



# First United Methodist Challenge

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Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

## From the Pastor . . .

Judges 4:1-7  
"Wonder Woman 1200 BC"



I'm excited that Wonder Woman 1984 is scheduled to premier on Christmas Day (maybe). Wonder Woman has been the glass ceiling shattering movie for leading women, but there was a Wonder Woman that lived about 3200 years ago: Deborah.

Deborah judged Israel for about 20 years, and was known as a warrior, judge, poet, prophetess, singer, and songwriter. In a time during which women were known more by their husbands than their actions, Deborah shows us that all things are possible with God!

Join us this Sunday as we look at the key values that set Deborah apart and enabled her to live like an ancient "Wonder Woman" ... and how we can rise up to do what seems impossible.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Mark

## Repairs and renewal are underway in the Sanctuary!

A local professional designer has recommended a different color of carpet for the Sanctuary to complement the stained glass windows. The Trustees are unanimously in favor of the new design. Church Council wants to hear from you about this proposed upgrade. Color swatches from the Sanctuary's wall color, a carpet sample, and a stained glass sample are all on display behind the entry door in the breezeway.

If you love the proposed carpet or have other suggestions for our Church, please send them to [barrettsmoore@gmail.com](mailto:barrettsmoore@gmail.com), or to the church office which will collect them for Church Council.

## HEALTHCARE HEROES!

Thank you so much to Dr. Rob Emery for being the guest speaker at our Healthcare Heroes service. We were able to honor the folks in the medical community that have made a difference and will continue to during this pandemic.

Thank you all!

## Youth Mission Trip Deposits

As Pastor Mark has shared on the weekly update, our church lost all the deposits we had placed for our youth's summer 2020 mission trip because of the contract agreement. We will not be able to reschedule anytime soon, so we have canceled that trip entirely.

While we have lost all those "non-refundable" deposits, the Finance Committee will honor any refunds of church members who may need those funds because of financial hardships. We deeply appreciate those who have told us they do not want their deposit back, but we do not want anyone to struggle because of this. Simply contact the church to request your refund if you do need it.



*"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**

- Tom Curl ..... member
- Della Mae Dortch ..... Member
- Terri Presley..... member
- Jim Smythe..... member
- Carolyn Wilson ..... member
- Mary Whitaker family

**Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals**

**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
- Virgina Swetnam ..... mother of Lorrie McClure
- Dianne Taylor..... member

**Woodcrest Assisted Living**

- Marilyn Coffman..... member
- Judy Murrah..... member



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**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 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

**Daily Devotionals to start your Day!**

Monday through Saturday 9 AM

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**If you need pastoral assistance contact:**

- Pastor Mark McDonald - 501-650-0046
- Associate Pastor Carl Hudson - 870-251-6227

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

## 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  
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.....32/day

Sunday Online Worship Service..... 186

Weekly Update – Nov 4<sup>th</sup> ..... 107 views

## Our Gifts

### Received in November

Received through

11/01/2020

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

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

Received through

11/08/2020

Cash & Checks..... \$17,705.00

Online Giving.....\$443.44

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

“Not one of us can rest, be happy, be at home, be at peace with ourselves until we end the hatred and division.” *John Lewis*

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

### Pray for our church

for our pastors & staff

for our leaders

for those who are homebound or hospitalized

for every household

for our small groups and relationships

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

November 15	Wayne Anderson
	Susan Carpenter
	Webster McKinney
November 16	Chelsea Rosson
November 17	Andy Brock
	Tom Martin
	Gary Minnick
November 19	Danny Griffin
	Mark Lamberth
November 20	Karen Holifield
November 21	Bart Simmons

## MEMORIALS

URBA REED

IRVIN KIMMER

MARY ANN MARSHALL

MARGARET MATTHEWS

KATHERINE TRIPP,

DON GILCHRIST

CHARLESARNOLD

MARY JEANETTE WOOD

GEORGE BENTZ, SR.

Josephine Raye Rogers

DIANA UNSER TEBBETTS

IRVIN KIMMER

MARY ANN MARSHALL

MARGARET MATTHEWS

KATHERINE TRIPP

DON GILCHRIST

CHARLESARNOLD

MARY JEANETTE WOOD

GEORGE BENTZ, SR.

LOWELL TEBBETTS

Jane Jameson

URBA REED

CHARLESARNOLD

LOWELL TEBBETTS

MARY WHITAKER

Blair & Paulette Arnold

URBA REED

Chaney Huddleston Class

Buddy & Elaine Vinson

DIANA & LOWELL TEBBETTS

Helen & Pete Musgrave

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