


## Joys & Concerns:

**HOSPITALIZED:** Lois Harris, Hal Monroe

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

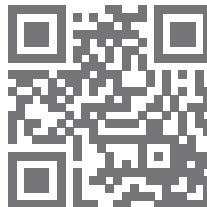
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# The Good and Beautiful

# LIFE

## Wall Street Blues: Living Without Avarice

Rev. Derek Joyce

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Wall Street Blues: Living Without Avarice • Rev. Derek Joyce Matthew 6:19-24 –

- Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consumes and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also (v. 19-21),
- No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth (v. 21).

“Greed is good.” The famous statement in the movie “Wall Street” rings true for many people. The argument is made that greed is the motive for innovation, and can actually rescue families, companies, and even the nation. In our scriptures for this week, Jesus challenges this worldview, advocating that the pursuit of the accumulation of possessions and resources actually brings about the loss of true and abundant life. Avarice, or greed for money and possessions, is ultimately the insatiable pursuit of a false god, and is rooted in fear and insecurity. Jesus reminds us that we can trust the Living God, and only in Him are our hearts fully satisfied.

### Order of Worship:

Welcome!

“Only King Forever” by Elevation Worship

Community Reading & Prayer

Meet & Greet

Children’s Message

“This I Believe (The Creed)” by Hillsong

“Jesus Paid It All” by Kristian Stanfill

Offertory

“Heal Our Land” by Kari Jobe

Message

Closing Song

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](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 song.

### 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.
- 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:

Grab a copy of the *First Weekly* or *The Columns* located at any of the entryways or visit [firstshreveport.org](http://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.