

Joys & Concerns:

DISCHARGED: Horace Ladymon • Ryan Wicker • Rachel Caudle


CONGRATULATIONS TO: Rachel & Taylor Caudle on the birth of their daughter, Ellie Elizabeth Caudle on March 21, 2017. Maternal grandmother is Lounelle Black.

SYMPATHY is extended to Mary Beth Willis & family in the death of her sister, Jacqualine Barr and to Donald Clanton & family in the death of his wife, Louise Clanton.

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>.

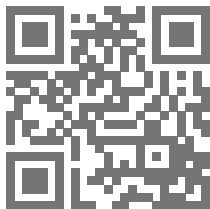
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Becoming Filled • Rev. Derek Joyce

John 14:15-17 — If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

Jesus promises his disciples that they will not be abandoned to struggle through this world without hope, power, or the presence of God. Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit, who abides with and in those who have committed to follow Christ. So the great news for those who have received Christ is that they have also received the Holy Spirit. While the Holy Spirit may begin dwelling in us the moment we confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we still invite the Holy Spirit to fill us anew each day, giving us strength, courage, and power to overcome the brokenness in this world. Come Holy Spirit, renew the hearts of the faithful, fill us with your grace and power, and release us to reflect the goodness of God's grace and love in the world.

Order of Worship:

Welcome!

"This is Amazing Grace" by Bethel

Meet & Greet

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

"Holy Spirit" by Bryan & Katie Torwalt

"Great Are You Lord" by All Sons & Daughters

Offertory

"Lamb of God" by Vertical Church Band

Message

"What a Beautiful Name" 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

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.