



# First United Methodist Challenge

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July 26, 2023

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

## From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family,

This Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, is the last Sunday of the sermon series Faith Foundations: The Sermon on the Mount. I hope you have learned something new or felt uplifted by studying the only sermon we have from Jesus. This week's scripture passage is Matthew 7:1-12. In August we will begin a new series called Flawed and Faithful on my favorite disciple - Peter!



Thank you to everyone who came to the reception to celebrate Bennie Burks' ministry at FUMC. This is Bennie's last week on staff, so be sure to tell her thank you when you see her. On Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Lorrie McClure and her ministry at the 11:00 worship service. I hope you will be there to celebrate Lorrie and the wonderful program she has built over the last 13 years.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Katie

*Thank You, Bennie!*



## SERMON ON THE MOUNT READING SCHEDULE

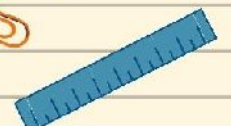
July 24: Matthew 6:25-34  
July 25: Matthew 7:1-5  
July 26: Matthew 7:6-11  
July 27: Matthew 7:12-14  
July 28: Matthew 7:15-20  
July 29: Matthew 7:21-23

July 31: Matthew 7:24-29

## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

First United Methodist  
Church of Batesville

Sunday, August 20  
9:00 and 11:00 AM



*"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**

- Glenda Bowers.....member
- Marcus Bowers .....member
- Mason Evans .....friend of Evan McLean
- Cayley French ..... Chris & Barb Wagoner's daughter
- Joel & Jeannie Wagoners granddaughter
- Linda Hicks.....friend of John Ellis
- Judy Murrah.....member
- Terri Presley.....member
- Billy Prickett.....member
- Michale Swaim.....father of Brent Swaim
- Jeannie Wagoner.....member
- Asa Whitaker .....member

**Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals**

**Youth 2023**

Several Youth, and staff are going to Youth 2023 at Daytona Beach this week.  
Please be in prayer for them.

**Ministry Fair**

Sunday, August 20th  
More information to come!

**Blessing Box**

Collecting these items this week  
Vienna Sausage  
Bring to church and put in the basket in front of the church office

**Our Prayers for Those in Health Care Centers and Retirement Homes**

**Brookdale Cary - Cary, NC**

Dianne Taylor..... member

**Eagle Crest Nursing & Rehab - Ash Flat**

Larry Swetnam..... father of Lorrie McClure

**Eagle Mountain Assisted Living**

Ruth Chesnutt..... mother of Gayle Ross  
Connie Crafton..... sister of Joel Wagoner

**Wildwood Independent Living**

Nelda Hackworth..... member

**Wood-Lawn Heights**

Sally Allen ..... mother of Vicki Reed  
Bill Beller ..... member  
Gerri Bentz..... member  
Benodlyn Kramer ..... aunt of Sonya Massey

**Woodcrest Assisted Living**

**Our Prayers for Those in U.S. Military Service**

Those who have listed family in military service, please review and update the status of your service member.

- Lt. Col. Chris Carpenter .....son of R.L. & Susan Carpenter
- Staff Sergeant Cole Long.....Great Nephew of Verona Bebow
- Sgt. Lane Lively .....grandson of Glen & LaDonna Busby
- Capt. Ian MacDonald .....nephew of Starr & Johnny Kent
- Trent McDonald.....cousin of member
- Lt. Col. Shannon McLoughlin..daughter of Cecilia Vinson
- Capt. Chris Milum .....husband of Kaylea Milum
- Petty Officer Zane Smart .....member
- Lt. Cmdr. Greg Tebbetts .....son of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts
- Ltc. Colonel John Tice .....nephew of Verona Bebow
- Major Joe Warren .....
- Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler .....cousin of member

