

Joys & Concerns:

HOSPITALIZED: Jere Saur, Jack Daniel

DISCHARGED: Cali Lorant, Winnie Middleton

SYMPATHY is extended to the family & friends of Robert L. "Bob" Abney in his death; to Dr. John Hardin, III & family in the death of his father Dr. John Hardin, Jr.; to Brenda & Paul Grimm & family in the death of her son, John Eric Robinson; to Cindy Leopard & family in the death of her father, Dr. Marvin Harris; to Cynthia & Matthew Barker & family in the death of her husband & his father, Price Barker; and to the family & friends of Betty Celia in her death.

Congratulations to Lauren & James (Jamey) Hill, IV on the birth of their daughter Blythe Gabrielle Hill on May 8, 2017. Paternal grandparents are Sandi & Jim Hill, III.

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>.

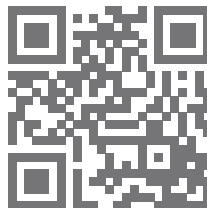
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Dr. R. Pat Day, Senior Pastor



The Good and Beautiful LIFE

Are You Blessed?

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Matthew 5:3-11

- Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
- Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
- Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
- Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
- Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Do you believe you are living a blessed life? How do you even begin to measure blessing? Let's see what Jesus has to say about being blessed. Hopefully, we will leave Sunday with our hearts encouraged about what truly constitutes living a blessed life.

Order of Worship:

Welcome!

"Because He Lives (Amen)" by Matt Maher

Community Reading

Meet & Greet

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

"Forever Reign" by Hillsong

"O Praise the Name" by Hillsong

Offertory

"Lord I Need You" by Matt Maher

Message

"Great Are You Lord" by All Sons & Daughters

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.