



First United Methodist Challenge



615 East Main Street
Batesville, Arkansas 72501
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February 27, 2019

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor...

This Sunday, we finish our sermon series on the Apostles' Creed as we look at the doctrine of the resurrection and eternal life. We will be unpacking I Corinthians 15:35-38.

As I write this, the United Methodist Church is in the midst of a denominational meeting that is dealing with controversial issues of human sexuality. No matter what the decision — or indecision — some may be hurt, and some may feel like our denomination is dying. The scripture and topic we will look at this Sunday will be a reminder that no matter what happens in our denomination, our church, or our lives, there is a promise that comes in Jesus Christ that cannot be taken away: life forevermore.

Come join us this Sunday morning for a powerful day of worship and celebration in the promise of the new life that God is STILL revealing to us.

In Christ,
Pastor Mark



Easter Lilies for the Sanctuary



We will be decorating our Sanctuary with Easter Lilies for Easter this year. The cost is \$20.00 per plant. If you would like to place a plant in the sanctuary *in honor of* or *in memory of* a friend or a family member, please use this form and return it to the church office by **Friday, April 5th**.

Please enclose your payment for each lily ordered.

Please print clearly so we can get the names right.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____

Paid by: check cash

Please use a separate form for each plant.

SERMON Series

The Seven Deadly Sins

Pastor Mark will begin a new sermon series on Sunday, March 10 that will look at the classic "seven deadly sins." Each week, we will look at one of those sins (greed, gluttony, lust, envy, sloth, wrath, and pride) as well as their possible remedies.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Join us for our Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday, March 6, at 6 PM in the sanctuary. Ash Wednesday is the first day

of a special season of prayer and sacrifice as we prepare for the celebration of Easter Sunday. We will have a special communion service to challenge each of us to make at least one change in our life and deepen our commitment to Christ. The service will include an explanation of Lent, special music and prayers, communion, and several stations to help you begin this Lenten journey.

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 4th - United Methodist Women - 6:00pm - Parlor
- Mar. 6th - Ash Wednesday Service - Sanctuary - 6:00pm
- Mar. 16th - World Day of Prayer Service - 10:30am
Full Gospel Fellowship Church - Neely St.



Community Breakfast
Free
8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall

The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

4th annual
Joyful Heart Ball

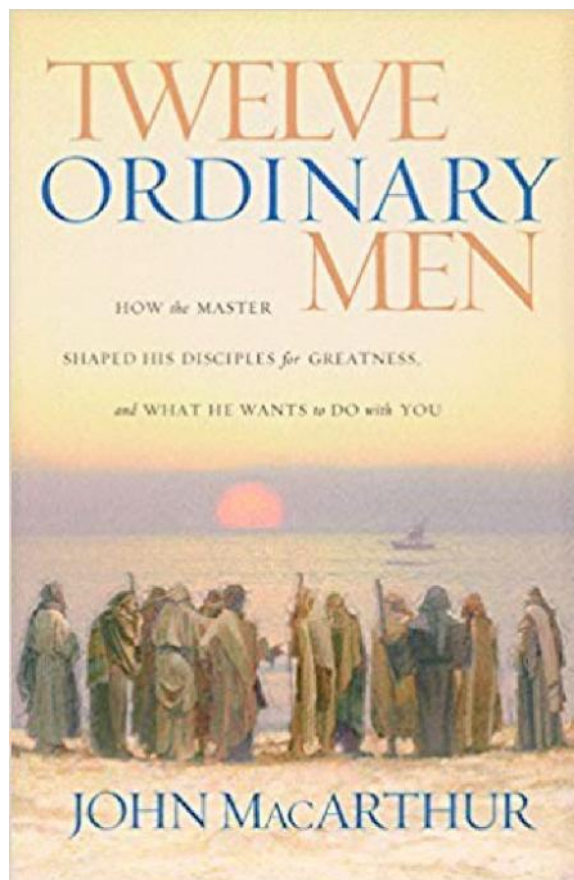
The fourth annual Joyful Heart Ball saw 85 people gather in the Fellowship Hall to dance and have fun in a welcoming environment for people with special needs. Thank you to everyone who supported the event; we are so grateful for our loving church family! Special thanks to Pastor Mark, United Methodist Women, Lorrie McClure and our youth helpers, Louise Sandefur, Rob & Jennifer Emery, Paul & Joni Bube, Mike & Carolyn Wilson, and to Katie McLean for taking the fabulous photos. This event continues to grow and we hope it will continue to bring joy to our community!

