

Joys & Concerns:

NEW MEMBERS: Boothe and Frances Dugan • Terry & Paula Smith
Dr. Jared & Brigitte Moss • Rodney & Susan Farrington • Raymond
and Nancy Owens, Jr.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Katie & Philip Kinnebrew, Jr. on the birth
of their daughter, Evangeline Lily Kinnebrew on February 20, 2017.
Paternal grandparents are Brenda & Dr. Philip Kinnebrew.

DISCHARGED: Katie Kinnebrew

SYMPATHY is extended to Jean Baldwin & family in the death of her
mother, Jean Murphy and to Molly Gilliam & family in the death of her
grandmother, Geraldine Lambright.

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
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Rev. Derek Joyce, Associate Pastor • Heather Gunter, Director of Contemporary Worship
Dr. R. Pat Day, Senior Pastor



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Becoming More & More • Rev. Derek Joyce

2 Thessalonians 4:1-8—Finally brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that, as you learned from us how you ought to live and to please God (as, in fact, you are doing), you should do so more and more. For this is the will of God, your sanctification. (vv. 1-3)

The apostle Paul took seriously the call to follow Jesus, and the resulting invitation to lay down the old life and take up the new one in Christ. He was serious about taking every thought captive in Christ. He was serious about bringing every dark place of sin that we want to hide into the light of God's love so we can be made whole. He was committed to holding nothing back from Christ, because he had found that nothing compared to knowing Jesus his Lord, and the power of his resurrection. And from his place of calling, conviction, experience and authority, Paul urges the church called by the name of Jesus, to live and please God, and to do so more and more. The confrontation with sin, the challenge of complacency, and the conviction of truth was intended to help provoke followers of Jesus towards holiness and knowing God more. The goal, according to Paul, was sanctification. It remains the goal today. We are called by the love of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit into a new life, a holy life, a sanctified life. Let's continue taking responsibility for our spiritual lives, recognizing that God has created us for so much more than settling for brokenness and sin as the norm. Let's become more and more in Christ.

Order of Worship:

Welcome!

"Alive in You" by Jesus Culture

Meet & Greet

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

"O Praise the Name (Anástasis)" by Hillsong Worship

"How He Loves" by David Crowder

Message

Offertory

"Great I Am" by New Life 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

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.