



First United Methodist Challenge

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Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

I don't usually preach from the Psalms. They are often hard to date and fully understand why they were written. This week, however, I'm going to focus on Psalm 111 for two reasons.



First, at first glance, it seems like something someone might post on social media. You know how most posts are about the good things in life, not about the worst parts of their life? It can be challenging to believe that the person who is always posting good news has bad days like we all do, because they control the script they are publishing.

Second, I want to focus on this text because it struck me how important it is to tell our own story, not just quote someone else. Quoting someone else these days is also a trend on social media, to the point that a lot of people don't fact check or even completely believe what they are saying.

To be a follower of Jesus Christ, we have to get real, my friends.

Join us this Sunday as we get real and consider how our story is the same as that in Psalm 111!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark

Sanctuary Carpet Being Installed

The Trustees are excited to announce that the carpet contractors have begun installation of the carpet this week! Watch for more pictures online and in next week's newsletter! If you get print only, go to the newsletter online to see the color picture.



It is a new year and time to select a secret pal for the year. People are asking if loved ones will have a secret pal.

Please call Bennie Burks at 834-8111 if you can be a secret pal to members of our church that are in different facilities. It is very rewarding to be a secret pal.

Thank you.



**Send in your
Pictures and Videos!**

Many have been sharing pictures and videos of life during our separation, and we have included them as a slideshow during one of our songs in worship each week.

Please keep sending pictures! We hope to have more people each week!

Send to
fumcbatesville@gmail.com

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

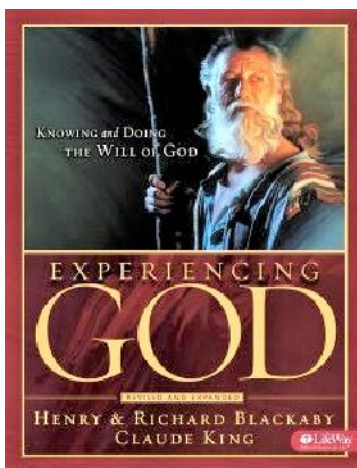


Experiencing God Study

Our daily devotionals have been transformed into a daily Bible study! This is week 2 of a 12-week study using the Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God workbook by Dr. Henry Blackaby.

The daily devotional is aired each Monday through Friday at 9:00 on Facebook and YouTube, and it includes an introduction to each of the lessons. You can order the workbooks online (hard copies, pdfs, audiobooks, eBooks, etc.), and spend about 20-30 minutes each day in reading, study, reflection, and prayer.

It's not too late to join, and you can review any of the daily introductions at any time after they are posted.



These may be the most hope filled words Dr. King ever spoke.

"I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality...

I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

AMEN

COVID Rules for FUMC Groups

The church remains closed and access is limited to essential personnel only. That generally includes persons getting food for the blessing box, staff performing necessary duties, and clearing/maintenance persons only. Masks must be worn at all times when indoors.

Masks are required at all church functions and activities, including outside groups. We do allow you to remove your mask while seated outdoors in a small group provided you are at least 6 feet from any other person. If you stand to walk somewhere, you must put your mask back on.

Groups should remain near or below 10 people when meeting outside.



Hello FUMC! I have something for you to do during our quarantine!

Can you begin collecting lids (plastic bottle caps, milk carton lids, soda can pop tops, etc.) for our kids' ministry please? We are going to set up a Maker Space classroom soon and we can certainly use your plastic lids and caps for kids to use in their art/Bible stories.

Right before this pandemic, we published a wish list for items we will need. At this time, if you can just collect caps and lids, that will be great. These are small and we can easily disinfect them once we return to church.

Thank you! Happy collecting!

Ms. Katie

Church Leadership

Senior Pastor

Reverend Mark McDonald

Associate Pastor

Carl Hudson

Choir Director

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Bennie Burks

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Trustees Chair

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Finance Chair

Tommy Newton

Our Presence

Worship

January 17th 208

Weekly Update

January 20th 53

Daily devotional average

1/18 - 1/23 39

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

Received through

01/18/2021

Cash & Checks..... \$6,229.41

Online Giving..... \$952.04

Received through

01/25/2021

Cash & Checks..... \$4,970.00

Online Giving..... \$1,712.42

Amount needed weekly \$11,427.00

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

January 31 Ramona Shaffer
February 1 Matthew Ramsey
February 2 Winnell Calhoun
Lindsey Estes
Seth Osborn
February 3 Elizabeth Hope Langston
Larry Sandage
February 4 Bill Shelton
Earline Tripp-Jones
Carol Wise
February 5 Laura Ross Davis
Eddie Wagoner
February 6 Janine Kimmer

February 6 Charles & Sue Kibbe

MEMORIALS

DELLA MAE DORTCH

JIM SMYTHE

Bob & Deborah Stroud

Jon & Martha Healey

DELLA MAE DORTCH

DR. & MRS. TASKER RODMAN

Lynda Jett & Rita Hill

Raymond & Diane Lacroix

Ron & Martha Lewallen

JIM SMYTHE

ERBA REED

Robert & Suzanne Evans

TROY KUSHNER

Chaney Huddleston Class

First United Methodist Church

A church alive in the grace of God,
offering Christ,
transforming lives,
and changing our world
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Our Mailing Address is:

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

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
Pat Collinsmember

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
Virgina 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 Smartmember
Petty Officer Zane Smartmember
Capt. Michael Stevenson.....grandson of members
Lt. Cmdr. Greg Tebbettsson of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts
Capt. John Ticenephew of Verona Bebow
Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheelercousin of member

✠ Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn ✠

Our sympathy goes out to *Tom Curl and family*, in the death of his uncle, **James Curl**, who passed away Saturday, January 9, 2021.

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



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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
facebook.com/fumcbatesville

"Mid-week Update" with the pastor Mark each Wednesday at noon on Facebook Live

"Daily Devotional" on FaceBook & YouTube each morning Monday - Friday 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 February 3rd newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, February 1st to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.