

## Joys & Concerns:

**Congratulations to** Elizabeth & Chris Bowers on the birth of their son, Leeman Thomas Bowers on May 7, 2016. Paternal grandparents are Henrietta & Randy Bowers.

**Hospitalized:** Jere Saur • Arthur Clyde Harper

**Discharged:** Dr. Hollis Gamble • Gwen Branton • James Huggins

## Graduating 2016 Seniors

Kennedy Ayres  
Hannah Baham  
Braxton Rives Batte  
Thomas Christian Baynham  
Benjamin Dillon Cobb  
Patrick Davis  
Brittany Fendall  
Erin Gray  
Caitlin Haley  
John Lawrence Hiers

Dalton Houston  
Carson Ford Huckaby  
Allison Humphries  
Emily Logan  
Kendall McMullen  
Mark Andrew Mitchell  
Margaret Anne Montgomery  
Hanna Moore  
Nicholas Nabors  
Jared Nugent

Mariana Faith Russo  
Shelby Lynn Thornhill  
Carter Phillip Toms  
Cameron Ford Wallace  
Kathryn Lynn White  
Jacob Daniel Wilkinson  
Jeffery Bruce Williams  
Kylie Willis  
Madison Carter Windham

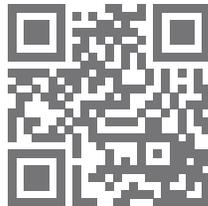
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Dr. R. Pat Day, Senior Pastor



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## Can Dry Bones Live Again? • Rev. Derek Joyce

**Ezekiel 37:1-14** - The Lord's power overcame me, and while I was in the Lord's spirit, he led me out and set me down in the middle of a certain valley. It was full of bones. He led me through them all around, and I saw that there were a great many of them on the valley floor, and they were very dry. He asked me, "Human one, can these bones live again?" (vv. 1-4)

I love the question the Lord asks in this passage. "Can these bones live again?" This passage tells the story of a once vast group of people who have died and become nothing more than dry bones. It is a metaphor for the nation of Israel, whom the Lord wants to recreate once more, so they can again be planted in the world as the uniquely called people of God. But recreation is only possible with the breath of life, which comes from the Lord. Maybe we find ourselves in this story, feeling like merely dry bones.

Maybe we see our families, our nation, or the church. There are many applications to our world in this passage, and God continues to ask, "Can these bones live again?" Only Jesus can breathe the Holy Spirit upon us, and recreate us once more into a royal priesthood and a holy nation.

## Order of Worship:

Welcome!

"This I Believe (The Creed)" by Hillsong Worship

Meet & Greet

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

"Holy Spirit" by Jesus Culture

"Great Are You Lord" by All Sons and Daughters

"Dry Bones" by Crosspointe Worship

Message

Offertory

"Dry Bones" by Crosspointe Worship

"Nothing But the Blood"

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).