



First United Methodist Challenge

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February 5, 2025

Our Vision is to be a Dynamic Community of Believers

From the Pastor . . .

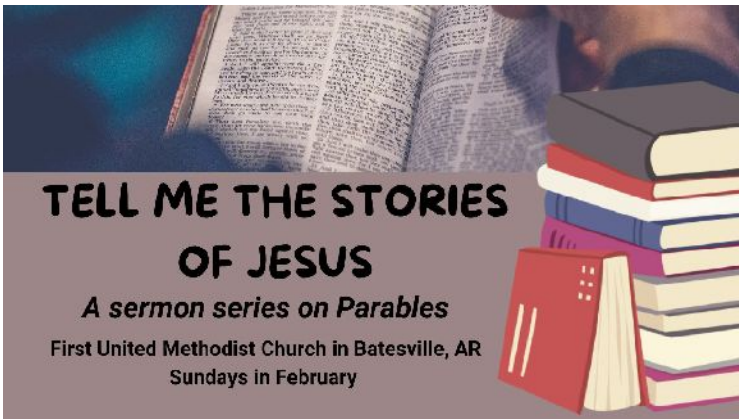
Dear Church Family,

Last Sunday we started a new sermon series on the parables of Jesus. Jesus often taught in parables, there are 40 recorded in the Gospels! Some are elaborate stories, others are only one sentence long. Regardless of their length, Jesus used engaging stories about familiar people and situations to convey deep spiritual meanings.



I try to always give you the scripture passage a week in advance so that you can read ahead and prepare yourself for worship. I hate to change after announcing the scripture, but on rare occasions I do! This Sunday I will be preaching on a different passage than I announced last week. I will be preaching on Matthew 13:31-35; in these four verses Jesus actually tells two short parables of the mustard seed and the yeast. I look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday!

Blessings,
Pastor Katie



11:00 Worship Service
Livestream on
YouTube and on Facebook

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.

ERC Training

Early Response Certification

Saturday, March 1st -In the Fellowship Hall

More info coming!



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
- Brent Bentley.....member
- Larry Bentley.....member
- Glenda Bowers.....member
- Ruby Curlmember
- Ginger Davismember
- Starr Kent.....member
- Daniel King.....member
- Dot Lewismember
- Aline McCrackenmember
- Katie McLean.....member
- Billy Prickett.....member
- Alannette Rushingmember
- Lyndal Waitsmember
- Phil DaughertyJennifer Emery's father
- Emma Herringtonfriend of Abby & Lily Barker
- Bill Hess.....father of April Rice
- Everlene Phillips.....friend of members
- 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
- Charles & Gina Williams.....friends of members

Our Prayers for Those in Hospitals

† Our Prayers for Those Who Mourn †

Our Sympathy goes out to *Bob Stobaugh, family and friends* in the death of his mother, **Gayle Stobaugh**, who passed away Wednesday, January 29, 2025.

The service will be Saturday, February 8th, at 11:00am at First United Methodist Church.

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

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

Mac & Cheese

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:
First United
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Our Presence - Online Worship Views

January 26th

11:00 Service (YT 16 + FB 112) 128

9:00 Service(FB) 263

In-Person Attendance

February 2nd 96

Our Gifts

Received in February

Received through 02-02-2025

Total Giving \$5,598.00

MEMORIALS

ANDREW BEBOW

MARCUS BOWERS

STEVE BRYANT

EDDIE HOUSE

RAYE ROGERS

GARY VINSON

DR. BILL WALDRIP

Gary & Dr. Verona Bebow

Scripture for Sunday's Sermon

Matthew 13:1-9

Our Service

for February 9th

ALTAR FLOWERS given to the honor and glory of God in memory of Gayle Stobaugh by her family.

ALTAR GUILD: Karen Holifield

Diana Waldrip

Joyce Prickett

GREETERS:

9:00 Joe Don Reynolds

11:00 Rob & Jennifer Emery

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Sandy West

LITURGIST: Molly Lucy

USHERS: Need Ushers

Birthdays and Anniversaries

from UMMEN Calendar

February 9 Belinda Bube Prince
Lexie Slaughter Gatlin

February 10 Aranda Altom
Julie Ballard

Jeannie Wagoner

February 15 Barbara Cheatham

February 12 Dan & Vicki Reed

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

Pray for our community

for those who are hungry

for those who are struggling in life or faith

for those who are abused and oppressed

for those who do not yet know the love of Christ

Pray for our world

for the church universal

for our nation's leaders

for all the nations

for the unity of all God's children

for the care of God's creation

for peace with justice

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

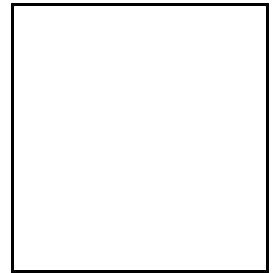
Flower Calendar 2025

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 10th, 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

- Feb 5th Chancel Choir Practice
- BFUMC Kids - 5:30pm
- BFUMC Youth - 6:30pm
- Wednesday Night Bible Study - 6:00pm
- Feb 6th College Group - 6:30pm
- Feb 8th Community Breakfast - 8:30am - Fellowship Hall
- Feb 9th Super Bowl Snack Sale - Hallway after Worship Services
- Feb 9th Sunday Night Bible Study - Alpha Room - 5:00pm
- Feb 10th Men's Bible Study - Grammer House - 6:00pm
- Feb 10th Young Men's Group - Alpha Room - 6:30pm



Community Breakfast

Free
8:30 Every Saturday
FUMC Fellowship Hall

Next Newsletter Deadline

Articles for the Feb 12th newsletter must be submitted by 10:00 am Monday, Feb 10th, to the church office or by email to Lyndal at lyndalwaits@sbcglobal.net.