

Joys & Concerns:

NEW MEMBERS: Paul & Linda Davidson, Rick & Ora Layne Guice, Mary E. Prevost, Joe & Wilna Sepulvado

HOSPITALIZED: Tom Davis, Ernest Bernhoft, JoAnn McFerren


DISCHARGED: Jessica Russo, Tammey Webber, Jessica Call, John Kinnebrew

CONGRATULATIONS to Jessica & Danny Call on the birth of their son, Reed Emerson Call on January 24, 2017. Maternal grandparents are Polly & Ted Scurlock.

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, or go to <http://pixelark.com/faithlink>.

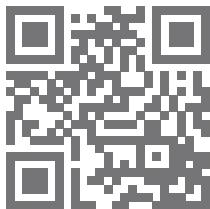
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Becoming Light • Erik Rasmussen

1 John 1:5-7— “This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”

God is daily seeking to mold and form us more into his image. From scripture, we learn that God is light and in Him there is no darkness. Naturally then, we see that as we walk with God, we walk in light. We understand this from a theological perspective, but when it comes to practical application, we want to rebel. We like the darkness at times, and we seek to create pathways for it to continue in our lives. Today we'll talk through this process along with God's desire to sanctify us through his Grace.

Order of Worship:

Welcome!

“This is Amazing Grace” by Phil Wickham

Meet & Greet

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

“From the Inside Out” by Hillsong United

“Forever Reign” by One Sonic Society

Message

Offertory

“All the Poor and Powerless” by All Sons & Daughters

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

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.
- 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.