Welcome

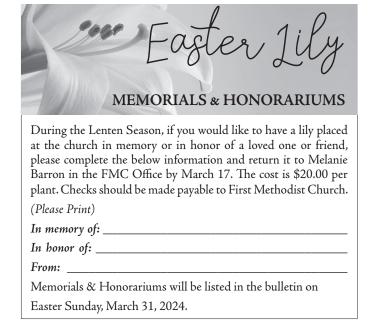
We're so glad you are joining us for

WORSHIP TODAY! If you would like more information about how you can be involved in the life of First Methodist Church, Shreveport:

- Ask one of our wonderful servants in the Welcome Center, located on the ground floor of the Education & Administration (E&A) Building. They'd be glad to help!
- Call the church office at 318.424.7771. We're open 8:30am 5:00pm Monday Thursday and 8:30am 4:00pm on Friday.

Offertory Announcement:

When giving to the church, please make your checks payable to First Methodist Church {of Shreveport, Louisiana}. We remain a tax-exempt church through section 501c (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Thank you for your continued financial support of the church.



MINISTRY MOMENT

On Monday, February 12, Troop 18 held a combined Winter Court of Honor. The boys section was awarded 21 ranks and merit badges. The girls (pictured) were awarded 23 ranks and merit badges. A high light of the ceremony was three of the girls earned the GOD AND CHURCH religious award and both of their leaders (Victoria Tatum and Dana Beck) were awarded the GOOD SHEPHERD religious award.



Connect With FMC Shreveport

Text VISIT to 318-414-8707 if you're a new member or visitor.

We'd love to get to know you!

Text GIVE to 318-414-8707 to set up your tithing online. Text PRAYER to 318-414-8707 to request prayer.

Joys & Concerns

Rehab: Gloria Bryan, Robin Bryan, Sue Towery

RECOVERING: Gabe Conway

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God from the Altar Guild.

THE RED ROSE near the altar honors those serving in the armed forces at home and abroad.

DAISY HAMNER LYONS is being baptized today in a private ceremony. She is presented by her parents, Alex and Madison Shuey Lyons, Jr. Grandparents are Susan and Ryan Wicker, Jack and Virginia Shuey, Alex and Kristan Lyons, and Lesa Lyons. Great grandparents are Bob and Margie Anderson. Big sister is Annabelle Shuey.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY USHERS

8:30
Catherine Bronson
Mila and Chloe Meyers
Mary Middleton and Lucy Adams
Anna and Pierce LeBlanc
Mia White
Cinco Pressly
Evie and Lila Holley-Lerchie

Memorials

Amy Lamb
Mary Cochran
from Lounelle Black
Renee and Jim McGee
Cory J. Ezelle
from Richard and Frances Jones
Romald E. Viskozki
Baxter Adams
from Richard and Frances Jones
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From Richard and Frances Jones
From Kathy and Richard Lamb

Lydia McGlathery Ehrhardt from Richard and Frances Jones

VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 02.18.24	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$73,686	\$221,058	\$517,574
Received	\$116,268	\$242,595	\$505,711
Over/(Under)	\$42,582	\$21,537	(\$11,863)

Attendance: week of Febru	JARY 18, 2024
Traditional worship, 8:30	147
Traditional worship, 11:00	370
FaithLink worship	136
Palabra Viva worship services, combined	290
Total worship attendance:	943
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	350



WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRIES CARING CONGREGATION. If you are in need of personal prayer, we have Stephen Ministers available to listen and pray with you. A Stephen Minister will be at the altar by the left door at the end of each service.

