

## Joys & Concerns:

**Congratulations to** Katie & Richard Faries on the birth of their daughter, Noel Katherine Faries on April 14, 2016. Paternal grandparents are Denise Faries and Richard Faries. Paternal great grandmother is Peggy Faries. To Mary & Matt Oates on the birth of their daughter, Madison Hart Oates on April 16, 2016. Maternal grandparents are Pat & Mark Harrison.

**Discharged:** Virginia Megarity • Margaret Lawler • Julia Sippel

**Sympathy is extended to** Bill Colbert & family in the death of his brother-in-law, Robert H. Flournoy and to Catherine Anne Couch Provine, Stuart G. Couch, Catherine R. Couch and Marianne Couch Teschner & family in the death of their father and brother Joseph Thomas Grantham Couch.

## 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](mailto:hgunter@fumcshreveport.org), or go to <http://pixelark.com/faithlink>.



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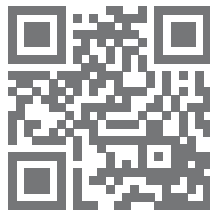
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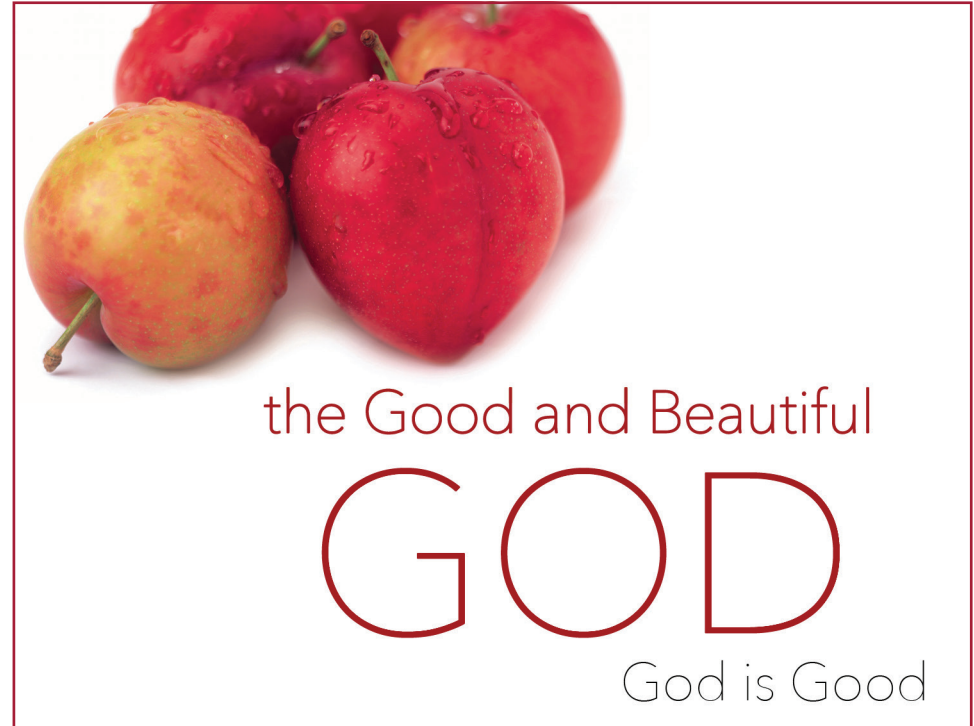
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Dr. R. Pat Day, Senior Pastor



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## God is Good • Erik Rasmussen

### John 9: 1-7

<sup>1</sup> As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup> After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. <sup>7</sup> "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

There is always a reason that things happen. When we look around us in the world and see things that don't make sense, we look to God for answers. Jesus' disciples asked him about a blind man, "Who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" The understanding is already partially in place, the disciples knew one of them (either the parents or the son) must have sinned for this man to be born blind, but who was it? Jesus is again giving them a true narrative to correct their false one. In healing the man, Jesus declares over him that it wasn't his fault and it wasn't his parents fault. In fact, it wasn't anyone's fault in particular. Today we'll be talking about how we understand the goodness of God within the brokenness of our world.

## Order of Worship:

Welcome!

"Alive in You" by Jesus Culture

Meet & Greet

Children's Message

Announcements

Scripture Reading

"Your Love Never Fails" by Jesus Culture

"One Thing Remains" by Jesus Culture

Message

Offertory

"Good, Good Father" by Chris Tomlin

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:erasmussen@fumcshreveport.org) or call the church office for more info.
- [firstdiscipleship.org](http://firstdiscipleship.org) is Now Live! Find out where you are in your discipleship journey and steps you can take to go deeper. Sign in today at [firstdiscipleship.org](http://firstdiscipleship.org). Call the church office at 424.7771 for more info.
- Serve with us! For Local and Global service opportunities visit [www.firstserves.org](http://www.firstserves.org) or email Ashley Goad (Global) at [agoad@fumcshreveport.org](mailto:agoad@fumcshreveport.org) or Michelle Osborn (Local) at [mosborn@fumcshreveport.org](mailto: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](http://firstshreveport.org).