so on. But many people want all these things without becoming a person who is prepared for these positions. People often want the reward without engaging in the sacrifice of hard work, perseverance, and discipline. And oftentimes, they want a blessing from God, but live in disobedience. If you want to truly be great, have influence, bring glory and be used by God, then orient your heart towards the LORD. Become obedient to the heart of God.

### Order of Worship:

Welcome!

“Alive in You” by Jesus Culture

Meet & Greet

Children’s Message

Celebration of Life - UMW - Beth Hughes

Scripture Reading

“The Lion & the Lamb” by Bethel

“How He Loves” by Crowder

Message

Offertory

“Hosanna” by Hillsong

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

Grab a copy of the *First Weekly* or *The Columns* located at any of the entryways or visit [firstshreveport.org](http://firstshreveport.org).