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## Joys & Concerns:

**Hospitalized:** Jere Saur • Cara Smith


**Discharged:** Bill Hitchcock • Dr. Bill Tenney • Jamie Sanders

**Sympathy is extended to:** the family & friends of Margaret Ann Bickham in her death; to Nell Sherrod & family in the death of her sister, Sarah Hyde.

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## 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>.

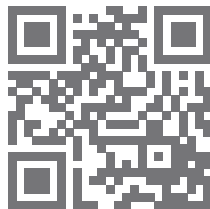
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Rev. Derek Joyce, Associate Pastor • Heather Gunter, Director of Contemporary Worship  
Dr. R. Pat Day, Senior Pastor



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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Hebrews: Today • Rev. Derek Joyce

**Hebrews 3:7-15** - *“Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” (v. 15)*

I believe the Lord still speaks to us. At times, we may be more attuned to hear than at other times. But the opportunity is before us, especially if we are positioning ourselves to listen. And when the Spirit of the Lord reveals something to us, then at that moment, we are invited to respond. For some, the invitation is to accept that Jesus is Lord. For some, the invitation is to accept that God loves you, and you can be free to love yourself. For some the invitation is to accept that God forgives you, and you can be free to forgive others. For some the invitation is to stop a sinful behavior, and you can begin living free in mind and heart. But for all, the invitation is to continue trusting Jesus to lead you to abundant life in God’s kingdom. If you hear his voice today, do not harden your hearts. Rather respond in faith and trust that God is leading you towards life.

## Order of Worship:

Welcome!

“Today is the Day” by Lincoln Brewster

Meet & Greet

Children’s Message

Scripture Reading

“Great Are You Lord” by All Sons & Daughters

“In Christ Alone” by Passion

“No Longer Slaves” by Bethel

Message

Offertory

“Great Are You Lord” by All Sons & Daughters

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](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 hymn.

### 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.
- [firstdiscipleship.org](http://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](http://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](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).