



# First United Methodist Challenge

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November 4, 2020

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

## From the Pastor . . .

As I write this, I suspect about half of Americans will be saying "No!" to the election results by the time you read this. "No" is a word that we may think of as a bad word, because we often think of toddlers who say "No!" to anything they don't like. The text this week teaches us that "No" is an essential word to our faith.



But, since the other half of Americans are saying "Yes," what are we to do as we face a sense of division? As Jesus said, "desire first and foremost God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matt. 6.33, CEB). In other words, say yes to God, and all the things of this world will work themselves out. We may not like the outcome, but we know that God is still God. We are called to serve God above all else, including political parties, nations, or anything else that separates us from each other.

As we've followed this sermon series through the Exodus and into the promised land, I've been amazed at the similarities we face during our exodus through this pandemic. This week is no different. We find the Israelites in promised land (the "new normal?"), and Joshua raises us a clear call to say "No" to the wrong things and "Yes" to the right things. We will focus on Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25.

Join us Sunday for worship online, and say "Yes!" to God this week!

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Mark

## 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

## FUMC FALL OFFERINGS!

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 • FALL ON THE FARM

At the home of Wayne and Crystal Anderson. 2:00PM for YOUTH!

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 • S'MORE JESUS! BONFIRE & BIBLE STORIES!

At Clark Nail's farm. 6:00PM for youth!

### SKET SHOOT WITH PASTOR MARK & BEN: DATE & TIME TBA!

For YOUTH. Reservations required.

## Outside Work Day

Church Work Day this Saturday at 9am.

Our main focus will be the breezeway holly bushes, but we will tackle other things if we can.

We will work no later than noon.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SERVICE HONORING OUR

## HEALTHCARE HEROES!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020

FUMC PARKING LOT • 6:00PM - 6:30PM

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

## UMW News

This special recognition pin and a gift to the UMW National office for ministries with women, children and youth was presented to Sandy West by our UMW. We had planned to present this to her on UMW Sunday, but because of Covid 19 that will not happen in person this year.

Sandy continues to work in the background on our ministry team and in many areas of work during this time. She has always supported the work of our local UMW in many ways. It is with great pleasure that we presented this pin to her at this time.

Thank you, Sandy.





## 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

### Lay Leader

Mike Wilson

### Lay Servants/Ministers

Cyndi House  
Kathy McKinney  
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

Daily Devotional Average.....35/day

Sunday Online Worship Service.....228

Weekly Update – Oct 28<sup>th</sup> ..... 72 views

Communion - Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>..... 89 views

## Our Gifts

### Received in November

Received through

11/01/2020

Cash & Checks..... \$6,930.00

Online Giving..... \$1,725.38

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

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

November11 Linda Farmer

November12 Kelley McDonald

Lance Pinkston

J. R. Wise

November13 Eddie Brock

Will Langston

November14 Dru Seale

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Source Book of Common Prayer, 1979

*Daily Devotionals  
to  
start your Day!*

Monday through Saturday 9 AM

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**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.

Our Mailing Address is:  
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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

Della Mae Dortch ..... Member  
Terri Presley.....member  
Jim Smythe.....member  
Carolyn Wilson .....member

### Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

### ✠ Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn ✠

Our sympathy goes out to *Richard Fraiser and family* in the death of his grandmother, **Myrtie Mae Montgomery**, who passed away last week in West Helena, AR.

Our Sympathy goes out to *Pastor Mark McDonald and family* in the death of his nephew, **Andrew James McDonald**, who passed away Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. The service will be Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at Camp Mitchell.

Our sympathy goes out to *Asa Whitaker and family* in the death of his mother, **Mary Whitaker**, who passed away Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Service information pending at this time.

Our Sympathy goes out to *Terrell Tebbetts and family* in the death of his cousin, **Lowell Tebbetts**, who passed away Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Service information is pending.

Our sympathy goes out to *Amy Collins* in the death of her grandfather, **James Bumpous**, who passed away October 29<sup>th</sup>. Service information is pending at this time.

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  
Dianne Taylor..... member

#### Woodcrest Assisted Living

Marilyn Coffman..... member  
Judy Murrah..... 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.....  
Sergeant 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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**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 & YouTube each morning at 9:00 am

**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

Listen to the 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



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 November 11<sup>th</sup> newsletter must be submitted by 3:00 pm Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> to the church office or by email to Lyndal at [lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net).