



First United Methodist Challenge



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March 20, 2019

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor. . .

This week, we will look at what some think is the deadliest sin of our day: Lust. We'll look at I Cor. 10:1-13, when Paul cautions us against idols and sexual immorality. I'm reminded of John Wesley's famous quote: "Light yourself on fire with passion and people will come from miles to watch you burn." I figure some of you will come just to see what I'll do, but I have some good news to bring!



We are hearing about sex scandals every week, and our denomination is caught up in a deep controversy over human sexuality (at least as it applies to clergy?!?). We are oh, too familiar with the phrases that surround sexuality such as "free love," and "sex sells." But is that what lust is about, or is there something deeper that we should be concerned about?

Join us at 8:30, 9:45, or 11:00 for another powerful day of worship, challenge, and grace!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark



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!



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.



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Upcoming Events

- Apr. 5th-6th** - Bible Boot Camp Lock-In
- Apr. 17th** - Tenebrae Service - 6:00pm - Sanctuary
St. Paul's Episcopal will join us
- Apr. 18th** - Maunday Thursday Service - 6:00pm
at St. Paul's Episcopal Church



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."

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 _____

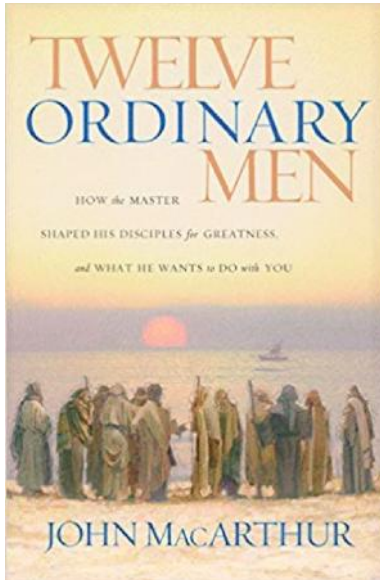
Given by _____

Paid by: check cash

Please use a separate form for each plant.

JOIN THE FAITH GROUP AS WE STUDY THE 12 APOSTLES

The Faith group is continuing a 9-week study on the book "Twelve Ordinary Men". Join us Sundays at 6:00pm March 24th – April 28th in the Faith room to learn more about the apostles and how Jesus chose ordinary, flawed people to start His church.



On May 26, I am running the Edinburgh Marathon in an effort to raise money for the Saltire Award, which honors one Lyon student annually who best represents the values of our Scottish Heritage Program. The Marathon coincides with the Lyon College Nichols Trip to Scotland. If we can raise \$3,000 to endow this award to provide a cash prize annually to the college student recipient, I will give \$1 to the fund for every mile I run in preparation for the race, plus \$1 for each mile of the marathon itself. To date, I have logged in over 100 miles!

To donate, visit <https://www.gofundme.com>, and search for "Lyon College Scottish Heritage"

Thank you so much for your prayers, support, and encouragement!

Mark Wallace



Shop Amazon?
Give a portion to FUMC!

If you shop on amazon.com, please consider going to smile.amazon.com and registering "First Methodist Church, Batesville, AR" as your charity of choice! 1/2% of every dollar you spend will be donated to our church for ministry!

BIBLE BOOT CAMP LOCK-IN!

THE TRUE AVENGER
FRIDAY, APRIL 5 TO SATURDAY, APRIL 6
5:30 PM - 8:00 AM
FOR ALL 4TH - 6TH 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 Presence

March 17th

Sunday Worship Total..... 198

Sunday School96

Our Gifts

Received in March

Received 03/03/2019 \$11,199.00

Received 03/10/2019\$9,099.45

Received 03/17/2019\$8,916.22

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 24th

ACOLYTES: 11:00

ALTAR FLOWERS in honor & glory of God.

ALTAR GUILD: Jane Jameson
Alice Simmons

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8:30 Sandy West

10:55 Sandy West

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Mark

COFFEE and DONUTS:

L.I.F.E. Sunday School Class

LITURGIST: 8:30 Kathy McKinney

11:00 Sara Moore

TRUSTEES OPEN & CLOSE SCHEDULE

Open: B Cheatham Close: S Kibbe

8:30 USHERS 11:00 USHERS

J Ellis & D Smith **Need Ushers**

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMCN Calendar

March 24 Alanette Rushing

March 25 B.J. Slaughter

March 27 Matthew Adams

Burke Fraiser

March 28 Julie Ross Blodgett

March 29 Ruby Curl

March 27 Edward & Katie Driver

March 28 David & Holly Wilkerson

March 29 Wayne & Crystal Anderson

When you pray,

pray for our church,

pray for our ministries,

pray for our Sunday school teachers,

pray for our staff,

pray for each other,

pray for our church!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

Mission Trips: FUMC participates in several mission trips each year, some involving youth, some adults only, and some family inclusive. We are also working to include local, regional, and international missions for those who are interested. Please complete the tear off section to keep up!

Ramps. Our men's group has a team that builds ramps and does a few other repairs to help neighbors with disabilities.

ERT: We are seeking people interesting in training for early entry to disaster areas to help provide immediate relief and make scenes safe for people to begin to rebuild their lives. This training will be eight hours long and typically occurs on a Saturday.

Food Ministries: We always have opportunities for people to help with our Wednesday meals, Saturday breakfast, blessing box, backpacks, and warming/cooling center.

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 Bentzmember
Marcus & Glenda Bowers .members
Winnell Calhounmember
Ed Driverhusband of member
Chad Edwardsfriend of member
Reagan Harperfriend of members
Alvetta Hatfieldmother of Karen Holifield
Patty & Mike Healeyparents of Jon Healey
Patti Jackson and family....former members
Kerry Jennings.....sister of 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 Panneckfriend 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 Schmidtfamily member of Mark Wallace
George Sitowskifriend of members
Bob Spencerfather of member
Bob Stobaughfriend of member
Diane Tebbetts.....member

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

WRMC

Marcus Bowersmember

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
Virgina Swetnam mother of Lorrie McClure

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 Pomeroyson 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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Hospitality Team for Sunday, Mar. 24th
 8:30 Service
 Jon Don & Kathleen Reynolds
 11:00 Service
 Steven & Rikki Painter
 Coffee & Donuts
 L.I.F.E. Sunday School Class

Bible Studies / Small Groups
Mar. 22nd - 6:00am - Men's Fraternity Meeting
 At Ameriprise Office on College St.
Mar. 24th - Explorer's Bible Study
 In the Alpha Classroom
Mar. 24th - Faith Group - 6:00pm
 Faith Class Room
 "Twelve Ordinary Men"
Mar. 25th - Men's Bible Study
 At the Grammer House
Mar. 28th - Bible Study - 9:45am
 Home of Eleanor Royer
 "Armor of God"

Tuesday Activities
March 26th
 5:15pm Handbell Rehearsal - Parlor
 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

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

Other Events / Committee Meetings
 March 26th - Staff-Parish - 5:30pm - Barnabas Classroom
 March 28th - 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 27th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, March 25th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.