Mary Anne Shemwell

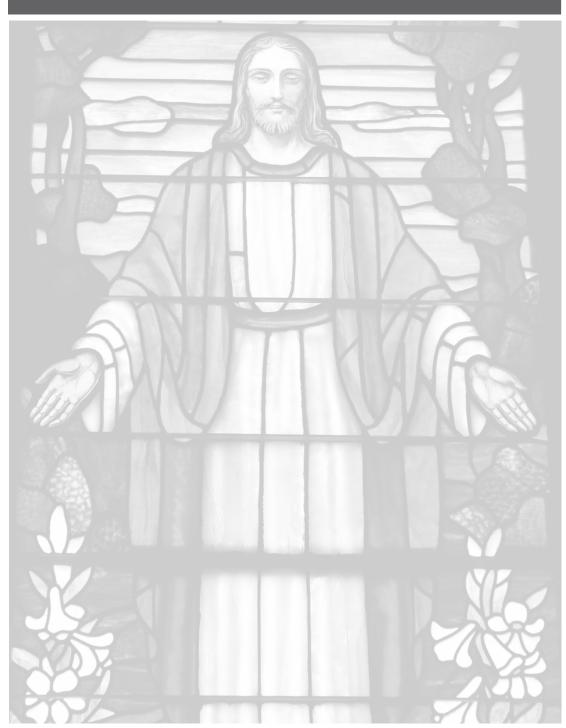
from Richard, Kathy and Kappy Lamb

Senior Pastor: Dr. Steven Bell • Associate Pastor: Dr. Ashley Goad • Associate Pastor: Rev. Matthew Hulbert •
Associate Pastor: Rev. Kathy Wafer • Associate Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Kidd
Director of Music: Dr. David Hobson • Director of Fine Arts: Dr. Will K. Andress • Principal Organist: E. Ray Peebles

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:30 & 11:00am, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00am
FAITHLINK CONTEMPORARY SERVICE: 11:00am • SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45am
COMMUNION SERVICES: First Sunday of each month at 8:30 & 11:00am in the Sanctuary during services;
Each additional Sunday at 9:30am in the Sanctuary & 12:00pm in Couch Chapel.
318.424.7771 office • 318.429.6888 fax • PRAYER LINE: 318.429.6898
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February 25, 2024 - Second Sunday in Lent



CONNECT. GROW. SERVE. LEAD.

Celebration of Worship Second Sunday in Lent - February 25, 2024 CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE: 8:30 & 11:00 AM, LIVE TELECAST ON KTBS/ABC at 11:00 AM
As we worship, the congregation is invited to pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
Welcome & AnnouncementsJames Garrett and Maggie Descant (8:30) Audrey, Abram, and Asher Storer (11:00)
Prelude
† Hymn of PraiseNo. 16
† Affirmation of FaithNo. 691Harrison Chaney (8:30) Henry Lewis (11:00)
Musical Offering
CELEBRATION OF LIFEHarper Chaney (8:30) Sarah Kathryn Lewis (11:00)
† Scripture ReadingGenesis 22:1-19Harrison Chaney (8:30) Anna Claire & Ellie Caudle (11:00)
† Gloria Patri
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
CHILDREN'S BLESSINGLauren Hammond
Morning & Offertory PrayerAnabelle Teague (8:30) Caroline Summers (11:00)
The Lord's PrayerCongregation (speaks in unison)
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. He Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. He Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. He And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. He For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.
Prayer ResponseTraditional (altered)
Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way.

All on the altar, gladly I lay.

Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see

Christ only, always, living in me!

Musical Offering
† Doxology682
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
MessageAltar'dAdelyn Grace Teague Surrender It All Dr. Steven Bell
† HYMN OF INVITATION
(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)
‡
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERSDr. Steven Bell
We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to the congregation of First Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.
† Benediction
† Sending Forth
Jesus, take this heart of mine;
Make it pure and wholly thine.
Thou hast bled and died for me;
I will henceforth live for Thee.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus Loves me - the Bible tells me so.
Postlude
*May our instrumental music this day be in the spirit of Bach's persistent dedication of his music - Soli Deo Gloria - to the Glory of God alone.
8:30: Banner Carrier – James Chaney • Crucifer – Bobby Lyles • Acolytes • Carolyn Hammond & Sarah Teague
11:00: Banner Carrier – Phillip Summers • Crucifer - Neil Lewis
Acolytes - Connie Lerchie & Pat Vance
† Those who are able may stand. ‡ Latecomers may be seated at these times. * If YOU WISH TO JOIN the First Methodist Church family, please come forward at this time. **Children leaving the service for Children's Chapel may be picked up after the service. • 3–4 years (8:30 & 11:00): Children's Ministry Center • K5–3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary Childcare for infants through 4 years is available from 8:15 to 12:15 in the Children's Ministry Center. From the sanctuary, follow the sign located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Dawson
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Commitment Cannot Be Conditional.

First Step (Genesis 22:1)

Full Commitment (Genesis 22:2)

Finding Faith (Genesis 22:9 to 14)

Scripture Memory Verse

"and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice."

— Genesis 22:18