



# First United Methodist Challenge

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Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

## From the District Superintendent. . .

### "It's in Your Eyes"



You can tell a lot by looking in someone's eyes. Sometimes you can see their heritage. My mom and dad passed along many good traits to me, and at least one bad one. I've inherited my dad's high blood pressure. I will take the good with the dad. Both of my parents passed along to me a love for yard work, a love for the church, and a love for my family, among other things. Both of my parents had (Mom still does!) blue eyes. I'm surrounded with brown eyed girls in my house, but my eyes are blue.

I think you can tell a lot by looking into someone's eyes. You can see joy. You can see stress. You can see fear. You can see happiness, all by looking in someone's eyes.

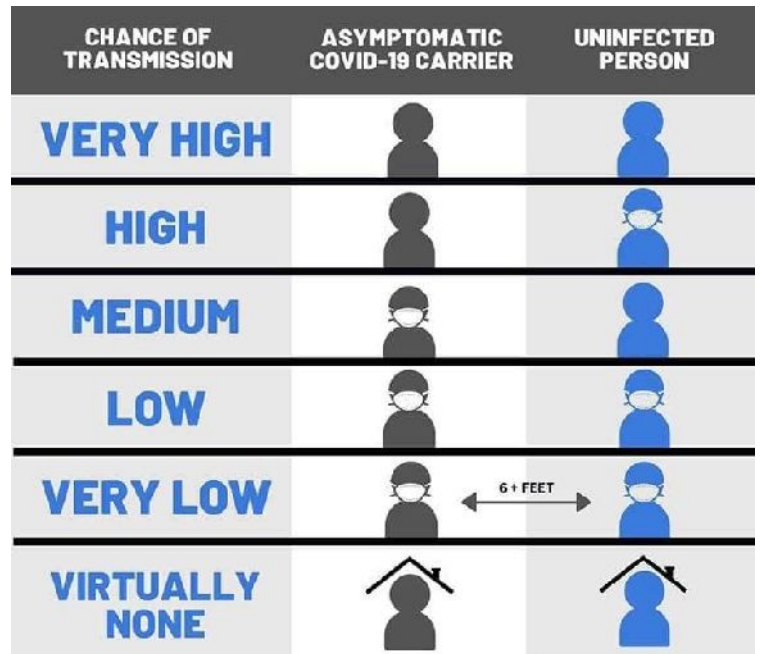
In what we have come to call the Sermon on the Mount (found in Matthew's gospel and a slightly different version in Luke's gospel), Jesus sees this, a few lines in, "The eyes is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness."

In Mark's absence this weekend, I would like to preach a sermon based on this passage. I hope you will read the verse in anticipation of our sermon, "It's in the Eyes!"

John Fleming

### 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



Pastor Mark will be on vacation July 1-15, and Pastor Carl is available for any pastoral needs during this time. His cell is 870-251-6227, so don't hesitate to call him if you know of any pastoral needs.

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

Thank you to Flowers Bakery employees for collecting \$500 for our Blessing Box! This will go a long way in helping us feed our community.

Thank you Flowers Bakery employees!



### Blessing Box Donations Needed

Our Blessing Box pantry was very low last week, so we went shopping to build it back up. We need more support to keep up with the continued high demand, so please consider giving any non-perishable food or a cash donation. You can give through our app or website and designating your gift to "Disaster Work and Emergency Needs."

## Daily Devotionals to start your Day!

Monday through Saturday 8 AM

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



**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](mailto:fumcbatesville@gmail.com)



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



# EMAIL US!!!

Email us at [fumcbatesville@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## 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  
 June 27<sup>th</sup> - July 4<sup>th</sup> ..... 69  
 Sunday Online Worship Service..... 254  
 Weekly Update Views ..... 109

## Our Gifts

### Received in July

Received through  
 07/05/2020  
 Cash & Checks..... \$5,265.00  
 Online Giving..... \$1,494.15  
 Amount needed weekly ..... \$11,427.00

## Explore Beautiful Mount Eagle

Mount Eagle is booking retreats for families at this time. This would be an awesome opportunity for pastors and church staff to get away with their family or a personal retreat. Use this opportunity to come to Mount Eagle, explore Bear Cave, Sunrise Point as the sun is coming up in the early morning, Turkey Cave, walk the Prayer Trail, or take a short trip to float the Buffalo River and spend the rest of your time relaxing and enjoying God's creation.

They are following CDC cleaning guidelines and allowing 3 days in between groups so they can air the building before cleaning and disinfecting prior to another group arriving. They are also asking groups to hang wet linens to dry as they leave as staff will not be in the building for those days.

info@mounteagle.org  
 (501) 723-4580  
 935 Beal Rd Clinton, Arkansas

## 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.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

July 15 Jason Taylor  
 July 16 Jake Arnold  
 Mayson Wycough  
 July 17 Callie Boyce  
 July 18 Robert Craig

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July 15 Rob & Jennifer Emery  
 July 17 Paul & Joni Bube

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

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!

### Youth/Children's Meals

Help us prepare meals or donate cost of a weekly snack supper for up to 150 people each week (approx.. \$200).

### Blessing/Prayer/Bible Box & School Backpacks

Seeking persons to help replenish boxes when able as well as donations of non-perishable items (strong preference for easy open containers)

### Community Breakfast

We are also seeking people to help set-up, cook, serve, and/or clean-up for our Saturday community meal, as well as monetary donations.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO SERVE

**Ushers** help us direct people throughout worship, welcome guests, hand out bulletins, and gather information for follow up.

**Greeters** stand near the entrance to welcome guests and help them find their way around the facilities.

**Liturgists** help lead worship and serve communion.

**Special Music.** We are looking for people to share special music.

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  
Roger Burns..... father of Stacy Pretty  
Winnell Calhoun ..... member  
Doris Casper ..... member  
Nancy Duncan ..... friend of Amanda Pickett.  
Annebelle 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  
Louise Hughes ..... member  
Kerry Jennings ..... sister of member  
Mary Johnson ..... mother in law of Clifton Burrell  
Sharon Looney..... friend of Jon Healey  
Tommie McDonald..... member  
Ruth Meyers ..... aunt of member  
Janice Murphy..... cousin of Sharan Pittser  
Judy Nall ..... friend of members  
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  
Bob Spencer ..... father of member  
Gladys Smith ..... mother of David Smith  
Shirley Stuckey..... member  
Carolyn Wilson ..... member

### Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

#### White River Medical Center

George Bentz, Sr..... member

#### UAMS - Little Rock

Tom Sellers ..... husband of Jane Jameson

#### Baptist Hospital - Little Rock

Jim West ..... member

#### Knoxville, Tennessee Hospital

Steve Roberts ..... cousin of Pastor Mark

### 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

### ✠ Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn ✠

Our sympathy goes out to *Jason Seaton and family* on the death of his father, **Carroll Seaton**, who passed away Wednesday, July 1, 2020.

Graveside service was Friday, July 3 at the Campground Cemetery in Bethesda.

#### If you need pastoral assistance contact:

Pastor Mark McDonald - 501-650-0046

Associate Pastor Carl Hudson - 870-251-6227

July 6, 2020





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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](https://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 8:00 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://YouTube.com/c/FUMCBatesville.AR)

**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the July 15<sup>th</sup> newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> to the church office or by email to Lyndal at [lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net).