

## Joys & Concerns:

**Hospitalized:** Ernie Bernhoft • JoAnne Waldron • Mary Elizabeth Christian

**Discharged:** Gwen Branton

**Sympathy is extended to** Nonie Caruthers & family in the death of her brother, Paul Bruechner and to Eric, Karl, Rolf & David Holman and Kris Hiers, Lynn Moffitt & Lynn Byrne & families in the death of their father, Paul Holman.

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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](mailto:hgunter@fumcshreveport.org), or go to <http://pixelark.com/faithlink>.

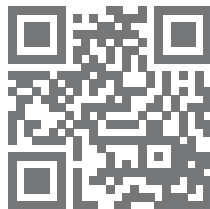
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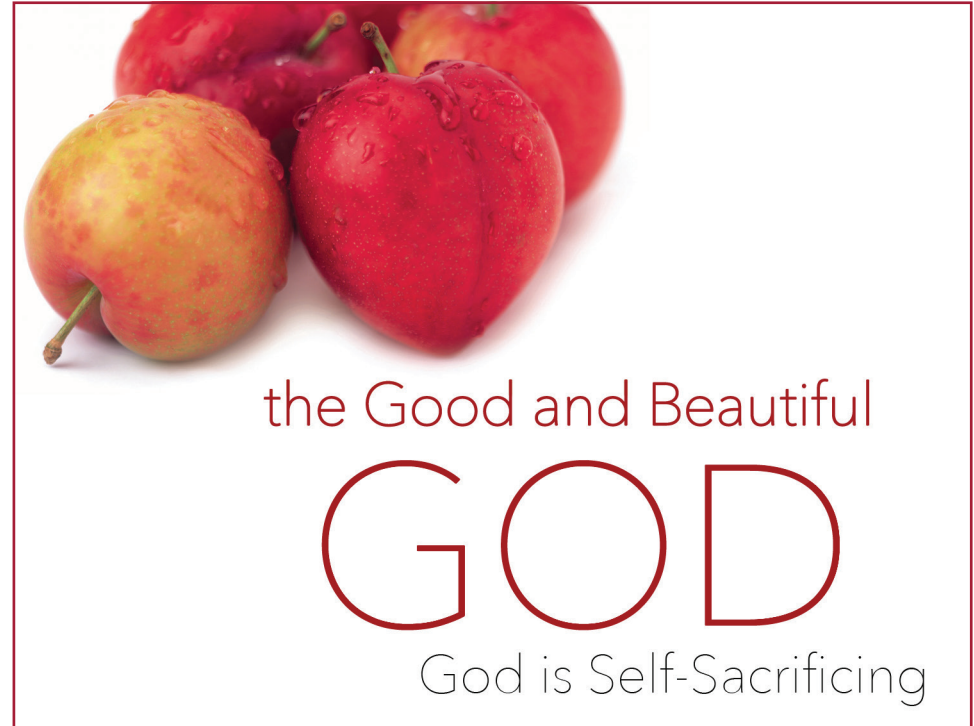
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## God is Self-Sacrificing • Rev. Derek Joyce

### 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

The love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: one died for the sake of all; therefore, all died. He died for the sake of all so that those who are alive should live not for themselves but for the one who died for them and was raised...God caused the one who didn't know sin to be sin for our sake so that through him we could become the righteousness of God. (v. 14, 15, 21)

Many religious perspectives are founded upon the human effort to do something in order to obtain the approval or favor of their god. If we are good, then we earn the favor of a particular god. If we are bad, then we similarly fall out of favor with a particular god. It is a sad cycle of religious frustration where we always strive, but always feel like we fall short.

But this is not the narrative of Christianity. In Jesus, we see the one true God reaching down to reconcile humans, doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves. God actually sacrifices on our behalf, rather than demanding sacrifice from us. And because God has initiated this reconciling sacrifice, it frees us to respond with joy and thankfulness, not guilt and fear. Do you know the sacrificial love of God in a way that causes your heart to be filled with joy and free from fear? I pray that we may each accept the gift of God's sacrifice in Jesus, and know that we are reconciled in and through His love.

## Order of Worship:

Welcome!

“Lay Me Down” by Passion

Meet & Greet

Baptism - Kim Wynn

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

“Lamb of God” by Vertical Church Band

“Jesus Paid It All” by Kristian Stanfill

Message

Offertory

Communion

“Jesus Paid It All” by Kristian Stanfill

“Cornerstone” by Hillsong

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

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