

# 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.

## MINISTRY MOMENT

Families, there's no need to go out to eat or have dinner  
delivered anymore. We have 52 wee chefs who are eager to  
cook. These chefs can slice, whisk, crack eggs, and more.  
The campers were reminded that much like a recipe book;  
God's Word gives the ingredients for loving like Jesus and  
the directions for living like Jesus. The teens and adults who  
worked the camp could not have been more helpful. Many  
thanks for the support from FMC financially and spiritually.  
Also, big hugs and much love to the Women of Faith Sunday  
School class for choosing to let ITK with Billie be their First  
Kids project. They cheerfully put the craft supplies together,  
made table decorations, shopped, and then provided helpers  
for the crews each morning.



## HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

We'd love to stand alongside you in prayer! Please share your  
prayer request with us by placing this form in either prayer box  
at the Sanctuary entrance.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Request: \_\_\_\_\_

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Would you like our Director of Prayer Ministry to reach out  
to you about this request? ☐ Yes ☐ No

## Connect With FMC Shreveport

Visitor Information • Request Prayer • Give Online



## JOYS & CONCERNS

**HOSPITAL:** Tammy Duke

**HOSPICE:** Ann Walke

**RECOVERING:** John Adams, Bobby Edwards, Nina Parault

**SYMPATHY** is extended to Dr. Robert E. Holladay, IV, in the death of his wife, Peggy.

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God and in honor of all current  
members of the Seekers Sunday School Class and in memory of Jerry Webb, Ronnie Free,  
Nick Wibben and Jack Lamb.

If you would like to give flowers, for use during the worship service, in memory or in  
honor of a loved one, please email Katie Weir at [kcwerie@gmail.com](mailto:kcwerie@gmail.com). After worship  
services, flowers from the altar are arranged into small bouquets and delivered to  
members who are hospitalized.

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

## MEMORIALS

**Babbette Gerard**

from Felix Gerard

**William Hargrove**

from Patricia and Gary Covington

**Jack R. Lamb**

from Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Brent

**Jimmie "Jim" McGee**

from Vicki and Eric Sullivan

Shirley and Freddie Brown

Jill and Milton Geltz

First Baptist Church School faculty & staff

Lori and Bailey Baynham

Amanda and Kirk LaVigne

Lounelle Black

Jacki Kennedy

Sharon Shores

Patti Richter

Dr. Elza Robinson

## HONORARIUM

**Betsy Chandler Peatross**

from Allison and Patrick Walsh

## VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 07.27.25	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$77,769	\$311,076	\$2,090,275
Received	\$56,199	\$299,220	\$2,041,711
Over/(Under)	(\$21,570)	(\$11,856)	(\$48,564)

### ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF JULY 27, 2025

Traditional worship, 8:30 .....	179
Traditional worship, 11:00 .....	316
Faithlink worship .....	238
Palabra Viva Combined Services .....	153
On-line Viewers .....	32
<b>Total worship attendance: .....</b>	<b>918</b>
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages .....	320
Weekly Discipleship Activities .....	366
TOTAL Discipleship .....	686



WE ARE A STEPHEN MINISTRIES CARING CONGREGATION. *A Stephen Minister  
will be to the left of the altar at the end of each service to listen and pray with you. If  
you are in need of a confidential Stephen Minister, call Ann Shocklee at 424-7771.*

Senior Pastor: Dr. Steven Bell • Executive Pastor: Rev. Matthew Hulbert

Associate Pastor: Rev. Kathy Wafer • Associate Pastor: Rev. Stephanie Kidd • Associate Pastor: Rev. Emily Blair

Minister of Music: Dr. David Hobson • Associate Director of Music: Alison Beck • 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.

