

Joys & Concerns:


Hospitalized: Ernie Bernhoft • Gwen Branton

Discharged: Gairy Baker • Jere Saur

Sympathy is extended to Tucker Smathers & family in the death of her brother, Ed Neilson; to Jo Holladay & family in the death of her mother, Shirley Tufts; to Lois Huggins & Debbie Hunter & family in the death of their husband & father, James Huggins; to Jimmy Ray & family in the death of his mother, Fern Copeland Ray; to family & friends of Lou Ann Hancock in her death; to Austin Robertson, Derek Gunter & Jordan Hughes & family in the death of their son-in-law, uncle & father, Bobby Hughes; to Diana Burke & family in the death of her husband, Terry Burke and to Betty Harper & family in the death of her husband, Arthur Clyde Harper.

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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>.

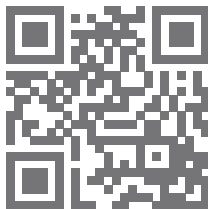
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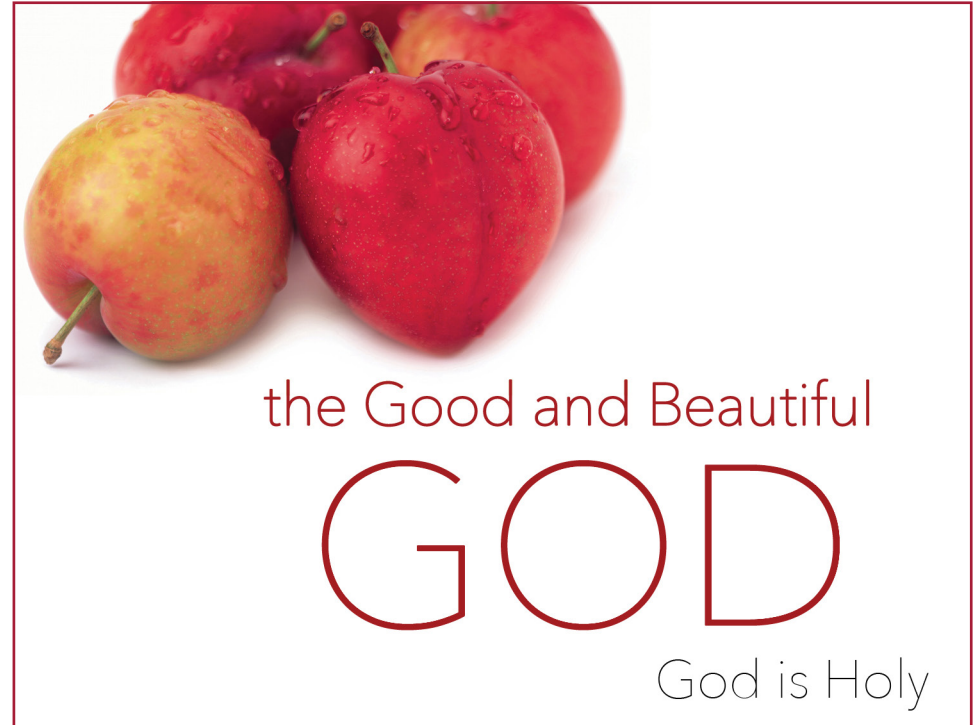
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God is Holy • Rev. Derek Joyce

1 Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

We are told in the scriptures that we are to be holy as God is holy. We are told that God has called his people to be a new covenant people, a chosen people, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation. So how do we go about becoming a holy people? How do you know when you have achieved an acceptable standard of holiness? How do you even begin to measure holiness? Come this Sunday to take a holiness test and see how you measure up with others!

If holiness sounds like something beyond your reach, you are in good company. Many people get frustrated when contemplating God's holiness, and then experiencing repeated failures in their own attempts at pursuing holiness. This week we will explore two false narratives about God's love and holiness. Come discover that God is not always angry and wrathful at you because of sin, nor blissfully accepting of sin as if nothing should change. The holiness of God is rooted squarely in God's love for us. For this reason, the Father is constantly seeking to draw us to Himself, that we may experience truly abundant life. And the closer we are drawn to the Father, the more we share in His holiness.

Order of Worship:

Welcome!

"Only King Forever" by Elevation Worship

Meet & Greet

Children's Message

Celebration of Life

Scripture Reading

"My Heart is Yours" by Passion

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" by Chris Tomlin

Message

Offertory

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

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 hymn.

Next Steps:

- Join a small group! Contact Erik Rasmussen at erasmussen@fumcshreveport.org or call the church office for more info.
- 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. Call the church office at 424.7771 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

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