



# First United Methodist Challenge

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January 15, 2025

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

## From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family,

This Sunday we began our stewardship series called Misquoted: What the Bible Actually Says about Money. Sometimes verses from the Bible are misquoted or taken out of context, making it easy to manipulate their meaning.

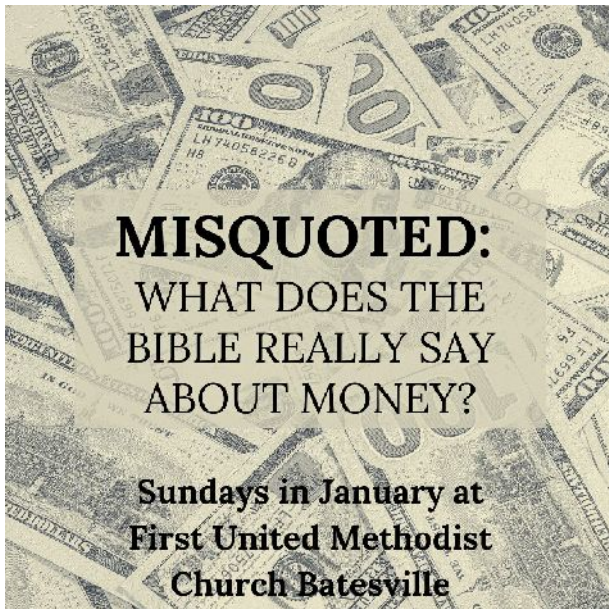


I hope that by studying what the Bible actually says about money it will give you a chance to reflect on your relationship with money and generosity.

You will be receiving more information about the 2025 budget as well as an Estimate of Giving Card, so please check your mail.

I encourage you to put aside some time in January to look over your budget, have conversations with your spouse, and be in prayer about how you can support the ministries of FUMC in 2025. This week we will look at several scripture passages: 2 Corinthians 8:1-15, Luke 6:38 and John 10:10. I encourage you to read over these passages in preparation for worship.

God Bless,  
Pastor Katie



## SILVER BELLES & BEAUS

- Who:** Silver Belles & Beaus
- When:** Tuesday, January 21st at noon
- Where:** In the Fellowship Hall
- Meal:** Catered by Hawg's Restaurant  
BBQ and sides  
Bring a dessert if you like

**Program By:** Aline McCracken and Merry Anne McSpadden on The Gallery 246



Church Office Closed  
Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>

"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**

- Bill Beller.....member
- Larry Bentley.....member
- Glenda Bowers.....member
- Ruby Curl .....member
- Phil Daugherty .....Jennifer Emery's father
- Ginger Davis .....member
- Emma Herrington .....friend of Abby & Lily Barker
- Bill Hess.....father of April Rice
- Starr Kent.....member
- Daniel King.....member
- Faith McClurg.....member
- Aline McCracken .....member
- Katie McLean.....member
- Heather Pool.....niece of Jim & Kay Pool
- Mary Ellen Cadena Pool .....sister in law of Joe & Kay Pool
- Billy Prickett.....member
- Kervin Robinson .....Michael Robinson's father
- Alannette Rushing .....member
- Banks Shaw.....Barbara & Ron Cheatham's  
Great Grandson
- Belinda Turner .....friend of the Reynolds
- Lyndal Waits .....member

**Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals**

**MD Anderson - Houston, TX**

- Brent Bentley.....member



Our Warming Center at the Grammar House is open whenever the temperature reaches 25 degrees. **We are seeking volunteers to help staff the center, launder and reset the beds, and otherwise help restock the center with food.**

The Center opens around 6:00pm and closes around 9:30pm if no guests are present. Otherwise we close the following morning around 8:00am. We also welcome your prayers and support communicating this ministry to the community. Volunteers can contact the church office for more information.