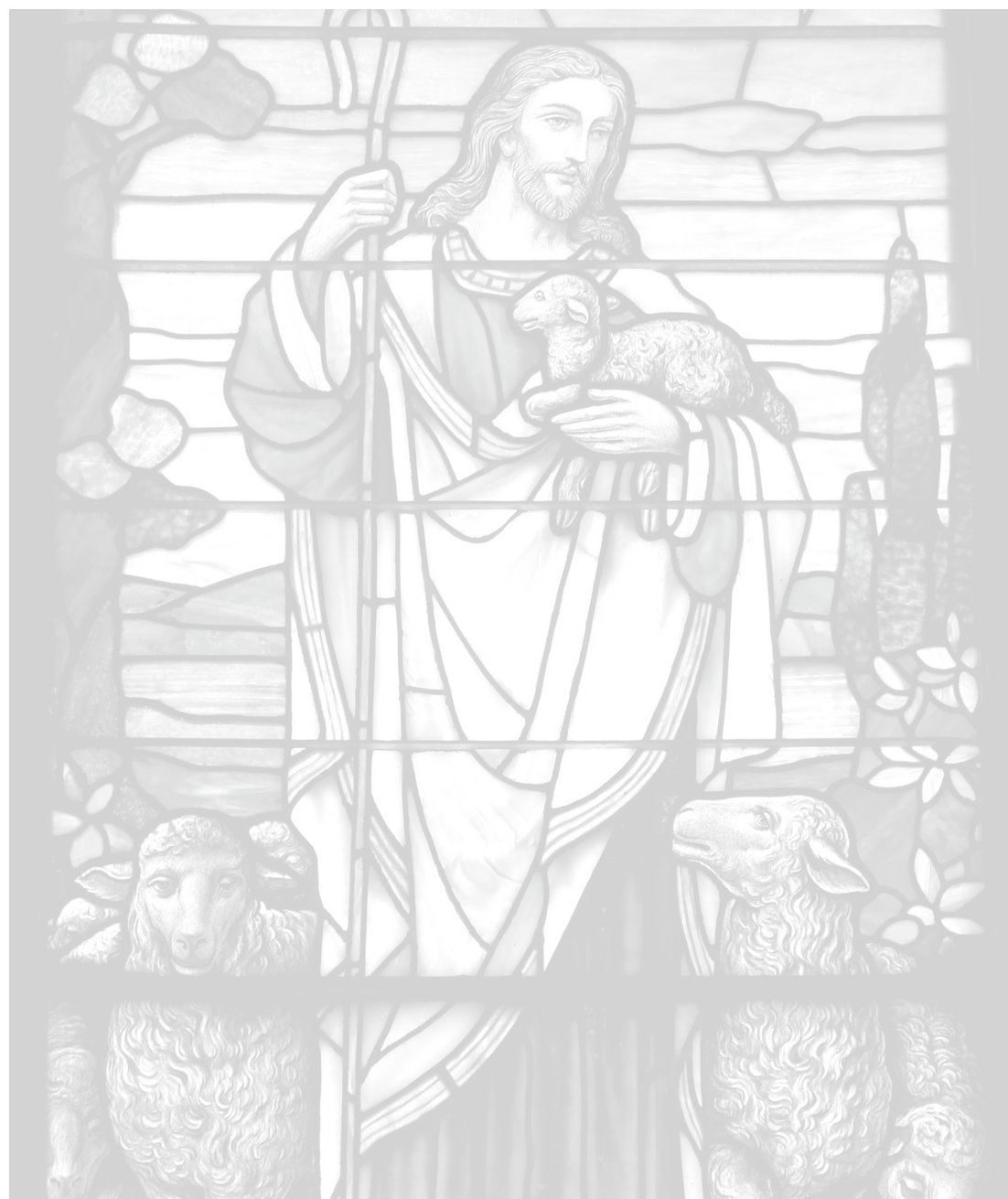
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## METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

AUGUST 3, 2025 • EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WORSHIP PASSIONATELY.  
LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY.  
WITNESS BOLDLY.

*Eighth Sunday After Pentecost - August 3, 2025*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Dr. David Hobson

INVITATION, CONFESSION, AND PARDON.....No. 730.....Dr. Will Address

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“If Thou But Trust the Lord to Guide Thee” .....No. 75

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 693.....Lee DuCote

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Esther 9:24-28.....Stacey Hargon

† GLORIA PATRI.....No.33

CHILDREN'S BLESSING.....Helen Palmer

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

PRAYER RESPONSE.....No. 299

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

† DOXOLOGY.....Traditional

*power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

MESSAGE.....FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS:.....Dr. Steven Bell  
WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING.....No. 731-732.....Dr. Steven Bell

THE LORD'S PRAYER.....Congregation (speaks in unison)

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MUSICAL OFFERING.....“Confutatis Maledictis”.....Steve Valenzuela, bass

from *Requiem*  
Giuseppe Verdi  
[When the accursed have been condemned,  
summon me with the saved—*You cannot drink  
the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you  
cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the  
table of demons—1 Cor. 10:21*]

WESLEYAN COVENANT PRAYER.....No. 710.....Dr. Steven Bell

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”.....No. 90

*(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 MEMBERS.....Dr. 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 .....Dr. Steven Bell

† SENDING FORTH.....*May the Grace of Christ Be with You*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
arr. Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....“Allegro maestoso e vivace”.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
from *Sonata* #2  
Felix Mendelssohn



8:30: *Crucifer* – Lorynn Farrington • *Acolyte* – Sadie Farrington

11:00: *Banner Carrier* – Mollie Rice • *Crucifer* – Michael Zavalydriga  
*Acolyte* – Anna Claire and Ellie Caudle

† *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 Building. Outdoor access is located on the corner of Douglas and Milam Street.

## FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS:

## WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND

ESTHER 9:24-28

## What Goes Around Comes Around

## Four Principles for All of Life

### Scripture Memory Verse

*"God proves his love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*

Romans 5:8