– FUMC Faith Group



**JOIN THE FAITH GROUP
 AS WE STUDY THE 12 APOSTLES**

The Faith group is beginning a 9-week study on the book *Twelve Ordinary Men*. Join us Sundays at 6:00pm March 3rd – April 28th in the Faith room to learn more about the apostles and how Jesus chose ordinary, flawed people to start His church.



Church Leadership

Senior Pastor

Reverend Mark McDonald

Pastor Emeritus

Reverend Bob Langley

Church Administrator

Teresa Brown

Minister of Congregational Care

Bennie Burks

Minister to Children & Family Ministries

Katie McLean

Minister to Youth

Lorrie McClure

Worship Leader/Accompanist

Alicia Williams

Organist

Amanda Pickett

Sexton

Joe Johnson

Treasurer

Ruby Curl

Lay Leader

Mike Wilson

Lay Servants/Ministers

Jon Healey

Kathy McKinney

Randy Seale

Joel Wagoner

Sandy West

Asa Whitaker

Joel Williams

Church Council Chair

Sandy West

Staff/Parish Chair

Paul Holfield

Trustees Chair

Gayle Ross

Finance Chair

Matt Martin

Our Presence

February 24th

Sunday Worship Total230

Sunday School85

Our Gifts

Received in February

Received 02/03/2019\$10,448.00

Received 02/10/2019\$9,181.00

Received 02/17/2019\$9,594.00

Received 02/24/2019\$8,260.00

Amount needed weekly..... \$11,607.52

If you are unable to fulfill your ministry service position please find a replacement and contact the church office with the change.

Our Service

for March 3rd

ACOLYTES: 11:00 Peyton Osborn
Zeb Anderson

ALTAR FLOWERS in honor & glory of God by (need altar flowers this Sunday)

ALTAR GUILD: Jane Jameson
Alice Simmons

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8:30 Sandy West

10:55 Sandy West

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Mark

COFFEE and DONUTS:

Alpha Sunday School Class

COMMUNION STEWARDS:

Steve & Rebecca Richman

LITURGIST: 8:30 Paul Bube

11:00 Barrett Moore

TRUSTEES OPEN & CLOSE SCHEDULE

Open: S Kibbe Close: M West

8:30 USHERS 11:00 USHERS

J Ellis & D Smith

Need Ushers

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMEN Calendar

March 3 Ashley Cooksey
Julie Fidler

James McLean

March 4 Sara Rogers
Deerick Smith

Kaley Waldrip

March 5 Henry Matinchek

March 6 Keith Terhune

March 7 Alan Adcox

Jordan Austin

Carmen McDonald

March 9 Jill Hilton

Grace Metcalf

MEMORIALS

TOMMY OSBORN

Carolyn Barnett

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

Children's Ministries

Our children's ministries move around Sunday morning and Wednesday evenings, with meeting for Sunday School at 9:45 am after the first two songs in the contemporary service.

On Wednesdays, we begin with a meal in the fellowship hall at 5:30 pm, followed by activities, prayer time, crafts, music, Bible lessons, or other fun activities!

Youth Ministries

Our youth have a Sunday School class that meets upstairs in the youth area at 9:45 am that is open to Jr. and Sr. High youth.

Wednesday evenings are our primary youth night, with a snack supper at 5:30 pm and youth activities that follow until 7:30.

We also have a youth praise team that rehearses at 7:15 on Wednesday evenings.

Our Mailing Address is:

First United
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P.O. Box 2014
Batesville, AR 72503-2014

Please review the names on the prayer list. Names will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks.
At the end of 3 weeks to continue the name, please call the church office.

