



# First United Methodist Challenge



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March 6, 2019

**Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers**

From the Pastor. . .

Lent is a church season of 40 days that precedes Easter Sunday. It reminds us of many stories from the Bible: 40 days and nights of rain after Noah built the ark; 40 years of searching for the promised land; and of course, 40 days that Jesus prayed and fasted to prepare himself for his ministry on earth. It gives us the chance to prepare ourselves for something new when we come to Easter!



As we journey through the season, we will look at the "seven deadly sins," and consider ways that we can take some of the most challenging vices in our lives and find possible virtues to make our lives stronger in our faith. This week, we will start with greed. Our main text will be Luke 4:1-13.

Think of what changes you can make in your life to better prepare yourself for an amazing Easter Sunday, and join us as we begin this journey together Sunday morning at 8:30, 9:45, or 11:00.

In Christ's love,  
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 5<sup>th</sup>**.

*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.*

## S E R M O N *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.



### Upcoming Events

**Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>** - World Day of Prayer Service - 10:30am  
Full Gospel Fellowship Church - Neely St.

**Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>-Apr 6<sup>th</sup>** - Bible Boot Camp Lock-In



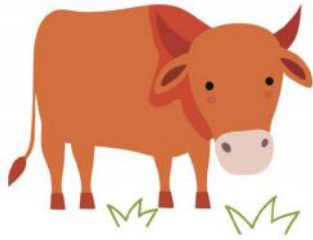
### Community Breakfast

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."*

We're moooving!



Our First Kids program is growing by leaps and bounds! In fact, we have outgrown our classroom space on Wednesday nights. Therefore, we are re-locating the Preschool-Kindergarten class to the nursery and the 1st-4th grades will be in the two classrooms on the right in our Kids Department. God is moving and so are we!

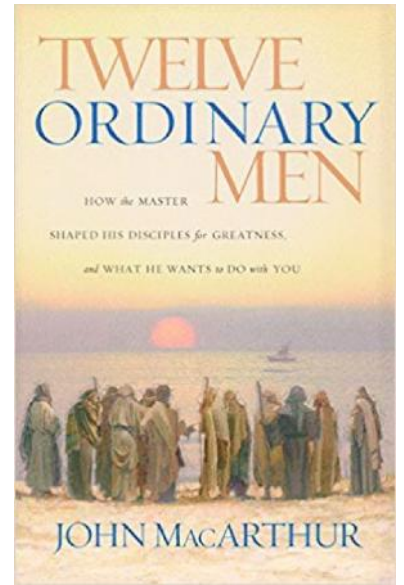


The Children's Council would like to ask for your help once again in providing plastic eggs and candy for our upcoming Palm Sunday Celebration! We prefer individually-wrapped, peanut-free candy that will fit inside a plastic egg! And speaking of eggs,

we need those too! You may place your donations outside the church office or simply write a check and mark Easter Candy in the memo line. Thank you!

### 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.



### Kids Sunday School

This week we learned about the parable of Two Houses. Matthew 7:24-27. The kids practiced building houses from blocks and also with marshmallows and toothpicks. And we learned how important it is to build our lives on Jesus-the firmest foundation.



**BIBLE BOOT CAMP LOCK-IN!**



**THE TRUE AVENGER**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 5 TO SATURDAY, APRIL 6**  
**5:30 PM - 8:00 AM**  
**FOR ALL 4<sup>TH</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS**

Dinner, snacks & breakfast provided. Kids need to pre-register by clicking on the QR code. They need to bring a sleeping bag, a Bible & a flashlight. They are welcome to invite friends, but please pre-register!  
 For questions call Katie McLean @ 870.307.4034  
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## 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 Holifield

### Trustees Chair

Gayle Ross

### Finance Chair

Matt Martin

Our Mailing Address is:

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

## Our Presence

March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sunday Worship Total..... 192

Sunday School .....80

## Our Gifts

### Received in March

Received 03/03/2019 ..... \$11,199.00

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 10<sup>th</sup>

ACOLYTES: 11:00

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:

Barnabas Sunday School Class

LITURGIST: 8:30 Tommy Newton

11:00 Asa Whitaker

TRUSTEES OPEN & CLOSE SCHEDULE

Open: B Cheatham Close: M West

8:30 USHERS 11:00 USHERS

J Ellis & D Smith Need Ushers

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMEN Calendar

March 10 Mark Faith  
Christopher Tucker

March 11 Tracy King McClurg  
Kathy McSpadden  
Aaron Wynn

March 12 Megan Griffin  
Mia Johnson  
Sara Johnson

March 13 Anna Grace Fraiser  
Brenda Sandage  
Jim Wann

March 15 Christi Wann-Minnick

March 16 Luke Brissey  
Reneé Kimmer Pearson

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March 11 Larry & Martha Bentley

March 15 Robb & Amanda Roberts

## Flower Calendar 2019

We invite you to provide flowers for the altar by signing up on the calendar near the office (or calling the office).

