

Joys & Concerns:

HOSPITALIZED: Jere Saur, Jack Daniel, Winnie Middleton, Cali Lorant

DISCHARGED: Richard Hemmings, Marvin Brossette, Glenda Crout, Lauren Hill, Brigette Moss

SYMPATHY is extended to Ann Green, Scott Green & Cynthia Davis & family in the death of her husband & their father, D. Frank Green; to Cindy Payne & family in the death of her mother, Erleen Black; to Dr. Charles Rice & family in the death of his father, Winston Rice; to Bub Van Hoose & Margie West & family in the death of his wife and her mother, Billie Vic Van Hoose; to Ashley Petree & family in the death of her grandmother, Gladis Hill Lynch; to Amy Bailey & family in the death of her father, Bob Richardson and to Scott Dunlop & family in the death of his grandson, Chris Belote.


CONGRATULATIONS to Drs. Amanda & Marshall Haynie on the birth of their son, John Marshall Haynie, Jr. on April 11, 2017. Maternal grandparents are Mary & Larry Cobb and Sandra & Mike Haynie; to Morgan & James Meyers on the birth of their daughter, Chloe Fae Meyers on April 26, 2017. Maternal grandparents are Renee & Jim McGee; to Emily & Marshall Rice on the birth of their son, John Marshall Rice, Jr. on April 26, 2017; to Lauren & James (Jamey) Hill, IV on the birth of their daughter Blythe Jabrielle Hill on May 8, 2017. Paternal grandparents are Sandy & Jim Hill, III,; to Brigette & Dr. Jared Moss on the birth of their daughter Lillian Georgene Moss on May 9, 2017, and to Cali & Colby Lorant on the birth of their daughter, Charlie Ann Lorant on May 11, 2017. Maternal grandparents are Debbie & Gary Henry.



The Good and Beautiful LIFE

A NEW OLD GOSPEL

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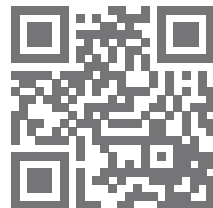
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Matthew 4:17—From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Matthew 6:10—Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 10:7—As you go, proclaim the good news, “The kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Matthew (3:2) (4:17) (5:3, 10, 19, 20) (7:21) (8:11) (10:7) (11:11, 12) (13:11, 24, 31, 33, 44, 45, 47, 52) (16:19) (18:1, 3, 4, 23) (19:12, 14, 23) (20:1) (22:2) (23:13) (25:1)

The gospel of Matthew references the kingdom of heaven more than 30 times. The four gospels collectively reference the kingdom of heaven over 100 times. Acts and then Paul also pick up the theme of the kingdom. With this many references, I think we should pay attention. A focus on the kingdom of heaven may be new for some, but it is one of the central messages of Jesus. It is both a present reality and a future hope, and is part of the Good & Beautiful Life in which we strive to live.

Order of Worship:

Welcome!

“Your Love Awakens Me” by Phil Wickham

Meet & Greet

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading

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

“Our Father” by Bethel

Offertory

“Even So Come” by Passion

Message

“Jesus is the Lord” by Travis Cottrell

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.