



First United Methodist Challenge

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Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

This week, things are going to be in a slightly different order from normal. My Wednesday Weekly Update (on Facebook each Wednesday at 5:30 pm) will include some announcements that won't be in our newsletter yet this week. We are working on details at press time, so watch that live at 5:30 pm this week or look for a rebroadcast of it on Facebook and on our YouTube channel this week. Of course, a summary of it will also be included in next week's newsletter.

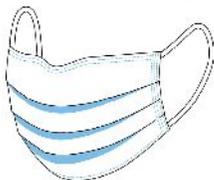


Sunday, we continue our series, "Fan or Follower," in which we are following the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7). This week, we will look at Matthew 5:13-16 with the sermon, "Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat." That's a reference to a fascinating show on Netflix that covers the basics of cooking, which will be our launching point for the challenge Jesus gives us to be the salt and light of the world. Again, while Jesus was addressing different people in a different time and place, it is a powerful word of challenge and motivation to us and our church today!

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark

What do Masks and Cookies Have in Common?

We are looking for volunteers to make both to package and give away as gifts from our church! The ministry coordinators are working on ways that we can help people in our community, especially those who put themselves at risk or need help with facemasks. We are looking for volunteers to make cookies that can be packaged and delivered to front line workers, and we are also looking for volunteers to make or purchase masks that we can give away to help our neighbors abide by the governors new mandate.



We hope to package all of these with an invitation to our church (online or for any other events that are appropriate). Please let the church office know if you're able to help us with either or both!

Shepherd Groups

One of the most exciting new ministries is HERE!



Our ministry coordinators have been working to randomly assign active households to groups so we can better keep up with each other. This is in response to our time of separation, but it is a throw-back to days past when neighborhood groups helped us get to know new people in our church family!

The purpose of the Shepherd Groups is simple: to get to know each other and care for each other. With a church our size, it's difficult to keep up with everyone even when we are meeting face-to-face on a regular basis. With the COVID separation, that is even more challenging.

Our Shepherd Groups have a "coordinator" or "facilitator" who will contact each household. Each group has about 10 households, and each group will decide how and when to meet. We will share a monthly topic if you want to talk about it, but remember that our main goal is social and spiritual: to love one another as Christ loves us (John 13:34).

I am inviting each group to meet separately with him in the next several weeks for one of our fall "cottage meetings," so be sure to respond to your facilitator to get to join in on that conversation!

--Pastor Mark



Are you Ready to be Baptised?

Pastor Mark is working on a date for a river baptism! If you have been thinking and praying about taking this step, please contact his ASAP or calm the church office and let us know. We will be careful with social distancing and regulations, and our hope is to schedule this early to mid-August.

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

Share Your Joys and Concerns!

We are taking our prayers in a new direction!

Beginning this week, we are asking you to submit your prayers (joys and concerns) with the following guidelines:

- Prayers can be submitted by call the church office (983-3803), emailing the church (fumcbatesville@gmail.com), or through our prayer concern form at fumcbatesville.org.

- You **MUST** have permission of the person named to share their name publically.

- Each submission will be included in the newsletter and worship for two weeks, then it will be removed from the list. You can resubmit the prayers to continue them for additional time.



**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



Are You a Fan or a Follower?

New worship series based on the Sermon on the Mount

July 26 - September 6

While all it takes to be a "Christian" is to believe, the name "Christian" is a modern description of the church. Jesus never stopped with the call simply to believe; he called for people who believed to follow him (often even before they fully believed!). Church is not a spectator sport, and Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is a call to be more than a fan of Jesus. Are you a "fan" or a "follower?"

