

Joys & Concerns:


HOSPITALIZED: Lois Harris

SYMPATHY is extended to John Johnson & family in the death of his father, Norbert Johnson; to the family & friends of Aloha Colson in her death and to Kathie Harper, Laura Alvis & Josh Harper & family in the death of her husband & their father, Dan Harper.

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.

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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>.

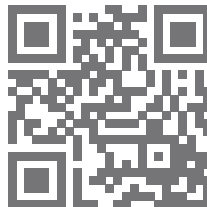
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Living Without Vainglory

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Humble Pie: Living Without Vainglory • Rev. Derek Joyce

Matthew 6:1-18 –

- Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. (6:1)
- So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. (6:2)
- And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. (6:5)
- And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. (6:16)

Vainglory may be a word that is lost on folks today. It seems old, archaic, and even unnecessary in contemporary conversation and more like it belongs in an era a couple centuries past. We are more comfortable with a common synonym, pride. But vainglory is the right term when considering the emphasis that Jesus is making in these passages. And vainglory is definitely the right term when we consider the spiritual life, and the pitfalls of piety that can accompany faithful followers of Jesus. Again, Jesus is asking us to consider what is most important—our hearts. What is the motive of our hearts when we give, pray, fast and worship? Are we seeking the approval of humankind, or of God? How we answer that reveals where we believe our worth lies. Let us continue to put on the character of Christ, trusting that our identity is secure in Him.

Order of Worship:

Welcome!

“Lay Me Down” by Passion

Community Reading & Prayer

Meet & Greet

Children’s Message

“Our Father” by Bethel

“Here’s My Heart” by Crowder

Offertory

“In Your Love” by Heather Gunter

Message

Communion

“My Heart is Yours” by Passion

“I Surrender All”

Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

***You are invited to stay after the service, if you’re able, for an extended time of worship and prayer.**

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.