



# First United Methodist Challenge

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Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

## From the Pastor. . .

As we continue to adapt to these changing times, Jesus continues to appear in unexpected ways and in unexpected places. John 21: 20-25 tells another story of Jesus' personal instruction to those who are ready to live a new life in Christ.

This week, we finish the stories of Jesus' appearance according to John with a simple instruction: keep your focus on Jesus, which will help you mind your own business!

These days, it seems like we spend a LOT of time worrying about what everyone else is doing. We wonder which church will open first, why the other person isn't wearing a mask, or why we can't just get back to normal.

During these days, this passage offers us a simple yet profound standard: Keep your eyes on Jesus and follow him!

Join us in worship this Sunday:

• 9:00 am:

[www.youtube.com/c/FUMCBatesvilleAR](http://www.youtube.com/c/FUMCBatesvilleAR)

or

[www.facebook.com/FUMCBatesville](http://www.facebook.com/FUMCBatesville)

• 11:00 am: 103.3 FM or [www.AR1033.com](http://www.AR1033.com)

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Mark

PS. Our leadership continues to work on a plan for reopening our campus when it is safe and appropriate to do so. They are working with our conference, the governor's directors, and local healthcare professionals to determine the best steps to take. We know that we will not open prior to May 24<sup>th</sup>, but also remind you that it could be later.

## Easter Offering

Thank you to all who have given extra for our Easter offering, which was excluded from the conference tithe. We are very grateful for your extra effort, and we are also glad to be able to resume our support of extension ministries through our conference tithe again.



## Blessing Box

The need for our Blessing Box has actually increased in the last few weeks, so we are in need of more cash and non-perishable donations! Here are our greatest needs:

- Cash to use to purchase food
- Canned vegetables
- Crackers
- Canned/packaged proteins (fish, mean, mac and cheese, etc.)
- Packaged fruits
- Breakfast foods
- ANY non-perishable foods

Drop them off in the large storage container next to the children's entrance or put them directly into the blessing box in smaller amounts (we try to keep it filled with enough for 1-2 families to prepare a single meal).



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

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

### Ways to Give During the COVID-19 Crisis

- Give through our website at [www.fumcbatesville.org](http://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

The Springs is the nursing home by UACCB

### The Springs of Batesville Parade

**When:** Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm  
(You must line up between 1:15 – 1:45pm)

**Where:** Meet in the parking lot at Littlefield Express Gas Station  
2350 East Main Street Batesville AR 72501  
\*\*\*A staff member will be there to direct you. We will travel over to the facility together.

**Who:** All family members, businesses, and community partners are encouraged to participate.  
Please decorate your vehicles with balloons, signs, decorations to stand out in the parade.



**Additional Information:**

- You will NOT be allowed to get out of your vehicle at any time. This is for the Resident's safety.
- You cannot stop while part of the parade. You may drive as slow as you want but you must keep moving.
- You cannot bring anything to hand out to the residents and/or staff.
- Press coverage is very likely during this event. So, keep in mind – you or your vehicle may be shown on tv/ in print/ on social media. If you participate in the parade you are agreeing to this coverage.
- If you DO NOT WISH for your family member/resident to participate in the parade – you must call Nichole Bryant at (870) 262-7889.

**Daily Devotionals to start your Day!**

Monday thru Saturday 9 AM

[www.facebook.com/fumcbatesville](http://www.facebook.com/fumcbatesville)

The First Kids enjoyed a popcorn surprise delivered to their front porch last weekend! Thanks to the Melba and our college interns, we were able to “pop” by with a special treat for our Wednesday night kids!



## 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

### 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

Barrett Moore

### Staff/Parish Chair

Paul Holifield

### Trustees Chair

Alex Roofe

### Finance Chair

Tommy Newton

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## Our Presence

Average Daily Devotional views  
through May 2<sup>nd</sup> ..... 168

Sunday Online Worship Service..... 168

Weekly Update Views ..... 41

## Our Gifts

### Received in May

Received through  
05/04/2020

Cash & Checks..... \$16,865.00

Online Giving..... \$4,620.30

Amount needed weekly ..... \$11,427.00

## MEMORIALS

### MARGARET MATTHEWS

Ron & Martha Lewallen

Sonja Massey Turner

Kenny & Edie Allen

### CONWAY MATLOCK, PHILLIP RODNEY DAVIDSON

Robert & Suzanne Evans

## Get Up & Give

Our United Methodist Women are asking you to help us with our annual "Get Up & Give" Lenten collection project. We ask that you contribute necessities to the children and families in Methodist Family Health's care. The project is during the entire 40 days of Lent, and both children and adults can participate by donating items listed below. These clinics help children and families manage psychiatric, emotional, behavioral and spiritual issues. Look for posters around the church to learn more.