July 26: "Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat" (Matthew 5: 13-16)

August 2: "Living Above the Law" (Matthew 5: 17-20)

August 9: "Don't be so Churchy" (Matthew 6: 1-18)

August 16: "Use Stuff, Love People" (Matthew 6:19-24)

August 23: "Don't be Anxious" (Matthew 6: 25-34)

August 30: "What Goes Around Comes Around" (Matthew 7:1-6)

September 6: "You Can Ask for Anything ... But Be Careful What You Ask For" (Matthew 7: 7-12)

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

Our Presence

Average Daily Devotional views
July 13th - July 19th 67
Sunday Online Worship Service..... 225

Our Gifts

Received in July

Received through
07/05/2020
Cash & Checks..... \$5,265.00
Online Giving..... \$1,494.15

Received through
07/12/2020
Cash & Checks..... \$15,915.00
Online Giving..... \$1,706.46

Received through
07/19/2020
Cash & Checks..... \$8,754.41
Online Giving..... \$490.93

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

July 28 Ann Walmsley
July 29 Mark McDonald
Tim McKinney
Grey Metcalf
Frank Tripp
Diana Waldrip
July 30 Bonnie Adams
Katie Pearce
July 31 Gayle Ross
Aug 1 Tina Baker
Hunter Driver

July 27 Clint & Amanda Lucy
July 29 Mark & Dianne Lamberth
July 31 Richard & Ruth Ashcraft

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

Wesley Covenant Prayer

"I am no longer my own, but thine.

Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with
whom thou wilt.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for
thee,

exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have
nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things
to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on
earth,

let it be ratified in heaven.

Amen.

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 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 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
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
Tom Sellers husband of Jane Jameson
Bob Spencer father of member
Gladys Smith mother of David Smith
Shirley Stuckey..... member
Jim West member
Carolyn Wilson member

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

White River Medical Center

George Bentz, Sr.....member

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

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 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
Capt. 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.....
Senior Airman Keegan Smart..... member
Petty Officer Zane Smart member
Capt. Michael Stevenson.....grandson of members
Lt. Cmdr. Greg Tebbettsson of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts
Capt. John Ticenephew 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

JOIN US FOR PARKING LOT VBS!

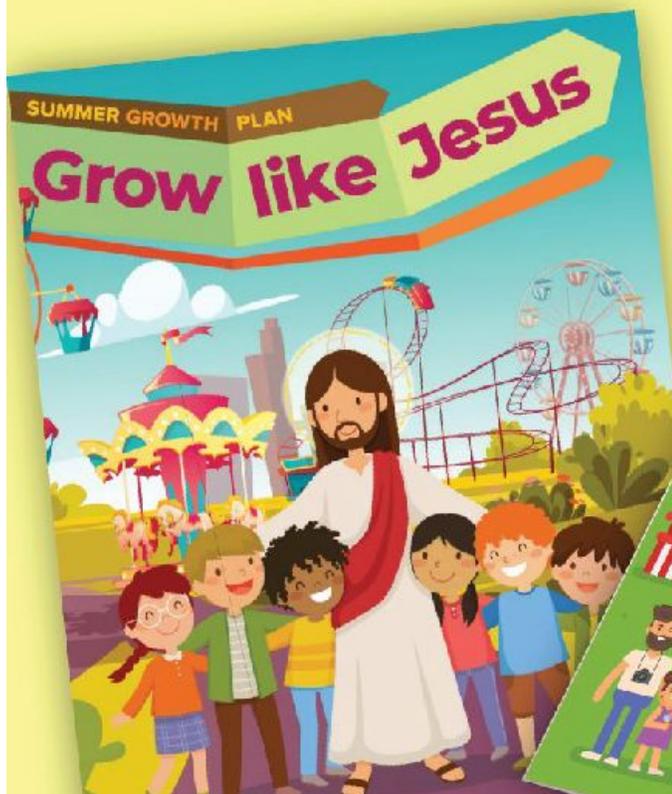
FUMC - 615 E. MAIN STREET

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 • 6:00 PM

GROW LIKE JESUS!

FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!

FAMILIES WILL STAY IN THEIR CARS AND TUNE THEIR RADIO TO A FUN, KID-FRIENDLY VBS SERVICE LED BY PASTOR MARK. THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEAM WILL COME AROUND TO EACH CAR AND MAKE A SPECIAL CRAFT WITH EACH CHILD, HAND OUT INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED SNACKS & DISTRIBUTE A SPECIAL BOX OF VBS ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS TO DO AT HOME!





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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 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 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 July 29th newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, July 27th to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.