

## Joys & Concerns:

**HOSPITALIZED:** Frank Green • Richard Hemmings • Glenda Crout


**DISCHARGED:** June Miller

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Drs. Amanda & Marshall Haynie on the birth of their son, John Marshall Haynie, Jr. Paternal grandparents are Mary & Larry Cobb and Sandra & Dr. Michael Haynie.

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.

## 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>.

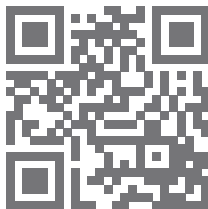
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# The Good and Beautiful

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## The Good and Beautiful Life • Rev. Derek Joyce

**John 10:10b** —I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Last year, we invited our community to join together in reading and studying *The Good and Beautiful God* (the first of three books in the Apprentice Series on Christian Spiritual Formation). This book presented a vision of God that revealed His goodness, His beauty, and His depth of love for each one of us. As we read, we were challenged to allow the story of God to transform our own story, changing the broken narratives of our lives into stories of redemption, healing, and restoration.

This year, we are excited once again to present the second book in this Apprentice Series, titled *The Good and Beautiful Life*. This study on the Good and Beautiful Life is another opportunity for our community to grow together in becoming like Christ. By looking at Jesus and his Sermon on the Mount, we are invited to consider how our own lives, hearts and character reflect the character of Christ. This is a great opportunity to continue having our character transformed by allowing Jesus to change and redeem our personal narratives. We are people created in the image of a good and beautiful God. We are children of the Living God, created to dwell in His presence and reflect His image. May we grow into the kingdom people God desires, finding true joy and peace, and getting to know one another in our community as we journey together.

### Order of Worship:

Welcome!

“Open Up the Heavens” by Meredith Andrews

Meet & Greet

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading

“Good, Good Father” by Chris Tomlin

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)” by Matt Redman

Offertory

“All the Poor & Powerless” by All Sons & Daughters

Message

“No Longer Slaves” by Bethel

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 song.

### 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.
- 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).

### Childcare:

Childcare for infants through 4 years is available on Sundays from 8:15am-12:15pm in the Children’s Ministry Center (CMC). The CMC is down the hall and down the left set of stairs from the Emmett Hook Center. There is a sign that says “Children’s Ministry Center” outside of this stairwell. Outdoor access to the Children’s Ministry Center is located on the corner of Douglas and Milam Streets.