



First United Methodist Challenge



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January 8, 2020

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor. . .

The new year has begun, and I hope you have had time to refresh, renew, and reflect on how you can be more involved in God's work through FUMC.



Last Sunday, we began a short sermon series focusing on just that invitation. We started with "God's Timing," and talked about how God is working all around to provide for us every day. This Sunday, we will move to "God's Example," as we consider how God gives us a clear path to follow! We will turn to Matthew 3:13-17, and consider why Jesus chose to be baptized, when he was the savior of the world.

Following worship, we invite you to join us for a baptism at 12:30 pm at the therapy pool at the Batesville Community Center!

I hope you will make an extra effort to attend worship in person if at all possible, because it helps encourage so many people and builds a sense of community like nothing else. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to prepare a place for you! If you can't make it in person, remember to join us on our YouTube channel anytime or live on the radio on FM103.3 at 11:00 am!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark

Is the UMC splitting?

Many of you have seen or heard media reports that our denomination has proposed a way to split into multiple denominations as a way to resolve the conflicts we have had over human sexuality. While there is a substantial new proposal to do that, it is one of many proposals that will be presented to our international ("General") conference this May in Minneapolis, MN.

In short, nothing has been decided yet, and we continue to look and pray for a way that helps us keep focused on the work of the kingdom of God as we struggle to find our common ground. If you want to know more, please feel free to contact Pastor Mark.

SILVER BELLES & BEAUS

Our first meeting for 2020 will be on January 21st, 11:30 a.m., at Tavolo Italian Restaurant. A couple of our members have eaten there, and they recommended that we try this restaurant for one of our meetings. Its address is 3000 Jennings. Jennings Street is off of Harrison Street between the new Hampton Inn and Wade's Heating, Cooling & Electric.

We consider our group to be the "older" (or more mature) people – although you might find that this description doesn't apply to all of us. But we do have a good time in fellowship. Come join us. If you have any questions, call me at 698-1919 or e-mail me at hihosilber@suddenlink.net.

Gayle Silberhorn

Baptism THIS SUNDAY!

This Sunday is the "Baptism of the Lord" Sunday, and we are excited to announce a baptism at the Batesville Aquatic Center again! We will meet at the therapy pool at 12:30 to baptize and officially welcome the Hons as members at FUMC! If you or anyone you know is interested in being baptism, please contact Pastor Mark.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 15th - Youth Parent Meeting - 7:15pm - Youth Room

Poinsettias

If you ordered poinsettias, please pick them up in the fellowship hall!



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."

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Firestone

The same name you trust.

The same service you expect.

A new person in the owner's chair.

The Brothers Kent are retiring and are turning over the reins to their business partners, Ronnie and Jeramie Jeffrey.

Celebrate with us on

Saturday, January 11, 2020

Drop in reception from 2:00pm to 5:00pm

The River Waterfront Steak & Grill

(formerly Josie's Steakhouse)

50 Riverbank Road

Batesville, AR 72501



Birthdays and Anniversaries
from UMEN Calendar

- January 12 Shawn Smith
- January 13 Leah Taylor
- January 14 Isabella Grace Anorve
Robert Williams
- January 15 Tommie McDonald
Madison Neaville Morgan
- January 16 Nancy Bernard
Harry Crossett
Jerry Lewis
Bill Robertson
- January 17 Pam Glover
Keaton King
- January 18 Meghan Benton

- January 16 Patrick & Tammy Arnold

Family Retreat January 24-26

Batesville FUMC has Beal Lodge at Mount Eagle on hold for the weekend of January 24th. We need a minimum of 15 people and there is room for more to join us!



If interested, please contact Sara Moore at saraforg@yahoo.com or let Pastor Mark know. The cost is \$50 per person for 2 nights. For more information and photos visit mouteagle.org



Secret Pals

It is time to choose a secret pal for the year 2020.

I have a list and information on those who need a secret pal.

Please contact me for information and thanks for those who participate.

Thank you,
Bennie

The FLOWER CALENDAR for 2020 here!

Please take a moment to stop by the flower calendar and pick a week of two to sign up to do the flowers.

We have a lot of open dates coming up in the new year,

here are just a few:

January 12, 19, 26

February 9, 16, 23

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Church Leadership

Senior Pastor
Reverend Mark McDonald

Choir Director
Amanda Pickett

Church Administrator
Teresa Brown

Minister of Congregational Care
Bennie Burks

Minister to Children & Family Ministries
Katie McLean

Minister to Youth
Lorrie McClure

Worship Leader
Alicia Williams

Sexton
Joe Johnson

Treasurer
Ruby Curl

Lay Leader
Mike Wilson

Lay Servants/Ministers
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

December 22nd

Hendrix Choir (Dec. 19th).....233
Sunday Worship Total.....170
Sunday School.....60

December 24th

Christmas Eve 5:00.....258
Christmas Eve 11:00.....64

December 29th

Sunday Worship Total.....155
Sunday School.....61

January 5th

Sunday Worship Total.....193
Sunday School.....72

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 January 12th

ALTAR FLOWERS The flowers which adorn the altar are given to the glory of God by (we need a volunteer to do the flowers this week)

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Holifield
Diana Waldrip

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8:30 Sandy West

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

Pastor Mark

COFFEE and DONUTS:

Alpha Sunday School Class

LITURGIST: 8:30 Terrell Tebbetts
11:00 Amanda Lucy

8:30 USHERS 11:00 USHERS
J Ellis & D Smith Need Ushers

Our Gifts

Received in December

Received 12/01/2019.....\$11,906.00
Received 12/08/2019.....\$8,312.86
Received 12/15/2019.....\$16,009.00
Received 12/22/2019.....\$28,423.00
Received 12/29/2019.....\$8,790.79
Amount needed weekly.....\$11,607.52

Received in January

Received 01/05/2020.....\$9,121.00
Amount needed weekly.....