Our Prayers for Those at Home

Dick Adamsbrother-in-law of Mark Wallace
Gerri & George Bentz.....member
Ed Driverhusband of member
Chad Edwardsfriend of member
Reagan Harper.....friend of members
Alvetta Hatfieldmother of Karen Holifield
Patty & Mike Healeyparents of Jon Healey
Patti Jackson and family.... former members
Kerry Jennings.....sister of member
Martha Lewallen.....member
Anne Luster.....member
Mary Ann Marshall.....member
Ruth Meyersaunt of member
Janice Murphycousin of Sharan Pittser
Meredith O'Connell.....niece of Helen Musgrave
Maria Paningua.....friend of member
Angela Panneck.....friend of member
Diane Tebbetts.....member
Jack & Terri Presleymembers
Pat Rice.....family member of Rice Family
Sam Rigsbee.....relative of member
Raye Rogersmember
Charlotte Rosemember
Rich Schmidt.....family member of Mark Wallace
George Sitowskifriend of members
Bob Spencerfather of member
Diane Tebbetts.....member

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

Baptist Hospital Rehab - Little Rock

Travis Langley.....nephew of member

Due to privacy laws, First Church cannot access hospital admission records. Please let the church office know when you or a family member are hospitalized. 870-793-3803

If you need pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Mark McDonald - 501-650-0046

Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes

Batesville Health and Rehabilitation

Rodney Trantham friend of member

Eagle Mountain Assisted Living

Polly Livingston member
Jackie Martin..... member
Carol Robertson..... member
Barbara Stevenson member
Rachael Taylor relative of member
Katherine Tripp member
J.C. Wells..... father of Gina Davis
Stanley & Mary Jeanette Wood members

Fairfield Bay Nursing Home

Jay Burks son of Bennie Burks

Wood-Lawn

Mildred Arnold..... member
Bobbie Sue Graves..... mother of Diana Waldrip
Troy Kuchler stepdad of member
Lucille Maris member
Margaret Matthews member
Virginia Swetnam mother of Lorrie McClure
Jerry Taylor..... member

Woodcrest Assisted Living

Robert (Lit) Craig member
Bufford Maddox member
Judy Murrah member
Dianne Taylor..... member

Our Prayers for Those in U.S. Military Service

MSgt. Jason Austinson of Robin Austin Gay
Major Chris Carpenter.....son of R.L. & Susan Carpenter
Lt. Col. Marc Jones.....nephew of Mildred Arnold
Pvt. Lane Lively
Capt. Ian MacDonaldnephew of Starr & Johnny Kent
Trent McDonaldcousin of member
Capt. Shannon McLoughlin daughter of Cecilia Vinson
Major Adam Moore son-in-law of Ken & Ginger Davis
1st Lt. Jason Pomeroy.....son of Wanda & Bob Pomeroy
TSgt. Karl Sagerson of Shirley Stuckey
Stg. Bradley Skelton
Senior Airman Keegan Smart member
Seaman Apprentice Zane Smart..... member
Capt. Michael Stevenson ...grandson of members
Lt. Cmdr. Greg Tebbetts ...son of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts
Capt. John Tice.....nephew of Verona Bebow
Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler..... cousin of member



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**This
 Sunday**

We offer a new station that has gluten free communion wafers and individual cups for those who prefer to take communion this way.

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Hospitality Team for Sunday, Mar. 3rd
 8:30 Service
 Paul & Joni Bube
 11:00 Service
 Steve & Rebecca Richman
 Coffee & Donuts
 Alpha Sunday School Class

Bible Studies / Small Groups
Mar. 1st - 6:00am - Men's Fraternity Meeting
 At Ameriprise Office on College St.
Mar. 3rd - Explorer's Bible Study
 In the Alpha Classroom
Mar. 3rd - Faith Group - 6:00pm
 Faith Class Room
 "Twelve Ordinary Men"
Mar. 4th - Men's Bible Study
 At the Grammer House
Mar. 7th - Bible Study - 9:45am
 Home of Eleanor Royer
 "Armor of God"

Wednesday Activities
February 27th
 5:15 Handbell Meeting-Parlor
 5:30 Kids & Youth
 6:00 - Adult Bible Study - Chaney Class Room
 6:00 Praise Team
 7:15pm Youth Praise Band

Wednesday Activities
March 6th
5:30 Wednesday Night Live - Family Dinner
 5:30 Kids & Youth
 6:00 - Ash Wednesday Service
 7:15pm Youth Praise Band

Other Events / Committee Meetings
 March 5th - Trustees – 5:30pm – Barnabas Classroom
 March 7th - Morning Prayer Service - 7:15am-7:45am - Chapel

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Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the March 6th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, March 4th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.