

Joys & Concerns:

HOSPITALIZED: Frank Green • Richard Hemmings • Glenda Crout

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, or go to <http://pixelark.com/faithlink>.

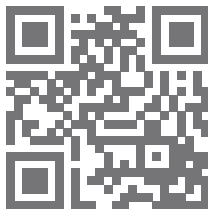
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The Good and Beautiful LIFE

IN PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS

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In Pursuit of Happiness • Rev. Derek Joyce

Psalm 37:3-5—Trust in the LORD and do good, so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD, and trust in him, and he will act.

Psalm 119:1-7—Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD. Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.

John Wesley said, “You cannot be happy without being holy.” The pursuit of happiness is not a casual attempt to satisfy the selfish desires of a broken humanity. True happiness comes from being satisfied in God, learning to walk towards him in all of life, and discovering that holiness is not confining and static, but rather it is liberating, dynamic and beautiful. The invitation to follow Jesus is the invitation to abundant life, a holy life and a life well lived.

G.K. Chesterton once observed, “The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult and left untried.” Many have abandoned the call to discipleship, to pick up the cross, or to pursue holiness, not because the call fails to yield abundant life, but because they have been falsely captivated by the allure of a temporary and broken world. The invitation to follow Christ is an invitation to a Good & Beautiful Life, and it requires a commitment of your whole life. I hope and pray that as we walk together in this journey of life and faith, we learn to live abundantly in the goodness of God’s love and we grow deeply as disciples of Jesus.

Order of Worship:

Welcome!

“The Lion and the Lamb” by Big Daddy Weave

Meet & Greet

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” by Chris Tomlin

“Cornerstone” by Hillsong

Offertory

“Beautiful” by Phil Wickham

Message

Communion

“At the Cross (Love Ran Red)” by Chris Tomlin

“Lamb of God” by Vertical Church Band

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 song.

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.

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.