MEMORIALS

BISCUIT BOB

Richard & Jill Hilton

ROYCE KNOWLES

Barrett & Sara Moore
Sonja Massey - Turner

TERRELL JAMESON

Jane Jameson

MIKE HEALEY

Ken & Ina Bolton

MIKE HEALEY

BOB LANGLEY

MERRELL WALKER

HILDA STRACENER

JERRY TAYLOR

ROYCE KNOWLES

Blair & Paulette Arnold

WAYNE JACKSON

JAY BURKS

JERRY TAYLOR

Jane Jameson

MIKE HEALEY

BOB LANGLEY

HILDA STRACENER

MERRELL WALKER,

BUFORD MADDOX

ROYCE KNOWLES

Jane Jameson

Our Mailing Address is:

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**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

Don Wayne & Patsy Anderson...parents of Wayne Anderson
Hannah Baker.....
Gerri & George Bentz.....member
Glenda Bowersmember
Marcus Bowers.....member
Winnell Calhoun.....member
Doris Casper.....member
Bryan Dickeyfriend of David Smith
Nancy Duncan.....friend of Amanda Pickett.
Chad Edwardsfriend of David Smith
Anabelle Fletcher.....friend of David Smith
Don Gilchrist.....member
Randy & Linda Guthrie.....relatives of Glenda Bowers
Alvetta Hatfieldmother of Karen Holifield
Patty Healeymother of Jon Healey
Mona Hobbs.....friend of Diane Tebbetts
Jane Jameson.....member
Kerry Jennings.....sister of member
Mary Johnson.....mother in law of Clifton Burrell
Charles Kibbe.....member
Irvin Kimmer.....member
Janine Kimmermember
Sharon Looneyfriend of Jon Healey
Mary Ann Marshall.....member
Ruth Meyers.....aunt of member
Janice Murphycousin of Sharan Pittser
Maria Paningua.....friend of member
Angela Panneck.....friend of member
Traci Phillipsdaughter of George & Pat Collins
Terri Presleymember
Judy Pridden.....friend of Glenda Martin
Pat Rice.....family member of Rice Family
Rodney Rice.....family member of Rice Family
Sam Rigsbee.....relative of member
Raye Rogersmember
Charlotte Rose.....member
Bob Spencerfather of member
Gladys Smith.....mother of David Smith
Shirley Stuckey.....member

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

White River Medical Center

Starr Kent.....member

NEA Baptist Memorial Hospital - Jonesboro

Vernon Blockfather of Gina Garrett

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

Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes

Eagle Mountain Assisted Living

Polly Livingston member
Jackie Martin..... member
Carol Robertson..... member
Barbara Stevenson member
Katherine Tripp member
Stanley & Mary Jeanette Wood members

Wood-Lawn Heights

Jessie Allen father of member Vicki Reed
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

Woodcrest Assisted Living

Robert (Lit) Craig member
Marilyn Coffman member
Judy Murrah member
Dianne Taylor..... member

Our Prayers for Those in U.S. Military Service

MSgt. Jason Austin.....son of Robin Austin Gay
Lt. Col. Chris Carpenter....son of R.L. & Susan Carpenter
Lt. Col. Marc Jones.....nephew of Mildred Arnold
SPC Lane Livelygrandson of Glen & LaDonna Busby
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
Staff Sgt. Jonathan Reed ...son of Dan & Vicki Reed
TSgt. Karl Sagerson of Shirley Stuckey
Stg. Bradley Skelton
Senior Airman Keegan Smart member
Petty Officer 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

If you need pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Mark McDonald - 501-650-0046



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Hospitality Team for Sunday, Jan 12th
 8:30 Service
 Paul & Joni Bube
 11:00 Service
 Steven & Rikki Painter
 Coffee & Donuts
 Alpha Sunday School Class

Tuesday Activities
January 14th
 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
 7:30pm Adult Praise Team - Sanctuary

Wednesday Activities
January 15th
 5:30 Kids & Youth
 6:00 - Adult Bible Study - Chaney Class Room
 6:00 Wesley Group(off Site)
 8:00 Wesley Group-off site

Bible Studies / Small Groups
Jan 10th - 6:00am - Men's Fraternity Meeting
 At Ameriprise Office on College St.
Jan 12th - Wesley Small Groups
 11:00am Morningside-ShelbyDobbs/AmandaRoberts
 11:00am Faith Classroom-Cyndi House
 3:30pm Charity Sewing Group
 4:00pm Loft Classroom-Kathy McKinney
 6:00pm Faith Classroom-Barrett & Sara Moore
Jan 13th - Men's Bible Study
 At the Grammer House
Jan 15th - Women's Bible Study - 9:45am
 Home of Eleanor Royer
 "The Mission of Jesus"

Other Events / Committee Meetings
 January 11th - Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
 January 12th - Leadership Orientation - 3:00pm - Alpha Classroom

Listen to the Worship Service at 11:00 am on
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YouTube
 Watch at 8:30a and 11:00a
 on our YouTube channel
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Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the January 15th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, January 13th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.