Below is a list of items that the United Methodist Women are asking the congregation to help collect for this project:

1. Men and boys boxers and briefs in all sizes
2. Women's panties in sizes 7-14
3. Non-underwire bras in sizes 34-40 in cups B, C, D and DD
4. Socks in all adult sizes

**Our Lenten collection project, Get Up & Give, is being extended from April 9 to June 30!**

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

May 12 Kim Fountain  
Kelly Rhodes  
May 13 Elliot Brannon  
Kaylea Kallsnick Milum  
Kyle Kallsnick  
May 14 Ernestine Boyce  
May 16 Todd Alan Adcox  
Tammy Arnold  
Lily Barker  
Samantha Hogan

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May 10 Andy & Ann Walmsley  
May 11 Tim & Joan McKinney  
May 12 Larry & Brenda Sandage  
Daniel & Ramona Shaffer  
May 15 Eddie & Stacy Wagoner  
May 16 James & Katie McLean  
Chaney & Leah Taylor

Robert (Lit) Craig has moved to Fayetteville to live with Carol (his daughter) and Mike Jones. His new address is 888 E Ash St., Fayetteville, AR 72703.

Send him a note or card or call the church office for his telephone number.

## FUMC Representatives!

Our District Conference and Annual Conference will both be held online through Zoom, and we ask you to be in prayer for those who will be attending:

Mark McDonald  
Carl Hudson  
Mike Wilson  
Betsy Dietz  
Cyndi House  
Nathaniel McDonald  
Kathery McKinney  
Randy Seale

We are proud to have so many people from FUMC involved in the leadership of our extended ministries!

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  
Vernon Block..... father of Gina Garrett  
Marcus & Glenda Bowers members  
Clif Burrell, IV.....son of Clifton & Norma Burrell  
Winnell Calhoun..... member  
Doris Casper..... member  
Nancy Duncan..... friend of Amanda Pickett.  
Anabelle Fletcher..... friend of David Smith  
Bella Floyd..... friend of members  
Verlie Garrett..... grandmother of Lane Garrett  
Randy & Linda Guthrie..... relatives of Glenda Bowers  
Alvetta Hatfield..... mother of Karen Holifield  
Linda Hix..... friend of John Ellis  
Mona Hobbs..... friend of Diane Tebbetts  
Kerry Jennings..... sister of member  
Mary Johnson..... mother in law of Clifton Burrell  
Sharon Looney..... friend of Jon Healey  
David McDonald..... brother of Mark McDonald  
Ruth Meyers..... aunt of member  
Janice Murphy..... cousin of Sharan Pittser  
Maria Paningua..... friend of member  
Angela Panneck..... friend of member  
Traci Phillips..... daughter of George & Pat Collins  
Terri Presley..... member  
Judy Pridgen..... friend of Glenda Martin  
Pat & Rodney Rice..... family members of Rice Family  
Sam Rigsbee..... relative of member  
Raye Rogers..... member  
Charlotte Rose..... member  
Tom Sellers..... husband of Jane Jameson  
Bob Spencer..... father of member  
Gladys Smith..... mother of David Smith  
Shirley Stuckey..... member

### Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

### ✠ Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn ✠

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Dr. Don Gilchrist**, who passed away May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A private family funeral service will be held May 6<sup>th</sup>.

and

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Katherine Tripp**, who passed away May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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### Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes

#### Eagle Mountain Assisted Living

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

#### Wood-Lawn Heights

Mildred Arnold..... member  
Bobbie Sue Graves..... mother of Diana Waldrip  
Troy Kuchler..... stepdad of member  
Lucille Maris..... member  
Virginia Swetnam..... mother of Lorrie McClure

#### Woodcrest Assisted Living

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  
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  
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 Sager.....son 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  
Associate Pastor Carl Hudson - 870-251-6227



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 Check out newsletters online!  
[www.fumcbatesville.org/](http://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](https://www.facebook.com/fumcbatesville)**

"Mid-week Update" with the pastor Mark each Wednesday at 5:30 pm on Facebook Live  
 "Daily Devotional" on Facebook each morning at 9:00 am

Listen to the Worship Service at 11:00 am on KWOZ FM 103.3 or on the internet [www.ar1033.com](http://www.ar1033.com) and click Listen Live button paste into your web browser <http://player.tritondigital.com/2341>  
 Get the KWOZ app for your smartphone or add it to your favorites on apps such as TuneIn Radio

**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
- Ruby Curl (Finances): (870) 834-5377



Watch our worship service Sunday at 9:00 am on our YouTube channel FUMC Batesville, AR  
[YouTube.com/c/FUMCBatesville.AR](https://www.youtube.com/c/FUMCBatesville.AR)

**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the May 13<sup>th</sup> newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> to the church office or by email to Lyndal at [lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net).