



First United Methodist Challenge

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August 26, 2020

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

What's the opposite of judgment? If you're like me, you might respond "forgiveness." That certainly has truth to it, but I believe Jesus challenges us to show what forgiveness looks like in the world today. More than just a word or phrase, Jesus is calling us to step up our game.



Join us for worship this Sunday at 9:00 am on Facebook, YouTube, or our website as we explore Matthew 7:1-6 and hear a challenge from Jesus.

In Christ's love,
Pastor Mark



Our outdoor worship services have been great this month. We have canceled the last scheduled one (for today) because it was built around a hymn sing and our coronavirus numbers have not gone down enough to make us feel safe with closer contact in the amphitheater like we had planned. We have had two new members during our outdoor worship services (Michael Robinson and Lily Barker), and look forward to new plans for worship in September. The ministry coordinators are working on plans for a drive-through communion service and some new possibilities with our online service.

We want to extend a special thank you to First Baptist Church for helping us last week when our FM transmitter quit working. Gene Tulberg joined us for our school blessing service last week and used the FBC FM transmitter to save the day!



Saturday
August 29th
6:00pm until ??

The Board of Trustees has planned another work day for the landscaping around the Church! It's scheduled for 6PM this Saturday, August 29th and will last until we get tired or it gets too dark. For anyone that wishes to seize this opportunity to give the gift of service, we ask that you bring any yard tools that you think may be useful to complete the following list:

1. Remove hollies in drive through area. Replace with smaller boxwoods and mulch.
2. Remove small dogwood in Huddleston Garden. Leave crepe myrtles and nandinas.
3. Remove large holly at end of office building facing Main Street.
4. Remove all photinias and bushes from heating and air units in nook by sanctuary.
5. Remove tree in back of church by windows and air unit.
6. Cut back all hollies and nandinas from front of office building facing Main Street.
7. Remove skinny Magnolia tree in front of two stained glass windows at the front of the church.

A big thanks to the Master Gardeners that have compiled this list for us and thanks in advance for everyone's help in getting our landscaping back in shape!

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

This year our **Blessing of the Backpacks** looked a little different! We had a parking lot worship service and then we invited all the cars to drive through to revive a little gift and a special blessing. FUMC is praying for all of our students, faculty, staff & administrators to have a safe and healthy school year.



Senior Sunday Send Off to Senior Year



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?"

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
Aug 16th- Aug 22nd 40
Sunday Online Worship Service..... 179
Weekly Update - Aug 19th..... 54

Our Gifts

Received in August

Received through
08/02/2020
Cash & Checks..... \$8,690.00
Online Giving..... \$1,385.28

Received through
08/09/2020
Cash & Checks..... \$9,072.86
Online Giving..... \$3,812.05

Received through
08/16/2020
Cash & Checks..... \$7,870.00
Online Giving..... \$755.55

Received through
08/23/2020
Cash & Checks..... \$3,175.00
Online Giving..... \$1,442.83

Amount needed weekly \$11,427.00

MEMORIALS

MARY JEANETTE WOOD

Richard & Cindy Raun
Vital Link

MARY JEANETTE WOOD

KATHERINETRIPP

Bob & Deborah Stroud

**Daily Devotionals
to
start your Day!**

Monday through Saturday 9 AM

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

Aug 30 Greg Bauders
Dianne Taylor
Melinda Wallace
Jimmy Winemiller

Aug 31 Bill Luster

Sept 1 Leslie Pearce

Sept 2 Kyle Dodd
Kristie Graham

Sept 3 Bill Waldrip

Sept 4 Ella Shelton
Lance Lamberth

Sept 5 Asa Whitaker

Aug 30 Mickey & Shirley Coe

Sept 1 Eddie & Robin Brock
Bryan & Carla Langston

Sept 4 Randy & Mariesa Bolin
Bill & Anne Luster

Sept 5 Russell & Michelle Staggs

Pray for our church

for our pastors & staff

for our leaders

for those who are homebound or hospital-
ized

for every household

for our small groups and relationships

Pray for our community

for those who are hungry

for those who are struggling in life or faith

for those who are abused and oppressed

for those who do not yet know the love of
Christ

Pray for our world

for the church universal

for our nation's leaders

for all the nations

for the unity of all God's children

for the care of God's creation

for peace with justice

*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.*

Our Mailing Address is:

First United
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P.O. Box 2014
Batesville, AR 72503-2014

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

Tom Curlmember
Jane Jamesonmember
Traci Phillipsdaughter of George & Pat Collins
Terri Presley.....member
Tom Sellershusband of Jane Jameson
Phyllis Terhune.....member
Jacob Terrellson of Terri Presley

Share Your Joys and Concerns!

We are taking our prayers in a new direction!

We are asking you to submit your prayers (joys and concerns) with the following guidelines:

- Prayers can be submitted by call the church office (793-3803), 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.

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

The Springs of Batesville

George Bentz, Sr

White River Medical Center

Arch Jonesfriend of members

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
Carol Robertson member
Barbara Stevenson member
Stanley Wood..... member

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.....
Sergeant 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



August 16, 2020 - Nashville, TN

Bishop John K. Yambasu, the Chancellor of Africa University and Resident **Bishop of the Sierra Leone Area of The United Methodist Church**, died in a road accident this morning just outside Freetown in Sierra Leone.

"Bishop Yambasu's untimely death is stunning news to The United Methodist Church. Bishop Yambasu's undeniable love and passion for the church has been evident in his area and throughout The United Methodist Church," said Council of Bishops President Bishop Cynthia Fierro Harvey, who also noted that her heart aches for Bishop Yambasu's family.

Bishop Yambasu is survived by his wife, Millicent, and their five children — Rebecca, Adima, John, Emmanuel and Elizabeth.

Adapted from a press release from the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church, prepared and distributed by the Rev. Dr. Maidstone Mulenga. Photos courtesy of U M News Service.

Please pray for Bishop Yambasu's family, the congregations of the Sierra Leone Area and the United Methodist Church as we mourn the loss of this dedicated leader.



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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
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"Mid-week Update" with the pastor Mark each Wednesday at 5:30 pm on Facebook Live

"Daily Devotional" on Facebook & YouTube 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 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

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the September 2nd newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, August 31st to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.