



First United Methodist Challenge

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April 14, 2021

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

We continue looking for the ways to be a church that is "wild" with excitement and joy, we turn to the church at Pergamum (Rev. 2:12-17). There are several challenges to churches today that we will briefly consider this Sunday, and they all challenge us to keep the faith and stay focused on Christ.



While Pergamum is only mentioned in this one place in the Bible, historians and archeologists give us some powerful clues to how this church can speak to use today. First, they struggled with some of the same things we struggle with today: keeping the faith in the midst of strife and conflict, giving into greed, and giving into our own wants and wishes.

The profound word of hope in this passage is one that is only mentioned in this single passage, and no matter how you interpret it, it gives us a reason to hope beyond anything else this world can offer! Join us as we unpack the meaning of the "white stone with a new name on it" (v. 17).

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark

Online Worship Will Continue

Please note that we will move to a single online worship service each week that will be broadcast on YouTube and Facebook each Sunday at 10:00 am and on 103.3 FM each Sunday at 11:00 am.

Reserve your spot in worship next week! April 18th

We will meet in the Fellowship hall at 9:00 am for our contemporary worship service. Masks and social distance will be required, and you can reserve a spot at this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/149461646809>

We will meet in the Sanctuary at 11:00 am for our traditional worship service. You can reserve your spot for that service at this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/149461739085>

Go to our Facebook page for a live link.

We continue with reservations for our worship services this week because we continue to adhere to space limitations for virus safety. Last week, we had plenty of room left, so please know we continue to require masks and social distance. We still do not allow food or drink during worship, but we are slowly reopening and watching the virus counts carefully as we do.



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

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.

Pick a Sunday where you can be a part of this wonderful ministry

"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

Mac McClure father of Chad McClure
Mona Neaville member
Terri Presley member
Troy Smythe son of Katy Smythe

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

White River Medical Center

Sewanna Page mother of Angela Page

Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes

Brookdale Cary - Cary, NC

Dianne Taylor member

Eagle Mountain Assisted Living

Neva C. Ball member
Janine Kimmer member
Polly Livingston member
Barbara Stevenson member
Stanley Wood member

Wood-Lawn Heights

Mildred Arnold member
Bobbie Sue Graves mother of Diana Waldrip
Lucille Maris member
Carol Robertson member
Virgina Swetnam mother of Lorrie McClure

Woodcrest Assisted Living

Judy Murrah member

*Daily Devotionals to
start your Day!*

Monday through Friday 9 AM

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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 Prayers for Those in U.S. Military Service

MSgt. Jason Austin son of Robin Austin Gay
Colonel Mark Bowers son of Marcus & Glenda Bowers
Lt. Col. Chris Carpenter son of R.L. & Susan Carpenter
Lt. Col. Marc Jones nephew of Mildred Arnold
SPC Lane Lively grandson of Glen & LaDonna Busby
Capt. Ian MacDonald nephew of Starr & Johnny Kent
Trent McDonald cousin of member
Lt. Col. 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 Sager son of Shirley Stuckey
Stg. Bradley Skelton
Sergeant Keegan Smart member
Petty Officer Zane Smart member
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

Associate Pastor Carl Hudson - 870-251-6227

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

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 Holifield

Trustees Chair

Alex Roofe

Finance Chair

Tommy Newton

Our Presence

Online Worship

April 4th98

Weekly Update

Daily devotional average

3/29 - 4/2/day

In-Person Attendance

April 4th 229

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

April 18 Matt Martin
April 19 Chris Carpenter
April 20 Ashley Montgomery Foster
April 21 Marieta Fraiser
April 22 Sandy West
April 23 Mona Neaville
April 24 Chad McClure

April 23 Jason & Laura Seaton

Our Gifts

Received in April

Received through04/05/2021

Cash & Checks\$24,446.00

Online Giving \$922.10

Received through04/12/2021

Cash & Checks\$13,709.41

Online Giving \$566.10

Amount needed weekly \$11,427.00

When we return to our usual activities, please consider how you can be in ministry.

MEMORIALS

GEORGE COLLINS

Max & Susan McElmurry

DORIS CASPER

John Ellis

DELLA MAE DORTCH

GEORGE COLLINS

DORIS CASPER

Alice & Raymond Simmons

Ways to Give During the COVID-19 Crisis

- Give through our website at www.fumcbatesville.org
- Give through our Giving App (Give Plus Church on App Store or Google Play)
- Text any gift amount to 855-726-9179 and follow the link you will receive
- Mail checks to FUMC, P.O. Box 2014, Batesville, AR 72503

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



Sunday Guidelines

- Reserve your place in the worship service by following one of the links in this newsletter or calling the church office.
- When you arrive, enter through the main drop off entrance or the 6th Street entrance. Greeters will advise you how to enter, and we will have masks available if you forget yours.
- Masks will be required at all times while in the building.
- There will be no mingling in the hallways; please visit while seated in the pews or outside the building.
- You may go to the restroom, but we ask you to maintain six feet of social distance at all times.
- Households may sit together, but must maintain six feet of social distance from other persons or households at all times.
- The service will last 45 minutes, and we will sanitize the sanctuary, hallways, and bathrooms between each service.
- If you are uncomfortable or unable to attend in person, please join us online at 10:00 am on Facebook or YouTube or listen on 103.3 FM at 11:00 am.
- We will not have bulletins and ask that you not use the hymnals. All words will be on the screen.
- The offering plate will not be passed, but there will be offering plates in the sanctuary so you can place your offering in them. We encourage you to continue to give online or by mail if you are already doing so.



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 Check out newsletters online!
www.fumcbatesville.org/




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 April 21st newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, April 19th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.