



First United Methodist Challenge

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January 29, 2025

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

Dear Church Family,

Jesus often taught people using parables, short stories with spiritual meaning on a host of subjects from the Kingdom of Heaven to money to justice. Jesus told 40 parables in the Gospels. Sometimes the meaning of the parable is obvious; other times the wisdom of the parable can be difficult to interpret. Throughout February I will be preaching on the parables of Jesus. We will begin this Sunday with the parable of the Persistent Widow (sometimes called the Parable of the Unjust Judge). This parable has been very important to me, and I think that its meaning is different than what we might first assume. I look forward to sharing the stories of Jesus with you; I encourage you to read Luke 18:1-8 to prepare for worship.



Blessings,
Pastor Katie

Super Bowl Snack Sale



FEBRUARY 9TH, 2025

In the Hallway before and after both services.

Super Bowl Party shop from First Youth.

Buy some tasty treats and help support these great teens.

TELL ME THE STORIES OF JESUS
A sermon series on Parables
First United Methodist Church in Batesville, AR
Sundays in February

ERC Training
Early Response Certification
Saturday, March 1st -In the Fellowship Hall
More info coming!

11:00 Worship Service
Livestream on
YouTube and on Facebook



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.

"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
- Ginger Davismember
- Starr Kent..... member
- Daniel King..... member
- Dot Lewismember
- Aline McCracken member
- Katie McLean..... member
- Billy Prickett..... member
- Alannette Rushing member
- Lyndal Waits member
- Phil DaughertyJennifer Emery's father
- Emma Herringtonfriend of Abby & Lily Barker
- Bill Hess..... father of April Rice
- Heather Pool..... niece of Jim & Kay Pool
- Mary Ellen Cadena Poolsister in law of Joe & Kay Pool
- Kervin Robinson.....Michael Robinson's father
- Banks Shaw..... Barbara & Ron Cheatham's
Great Grandson
- Belinda Turnerfriend of the Reynolds

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

MD Anderson - Houston, TX

- Brent Bentley.....member



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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

St. Bernards Villa - Jonesboro

- Gayle Silberhorn..... 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 Milumhusband of Kaylea Milum
- Cmdr. Greg Tebbetts.....son of Diane & Terrell Tebbetts
- Ltc. Colonel John Ticenephew of Verona Bebow
- Major Joe Warren
- Lance Cpl. James Brantley Wheeler cousin of member

Blessing Box

Collecting these items this week
Canned Tuna/Vienna Sausages

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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Batesville, AR 72503-2014

Our Presence - Online Worship Views

January 19th

11:00 Service (YT 17 + FB 196) 213

9:00 Service(FB)

In-Person Attendance

January 26th 105

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

Received through 01-19-2025

Total Giving \$14,568.72

Received through 01-26-2025

Total Giving \$16,176.73

Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Luke 18:1-8

Our Service

for February 2nd

ALTAR FLOWERS given to the honor and glory of God by
(need altar flowers this Sunday)

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Holifield
Diana Waldrip
Joyce Prickett

GREETERS:

9:00 Michael Robinson
11:00 Joyce Prickett

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Rikki Painter

LITURGIST: Molly Lucy

USHERS: Need Ushers

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

February 2 Winnell Calhoun
Lindsey Estes
Seth Osborn
February 3 Elizabeth Hope Langston
Larry Sandage
February 4 Bill Shelton
Earline Tripp
Carol Wise
February 5 Laura Ross Davis
Eddie Wagoner
February 6 Jackie Martin

February 6 Charles & Sue Kibbe

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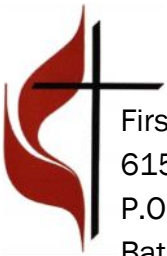
A church alive in the grace of God,
offering Christ,
transforming lives,
and changing our world
through the power of the Holy Spirit.



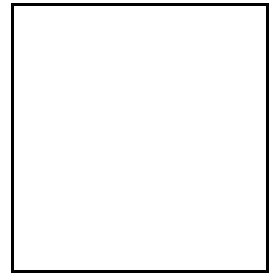
Flower Calendar 2025

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, volunteers arrange them into individual vases and take them to members who our ill or homebound.

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 **Feb 3rd, 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 29th Chancel Choir Practice
- BFUMC Kids - 5:30pm
- BFUMC Youth - 6:30pm
- Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm
- Feb 1st Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- Feb 2nd Sunday Night Bible Study - Alpha Room - 5:00pm
- Feb 3rd Men's Bible Study - Grammer House - 6:00pm
- Feb 3rd Young Men's Group - Alpha Room - 6:30pm
- Feb 6th College Group - 6:30pm
- Feb 9th Super Bowl Snack Sale - Hallway after Worship Services



Community Breakfast

Free
8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the Feb 5th newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, Feb 3rd, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.