



First United Methodist Challenge

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Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

WORSHIP THIS WEEK: This Sunday we will turn to John 1:43-51 as Jesus calls some of his disciples. His call to "Come and see" is echoed by Philip, which seems a lot like the way we are experiencing "Try and Buy" through so many online shopping experiences these days. While that seems at first like a nod to consumerism, it is actually a brilliant summary of the invitation that God has for all of us! Please join us Sundays at 9:00 or 11:00 (or anytime you can thereafter!).



DAILY BIBLE STUDY: Don't forget that we have begun our new daily devotional/Bible study. We are using Henry Blackaby's workbook, Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God. I will share a 3-5 minute summary every Monday through Friday morning at 9:00 am, but you can view it any time after that. This is a 12-week Bible study that includes about 20-30 minutes of reading, reflection, and prayer each day. It is one that I have led multiple times, and it is a powerful way to begin our new year together!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark



Isaiah 1:17

Every time we turn our heads the other way when we see the law flouted, when we tolerate what we know to be wrong, when we close our eyes and ears to the corrupt because we are too busy or too frightened, when we fail to speak up and speak out, we strike a blow against freedom and decency and justice.

Robert F. Kennedy

BLESSING BOX NEEDS

If the Blessing Box is full, please place your donation in the large, green storage box next to the children's entrance in the covered drop off. You may also fill the box out of this if there are items in there. (We have staff and volunteers that are moving those items into the pantry a few times a day.)

We always need these items in our Blessing Box Pantry:

- All canned goods (veggies, soups, meat, fruit)
- Mac & cheese
- Ramen noodles
- Breakfast items (pop tarts, breakfast bars)
- Proteins (canned meat, etc.)
- Kid-friendly foods
- Smaller rice bags, mashed potatoes, etc.



It is time to pick a new secret pal for 2021.

Please call Bennie Burks at 834-8111 if you are interested in being a secret pal to a shut in.

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

Please review the names on the prayer list. Names will remain on the prayer list for 2 weeks.
At the end of 2 weeks to continue the name, please call the church office.

Our Prayers for Those at Home

- Terri Presley..... member
- Troy Smythe.....son of Katy Smythe
- Phyllis & Jim Terhune.....members
- Joel Wagonermember

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

- UAMS - Little Rock**
Kathy Edmisten.....sister of Bennie Burks

Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes

- Brookdale Cary - Cary, NC**
Dianne Taylor..... member

- Eagle Mountain Assisted Living**
Janine Kimmer..... member
Polly Livingston member
Carol Robertson member
Barbara Stevenson member
Stanley Wood..... member

- Wood-Lawn Heights**
Mildred Arnold member
Bobbie Sue Graves..... mother of Diana Waldrip
Lucille Maris member
Virginia Swetnam mother of Lorrie McClure

- Woodcrest Assisted Living**
Marilyn Coffman..... member
Judy Murrah..... member

**Daily Devotionals to
start your Day!**

Monday through Friday 9 AM

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Our Prayers for Those in U.S. Military Service

- MSgt. Jason Austinson of Robin Austin Gay
- Colonel Mark Bowersson of Marcus & Glenda Bowers
- Lt. Col. Chris Carpenterson of R.L. & Susan Carpenter
- Lt. Col. Marc Jonesnephew of Mildred Arnold
- SPC Lane Lively.....grandson of Glen & LaDonna Busby
- Capt. Ian MacDonaldnephew of Starr & Johnny Kent
- Trent McDonald.....cousin of member
- Lt. Col. Shannon McLoughlin..daughter of Cecilia Vinson
- Major Adam Mooreson-in-law of Ken & Ginger Davis
- Staff Sgt. Jonathan Reed.....son of Dan & Vicki Reed
- TSgt. Karl Sagerson of Shirley Stuckey
- Stg. Bradley Skelton.....
- Sergeant Keegan Smart member
- Petty Officer Zane Smart member
- Capt. Michael Stevenson.....grandson of members
- Lt. Cmdr. Greg Tebbettsson of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts
- Capt. John Ticenephew of Verona Bebow
- Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler cousin of member

✠ Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn ✠

Our Sympathy goes out to *George Dortch and family* in the death of his wife, **Della Mae Dortch**, who passed away Tuesday, January 6th.

and

Our Sympathy goes out to *Tom Curl and family* in the death of his uncle, **James Curl**, who passed away Saturday, January 9th. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time.