**If you need pastoral assistance contact:**

Pastor Katie Pearce at the church office (870) 793-3803

## Church Leadership

### Senior Pastor

Reverend Katie Pearce  
katie.pearce@arumc.org

### Church Administrator

Teresa Brown

### Minister of Congregational Care

Bennie Burks

### Minister to Children & Family Ministries

Katie McLean

### Minister to Youth

Lorrie McClure

### Youth/College Intern

Michael Robinson

### Choir Director

Amanda Lucy

### Worship Leader

Alicia Williams

### Treasurer

Ruby Curl

### Custodian

Joe Johnson

### Lay Leader

Mike Wilson

### Lay Servants/Ministers

Sandy West  
Asa Whitaker

### Church Council Chair

Barrett Moore

### Finance Chair

Robb Roberts

### Staff/Parish Chair

Rikki Painter

### Trustees Chair

Joyce Prickett

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## Our Presence

### Online Worship Views July 16<sup>th</sup>

11:00 Service (YT + FB)..... 165  
9:00 Service(FB) ..... 111

### In-Person Attendance

July 23<sup>rd</sup> ..... 124

## Our Gifts

### Received in July

Received through ..... 07-02-2023  
Total Giving ..... \$6,175.41  
Received through ..... 07-09-2023  
Total Giving ..... \$16,813.25  
Received through ..... 07-16-2023  
Total Giving ..... \$9,214.41  
Received through ..... 07-23-2023  
Total Giving ..... \$11,334.82

## Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Matthew 7:1-12

## Our Service

### for July 30<sup>th</sup>

**ALTAR FLOWERS** given to the honor and glory of God in memory of Tim McKinney's birthday by Joan & Meredith McKinney & Gardner & Rice families.

**ALTAR GUILD:** Karen Holifield  
Diana Waldrip  
Joyce Prickett

### GREETERS:

9:00 Michael Robinson  
11:00 Charles & Sue Kibbe

### CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Stephanie Wade

**LITURGIST:** Pete Roulier

### USHERS:

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

July 30 Bonnie Adams

July 31 Gayle Ross

Aug 1 Tina Baker  
Hunter Driver

Aug 2 Robin Brock  
Joel Rogers

Aug 3 Megan Holifield  
Larry Weaver

Aug 4 Mark Davis

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Aug 2 Lyndal & Shirley Waits

Aug 5 Stephen & Rikki Painter  
Jerry & Charlotte Rose

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO SERVE

### 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)



## Flower Calendar 2023

We invite you to provide flowers for the altar by signing up on the calendar near the office (or calling the office).

You may donate \$50 or more, contact Signature Gifts to work with them, or create your own arrangement/work with a florist of your choice.

The flowers are noted in the bulletin, and following Sunday worship, volunteers arrange them into individual vases and take them to members who are ill or homebound.

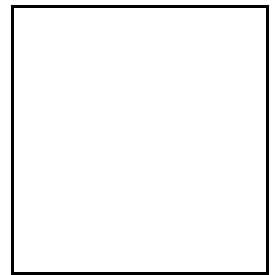
**Upcoming dates open for flowers**  
**August 20<sup>th</sup>**

**September 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>**

Come pick your special Sunday to do the flowers!



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**The FUMC Challenge**

Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 6:00pm**, at the Grammer House. Bring your favorite food.

**11:00 Worship Service**  
 Livestream on  
 YouTube and on Facebook

**SUNDAYMORNINGS**

9:00am Contemporary Service—Fellowship Hall  
 10:00am Sunday School  
 11:00am Traditional Service—Sanctuary

**Announcements**

- July 26<sup>th</sup>** No Chancel Choir Practice  
 No BFUMC Kids - 5:30pm  
 Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm  
 No BFUMC Youth - 6:30pm
- July 29<sup>th</sup>** Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- July 31<sup>st</sup>** Men's Bible Study - 6:00pm



**Community Breakfast**  
 Free  
**8:30 Every Saturday**  
**FUMC Fellowship Hall**

**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the August 2<sup>nd</sup> newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at [lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net).