

## Worry List:

### Joys & Concerns:

**HOSPITALIZED:** Lois Harris

**DISCHARGED:** Hal Monroe, Melinda Boncheff

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Melinda & Ryan Boncheff on the birth of their son, Benjamin Alexander Boncheff on July 10, 2017.

**SYMPATHY** is extended to Stacey Hargon, Geron, Guy & Grayson Hargon & family in the death of her husband and their father, Dr. Chad Hargon.

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.

### CONTACT:

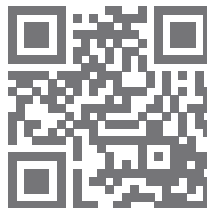
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## The Good and Beautiful **LIFE**

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**Matthew 6:25-34** – Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?...And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?...So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today. (v. 25, 27, 34)

There is no place for worry in the kingdom of God! In The Good & Beautiful Life, worry is defined as “a disproportionate level of concern based on an inappropriate measure of fear.” As we continue to solidify our identity as one in whom Christ dwells, and our location as standing securely in the kingdom of God, we are learning to live as people who trust God and the abundance of God's kingdom. Keeping Jesus as the central focus means that we are not. And this perspective frees us to live without fear—which is the root of worry. So church, may we continue to grow as disciples who are secure in Christ, worry free, and happy in God's abundant and perfect love.

### Order of Worship:

Welcome!

“Unstoppable God” by Elevation Worship

Community Reading & Prayer

Meet & Greet

Children's Message

Video

“It Is Well” by Bethel

“Jesus/Whom Shall I Fear” Medley by Chris Tomlin

Offertory

“Chain Breaker” by Zach Williams

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.