

Joys & Concerns:

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Please let the church office know if you, one of your family members or church friends enters the hospital so they can be offered pastoral presence and the love and concern of the congregation.

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>.

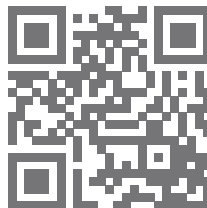
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The Good and Beautiful

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Pinocchio's Vice:
Living Without Lying

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Matthew 5:33-37 – “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.” But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be “Yes, Yes” or “No, No”; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

Who knew that lying was such a pervasive issue in our world? Listen to these stats from chapter 6 of the Good & Beautiful Life book:

- Studies reveal that the average person lies 3 times in a 10-minute conversation.
 - We are lied to every 5 minutes, or an average of 200 times a day.
- 59% of parents admit lying to their children on a regular basis.
- Americans are not only cheating more in many areas, but are also feeling less guilty about it.
- People still consider truth-telling to be one of the most important of all virtues.

We may feel there are practical reasons why we choose to lie, but Jesus invites us to let our words match our identity as people who are living in the Kingdom of God. People who are satisfied in God don't have to manipulate the truth for personal gain or fear that which cannot truly harm us. Trusting the Love of the Father, believing Jesus, and being filled with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit enables us to become people who naturally tell the truth. What is your word worth?

Order of Worship:

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| Welcome! | Meet & Greet |
| “Build Your Kingdom Here” | Father's Day Video |
| by Rend Collective | Children's Message |
| Community Reading | Offertory |
| “Let the Heavens Open” | “Multiplied” |
| by Kari Jobe | by Needtobreathe |
| “One Thing Remains” | Message |
| by Jesus Culture | “Let the Heavens Open” |
| “Your Love Never Fails” | by Kari Jobe |
| by Jesus Culture | 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.