You may donate \$50 or more, contact Signature Gifts to work with them, or create your own arrangement/work with a florist of your choice.

The flowers are noted in the bulletin, and following Sunday worship, volunteers arrange them into individual vases and take them to members who are ill or homebound.



Please join the United Methodist Women in supporting Methodist Family Health's annual Lenten "Get up and Give" campaign. We are collecting men and ladies underwear and socks- all sizes for youth. We will have several boxes located in the church. We will be collecting between March 6- April 14.

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 Adams .....brother-in-law of Mark Wallace  
 Gerri & George Bentz .....member  
 Winnell Calhoun .....member  
 Ed Driver .....husband of member  
 Chad Edwards .....friend of member  
 Reagan Harper .....friend of members  
 Alvetta Hatfield .....mother of Karen Holifield  
 Patty & Mike Healey .....parents 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 Meyers .....aunt of member  
 Janice Murphy .....cousin 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 Presley .....members  
 Pat Rice.....family member of Rice Family  
 Sam Rigsbee.....relative of member  
 Raye Rogers .....member  
 Charlotte Rose .....member  
 Rich Schmidt .....family member of Mark Wallace  
 George Sitowski .....friend of members  
 Bob Spencer .....father of member  
 Bob Stobaugh .....friend of member  
 Diane Tebbetts.....member

### Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

#### Baptist Hospital Rehab - Little Rock

Travis Langley.....nephew of member

### Prayer Cards

We have prayer cards in the pews to send to someone to lift them up in prayers. There are also a few on the table in hall.

Write their address on the front, sign your name on the back and write a brief message if you like. Add a postcard stamp and mail.

### 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  
 Bobbye 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 Austin.....son 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 MacDonald .....nephew of Starr & Johnny Kent  
 Trent McDonald .....cousin 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 Sager .....son 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



# World Day of Prayer

local celebration on March 16th @  
Full Gospel Fellowship Church

World Day of Prayer is a global **ecumenical** movement led by Christian women who welcome all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice. Services are held in over 100 countries every March. Each year Christian women in a different country plan worship based on Christian traditions in their country. This year World Day of Prayer women in Slovenia selected scripture and planned our World Day of Prayer service.

This will be the 4th year that WDP services have been planned and held locally. Our local WDP committee plans a service using the theme and scripture and the components of the Order of Worship available from WDP. Each year our service is conducted in English and Spanish.

***Our Community wide World Day of Prayer service will be on March 16, 2019 at Full Gospel Fellowship Church (on Neeley St. across from Wood Lawn), at 10:30 with reception following. The Rev. Mary Cash, pastor of Bethel AME Church, will be our speaker.***

ALL are welcome to "Come-Everything is Ready". Come and worship with other Christians in our community.

Sincerely,  
Kathy McKinney  
On behalf of the local WDP Committee



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**Hospitality Team for Sunday, Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>**  
 8:30 Service  
 Joel & Jeannie Wagoner  
 11:00 Service  
 Paulette Arnold  
**Coffee & Donuts**  
 Barnabas Sunday School Class

**Tuesday Activities**  
**March 12<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal-Parlor  
 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary

**Wednesday Activities**  
**March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
 5:30 Kids & Youth  
 6:00 - Adult Bible Study - Chaney Class Room  
 6:00 Praise Team  
 7:15pm Youth Praise Band

**Bible Studies / Small Groups**  
**Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>** - 6:00am - Men's Fraternity Meeting  
 At Ameriprise Office on College St.  
**Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>** - Explorer's Bible Study  
 In the Alpha Classroom  
**Mar. 10<sup>th</sup>** - Faith Group - 6:00pm  
 Faith Class Room  
 "Twelve Ordinary Men"  
**Mar. 11<sup>th</sup>** - Men's Bible Study  
 At the Grammer House  
**Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>** - Bible Study - 9:45am  
 Home of Eleanor Royer  
 "Armor of God"

**Other Events / Committee Meetings**  
 March 12<sup>th</sup> - Finance Meeting – 5:30pm – Barnabas Classroom  
 March 14<sup>th</sup> - Morning Prayer Service - 7:15am-7:45am - Chapel

Listen to the Worship Service at 11:00 am on  
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**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the March 13<sup>th</sup> newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> to the church office or by email to Lyndal at [lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net).