

Joys & Concerns:

Hospitalized: Bill Hitchcock • Estelle Midyett • Lydia Ehrhardt

Discharged: Joe Sepulvado • Janet Nolan • Bill Tucker • Larry Hudson

Sympathy is extended to: Jack Lamb, Richard Lamb, II, Walter Lamb, Patrick Lamb & Ann Tolleson; Betsy Peatross and Harman Chandler & family in the death of his wife & their mother & sister, Georgiann Lamb and to Robert Murray & family in the death of his father, Rev. Spencer Murray and to family & friends of Charles Dillman in his death.

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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>.

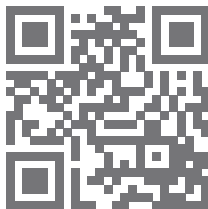
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Hebrews: Sacrifice • Rev. Derek Joyce

Hebrews 10:10-18 - *And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.*

I am thankful that we don't live in a culture where animal sacrifice is the norm to try and earn the favor, forgiveness or blessing from God. But even if we did, this passage speaks confidently to the fulfillment of any and all sacrificial rituals by the gift of Jesus laying down his own sinless life. If I believe this truth about Jesus, then I accept that I do not have to try and earn God's favor, forgiveness or blessing by any sacrifice I can bring. And this truth sets me free. Let's celebrate the final sacrifice of Jesus that truly liberates us into abundant life.

Order of Worship:

Welcome!

"Your Love Awakens Me" by Phil Wickham

Meet & Greet

Children's Message

Scripture Reading

"Lamb of God" by Vertical Church Band

"O Come to the Altar" by Elevation Worship

Message

Offertory

"It Is Well With My Soul"

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 hymn.

Next Steps:

- Join a small group! Contact Erik Rasmussen at erasmussen@fumcshreveport.org or call the church office for more info.
- 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. Call the church office at 424.7771 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

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