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
Associate Pastor Carl Hudson - 870-251-6227

Church Leadership

Senior Pastor

Reverend Mark McDonald

Associate Pastor

Carl Hudson

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

Lay Leader

Mike Wilson

Lay Servants/Ministers

Cyndi House
Kathy McKinney
Sandy West
Asa Whitaker

Church Council Chair

Barrett Moore

Staff/Parish Chair

Paul Holfield

Trustees Chair

Alex Roofe

Finance Chair

Tommy Newton

Our Presence

Worship

January 3rd 198

Weekly Update

January 6th 148

Daily devotional average 54

Our Gifts

Received in January

Received through

01/04/2021

Cash & Checks..... \$10,555.00

Online Giving..... \$0.00

Received through

01/11/2021

Cash & Checks..... \$6,315.00

Online Giving..... \$9,916.32

Amount needed weekly \$11,427.00

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

January 17 Pam Glover
Keaton King
January 18 Meghan Benton
January 19 Rance Wagoner
January 20 Libby King
Becky Shelton
January 21 Martha Healey
Russell Staggs
January 23 Julie Taylor

MEMORIALS

JIM SMYTHE

David & Pam Smith

DELLA MAE DORTCH

Harry & Becky Crossett



EMAIL US!!!

Email us at fumcbatesville@gmail.com to add your email to our newsletter list, in case we are not able to mail it for a brief time because of safety concerns.

Our Mailing Address is:
First United
Methodist Church
P.O. Box 2014
Batesville, AR 72503-2014

Thank you so much for your generosity in 2020!

We will have a full year-end report and giving statements available later this month.

Without A Will, You Have No Say

One of the most powerful and lasting ways of furthering the Church's mission is by making a gift through your will. But it requires planning now to ensure your wishes are carried out.

If you die without a will:

- State law controls the distribution of your estate;
- Settling your estate may be costly;
- A court selects the person to settle your affairs and care for your children;
- Your desire to leave gifts to your church or other favorite charities will not be carried out.

The United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas assists United Methodists in giving to their local church or other United Methodist institutions or programs.

For free information, contact VP of Development Janet Marshall at 501-664-8632 or by email at jmarshall@umfa.org.



DRIVE BY, HONK & WAVE, IT'S A
BABY SHOWER PARADE

HONORING

**SHELBY BROWN-SWAIM AND BABY
LUKE MICHAEL MARTIN DALRYMPLE**

Since we can't be together for Shelby's big day
let's shower the baby in a different way!
Drive by for curbside treats and favors.
Sunday, February 7, between 2 and 3pm
First United Methodist Church Breezeway

**SHELBY IS REGISTERED AT
WALMART, TARGET AND AMAZON**



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Community Breakfast



Free

8:30 Every Saturday

FUMC Fellowship Hall

No inside dining

Take out at side door of the Hall

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FACEBOOK CONNECTIONS
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"Mid-week Update" with the pastor Mark each Wednesday at noon on Facebook Live
 "Daily Devotional" on Facebook & YouTube each morning at 9:00 am

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

While we are closing the facilities, we are deeply concerned that we continue to provide care for our church and community. If there is anything, we can do to help you, please leave a message at (870) 793-3803 or call one of these staff members:

- Pastor Mark McDonald: (501) 650-0046
- Pastor Carl Hudson: (870) 251-6227
- Katie McLean (Children & Families): (870) 307-4034
- Lorrie McClure (Youth & Families): (870) 613-6961
- Bennie Burks (Visitation): (870) 834-8111
- Teresa Brown (Administrator): (662) 284-7390

Listen to the Worship Service at 11:00 am on KWOZ FM 103.3 or on the internet whiterivernow.com/ar1033/ and click Listen Live button
 Get the KWOZ app for your smartphone or add it to your favorites on apps such as TuneIn Radio



Watch our worship service
 Sunday at 9:00 am
 on our YouTube channel
 FUMC Batesville, AR
youtube.com/FUMCBatesvilleAR

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the January 20th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, January 18th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.