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

**Eagle Mountain Assisted Living**

- Ruth Chesnutt..... mother of Gayle Ross
- Connie Crafton ..... sister of Joel Wagoner
- Asa Whitaker ..... member

**Wildwood Independent Living**

- Nelda Hackworth..... member

**Wood-Lawn Heights**

- Sally Allen..... mother of Vicki Reed
- Benodlyn Kramer..... aunt of Sonya Massey
- Gayle Stobaugh..... friend of members

**Woodcrest Assisted Living**

- Ernestine Boyce ..... member

**The Springs of Searcy Health & Rehabilitation**

- Judy Murrah..... member

**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.

- Staff Sergeant Cole Long.....Great Nephew of Verona Bebow
- Trent McDonald.....cousin of member
- Lt. Col. Shannon McLoughlin..daughter of Cecilia Vinson
- Capt. Chris Milum .....husband of Kaylea Milum
- 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

**Blessing Box**

Collecting these items this week

**Vienna Sausages, Canned or bags of Tuna**

Bring to church and put in the basket in front of the church office

**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 to Children & Family Ministries

Katie McLean

### Director of Youth, Young Adults, and Welcome

Michael Robinson

### Director of Traditional Worship

Marc Sexton

### Worship Leader

Alicia Williams

### Treasurer

Ruby Curl

### Custodian

Joe Johnson

### Lay Leader

### Lay Servants/Ministers

Sandy West  
Asa Whitaker

### Church Council Chair

Barrett Moore

### Finance Chair

### Staff/Parish Chair

Rikki Painter

### Trustees Chair

Jim McSpadden

Our Mailing Address is:  
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P.O. Box 2014  
Batesville, AR 72503-2014

## Our Presence - Online Worship Views

January 5<sup>th</sup>

11:00 Service (YT 15 + FB 265) ..... 280

9:00 Service(FB) ..... 324

## In-Person Attendance

January 12<sup>th</sup> ..... 79

## Our Gifts

### Received in January

Received through ..... 01-05-2025

Total Giving ..... \$9,471.90

Received through ..... 01-12-2025

Total Giving ..... \$8,734.55

## Warming Center Volunteers Needed

Please contact the church office  
if you can volunteer.

We will open the Warming Center up when the  
temperature is under 25 degrees.

## Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

2 Corinthians 8-15

Luke 6:38 and John 10:10

## Our Service

for January 19<sup>th</sup>

**ALTAR FLOWERS** given to the honor and  
glory of God by the family of Rhett Mason  
Roulier on his baptism.

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

### GREETERS:

9:00 Jim Ramsey

11:00 Joel & Jeannie Wagoner

**CHILDREN'S SERMON:** Amanda Roberts

**LITURGIST:** Pete Roulier

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

January 19 Rance Wagoner

January 20 Libby King

Becky Shelton

January 21 Russell Staggs

## 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.

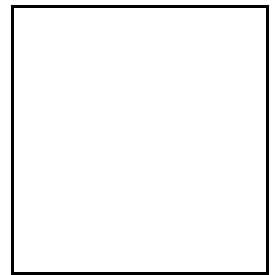
## Flower Calendar 2025

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, volun-  
teers arrange them into individual vases and  
take them to members who our ill or home-  
bound.

Please take a moment to pick a Sunday where  
you can be a part of this wonderful ministry.



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**The FUMC Challenge**

Join the **Monday Night Men's Bible Study Group** for food and fellowship on **Jan 20<sup>th</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**

- Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Chancel Choir Practice
- BFUMC Kids - 5:30pm
- BFUMC Youth - 6:30pm
- Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm
- Jan 18<sup>th</sup> Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Men's Bible Study - Grammer House - 6:00pm
- Jan 20<sup>th</sup> Young Men's Group - Alpha Room - 6:30pm
- Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> College Group - 6:30pm
- Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Night Bible Study - Alpha Room - 5:00pm



**Community Breakfast**

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

**Next Newsletter Deadline**

Articles for the Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at [lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net).