



# First United Methodist Challenge

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May 11, 2022

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

## From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family,

This is an exciting time of year! We are celebrating our graduating seniors this week and, in a few weeks, on June 5<sup>th</sup>, we will confirm several youth into the church. This is an exciting time of change, transition, and growth.



This Sunday I am starting a new sermon series called Courage in Chaos based on the prophets Elijah and Elisha. These ancient and somewhat unfamiliar stories still have relevance for our faith lives today. I am excited to preach about Elijah and the prophets of Baal this Sunday. I encourage you to read 1 Kings 18:20-39 in advance.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Katie



WEDNESDAY

MAY 11

5:30-7:30 pm  
\*Drop Off & Pick Up  
MAXFIELD PARK  
ON MAIN STREET

**-PICNIC STYLE DINNER-  
-WORSHIP MUSIC-  
With Randy & Stephanie Wade  
-SPECIAL SURPRISE!-**

## FIRST YOUTH

# SENIOR 2022

*Senior Night May 11*  
*First United Methodist Church*  
**Dinner 5:30 & Service 6 p.m**

## Saturday Breakfast serving inside

Starting Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> we will be serving in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to volunteer as a server or dish washer contact Mike Wilson or show up at 8:00am Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>.

"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

Marcus Bowers .....member  
Will Gaddy .....friend of Earlene Tripp  
Alvetta Hatfield .....mother of Karen Holifeld  
Velva Huddleston .....member  
Anne Luster .....member  
Mac McClure .....father of Chad McClure  
Judy Murrah.....member  
Mona Neaville.....member  
Terri Presley.....member  
Michale Swaim.....father of Brent Swaim  
Carolyn Wilson .....member

### Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

### ✠ Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn ✠

Our sympathy goes out to *Lyndal, Shirley, and Jason Waits* in the death of Lyndal's brother, **Terry Waits**, who passed away May 4<sup>th</sup> in Horse Shoe Bend.

A graveside service was held May 8<sup>th</sup> in Paragould, AR.

Our sympathy goes out to *Glenda & Marcus Bowers* in the death of Glenda's nephew **Nathan Jackson**, who passed away March 4<sup>th</sup> in Horse Shoe Bend.

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

#### Brookdale Cary - Cary, NC

Dianne Taylor..... member

#### Eagle Mountain Assisted Living

Polly Livingston ..... member

#### Mountain Meadows

Neva C. Ball ..... member

#### Wildwood Independent Living

Nelda Hackworth..... member

#### Wood-Lawn Heights

Mildred Arnold ..... member

Gerri Bentz..... member

Alvetta Hatfield ..... mother of Karen Holifeld

Lucille Maris ..... member

### Our Prayers for Those in U.S. Military Service

Those who have listed family in military service, please review and update the status of your service member.

Lt. Col. Chris Carpenter .....son of R.L. & Susan Carpenter

Staff Sergeant Cole Long.....Great Nephew of Verona Bebow

Colonel Marc Jones .....nephew of Mildred Arnold

Stg. 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

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Reed.....son of Dan & Vicki Reed

Petty Officer Zane Smart .....member

Lt. Cmdr. Greg Tebbetts .....son of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts

Ltc. Colonel John Tice .....nephew of Verona Bebow

Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler .....cousin of member



### Upcoming FUMC Kids events:

\*Confirmation Sunday - June 5

### Upcoming Events

#### SENIOR NIGHT

2022 First Youth

Wednesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

#### FUMC Main Street Kids

#### Night at the Park

May 11<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30

Drop Off & Pick Up

Maxfield Park on Main Street

### If you need pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Katie Pearce at the church office (870) 793-3803

## Church Leadership

### Senior Pastor

Reverend Katie Pearce  
katie.pearce@arumc.org

### Church Administrator

Teresa Brown

### Minister of Congregational Care

Bennie Burks

### Minister to Children & Family Ministries

Katie McLean

### Minister to Youth

Lorrie McClure

### Youth/College Intern

Michael Robinson

### Choir Director

Amanda Lucy

### Worship Leader

Alicia Williams

### Treasurer

Ruby Curl

### Sexton

Joe Johnson

### Lay Leader

Mike Wilson

### Lay Servants/Ministers

Kathy McKinney  
Sandy West  
Asa Whitaker

### Church Council Chair

Barrett Moore

### Finance Chair

Robb Roberts

### Staff/Parish Chair

Paul Holifield

### Trustees Chair

Joyce Prickett

Our Mailing Address is:  
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## Our Presence

### Online Worship

May 1<sup>st</sup> .....97

### In-Person Attendance

May 8<sup>th</sup> ..... 142

## Our Gifts

### Received in May

Received through ..... 05-01-2022

Total Giving .....\$9,760.00

Received through ..... 05-08-2022

Total Giving .....\$7,492.00

## MEMORIALS

NEIL WILKINS, BARBARA STEVENSON

GEORGE DORTCH

Robert & Susie Carter

## IN HONOR OF

MARTHABENTLEY

Laura Pickren

## Our Service

for May 15<sup>th</sup>

**ALTAR FLOWERS** given to the honor and glory of God by Tom & Ruby Curl in memory of our parents, Dora & JT Turner and Louise & Thomas Curl.

**ALTAR GUILD:** Karen Holifield  
Diana Waldrip  
Joyce Prickett

### GREETERS:

9:00 Jay & Dee Dee Sweat  
11:00 Billy & Joyce Prickett

### CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Rikki Painter

### LITURGIST:

11:00 Michelle Szybowicz

### USHERS:

Joel Wagoner, Mike Wilson, Jim Ross & Gayle Ross

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

June 17 Katie Driver  
Anna Gray Southerland  
June 20 Elaine Vinson

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June 16 Mark & Kelley McDonald  
June 23 Shelby & Beatrice Moore  
David & Pam Smith

## Blessing Box

Collecting these items on Sunday

May 15<sup>th</sup>  
Pork & Beans

Bring to church and put in the basket in front of the church office

## Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

May 15<sup>th</sup>  
1 Kings 18:20-39



## Altar Flowers Ministry

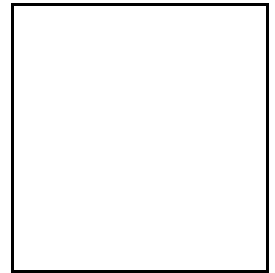
Please call the church office 793-3803, to take a Sunday, or take a moment to stop by the flower calendar and pick a week of two to sign up to do the flowers.

Upcoming dates open for flowers

May 29<sup>th</sup>  
June 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>  
July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>



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Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **May 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm**, at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.

**11:00 Worship Service**  
 Livestream on YouTube  
 Posted Later on Facebook

Listen to the Previous Sunday's Worship Service at 11:00 am on KWOZ FM 103.3 or on the internet [whiterivernow.com/ar1033/](http://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



**Community Breakfast**

**Free**

**8:30 Every Saturday**

**FUMC Fellowship Hall**



Watch our worship service Sunday at 11:00 am on our YouTube channel  
 FUMC Batesville, AR  
[youtube.com/FUMCBatesvilleAR](https://youtube.com/FUMCBatesvilleAR)

**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the May 18<sup>th</sup> newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at [lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net).