

Joys & Concerns:

HOSPITALIZED: June Miller • Ruth Isler • Winnie Middleton

SYMPATHY is extended to Sharon Matlock & family in the death of her husband, John David Matlock; to Jean Darrow & family in the death of her son, Billy Darrow; to Dr. Keith Payne & family in the death of his mother, Patsy Payne; to Cozie Wilhite & family in the death of his wife, Susan Wilhite and to Becky Billingsley & family in the death of her mother, Marianna Matkin.

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>.

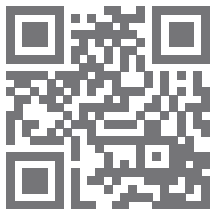
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Becoming Crucified • Rev. Derek Joyce

Galatians 2:19b-20 —I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

This is quite a startling thought that Paul writes to the church. He is talking about his own journey in life and faith, but he is also inviting us to consider ours. We are humbled that Jesus has endured the cross on our behalf. We cringe at the brutality of the crucifixion. And we give thanks that through the cross, Jesus has provided true and abundant life. Yet Paul invites us to consider how we are likewise crucified with Christ, participating in being rejected by the world, and somehow finding life as we learn to die to ourselves. It is surely a mystery. But in the mystery of death, we are promised life, when we live by faith in the Son of God. Even if you don't fully comprehend the mystery, trust the final statement—God loved you and gave himself for you. This is the good news and the hope of the world.

Order of Worship:

Welcome!

“Only King Forever” by Elevation Worship

Meet & Greet

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading

“Alive in You” by Jesus Culture

“This I Believe (The Creed)” by Hillsong Worship

Offertory

“Forever” by Brian Johnson

Message

Communion

“What a Beautiful Name” by Hillsong Worship

“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 agoat@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.