

Joys & Concerns:


DISCHARGED: Janell Bullard, Truly McDaniel, Bill Dorsey, Karen Dorsey

SYMPATHY is extended to Marty Davis & family in the death of her husband, Tom Davis.

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.

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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>.

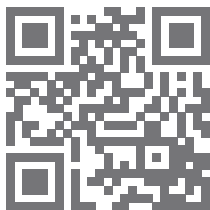
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Becoming Responsible • Rev. Derek Joyce

2 Thessalonians 3:10-15—For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. (vv. 10-13)

At great risk of offending lots of people in the church, Paul communicates his conviction that committed followers of Jesus Christ are not to remain idle in their daily lives. This was important then, as it is now, that even though we believe that Jesus is returning soon, this does not exempt us from working hard and contributing to the world, and to the body of Christ while we wait. Having faith in Christ does not mean we get to sit around and do nothing. In fact, Paul reminds the church of the example he gave—that while he was among them, he worked hard, producing spiritual fruit as well as contributing financially and practically to the body. Paul exerted his apostolic authority to compel the church to be disciplined in and take responsibility for their life. Yes things might have been hard. Yes they were hoping Jesus would come soon. But neither of these served as an excuse to be idle in life, or mere busybodies, not doing any work. He believed the church, those committed to Jesus, should be leading the way by example. So Church, take authority, in the name of Jesus Christ, and become responsible for your life, and do not be weary in doing what is right.

Order of Worship:

Welcome!

“The Lion & the Lamb” by Big Daddy Weave

Meet & Greet

Children’s Message

Celebration of Life - Stephen Ministry - Emily Cain

Scripture Reading - Colossians 1:9-14

“One Thing Remains” by Jesus Culture

“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)” by Chris Tomlin

“Awakening” by Chris Tomlin

Message

Offertory

“Jesus Paid It All” by Kristian Stanfill

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.