

# 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

Following tradition, Dr. Bell and Rev. Hulbert presented  
the 3rd Grade Class with new Bibles of their own  
last Sunday. They were encouraged to be strong and  
courageous like Joshua and the Israelites, never stop  
reading God's Word, and always know that God is with  
them wherever they go. (Joshua 1:8-9) Please continue  
to pray for them that they will grow in their faith,  
knowledge, and relationship with Jesus!



## 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:** Linda Dowling, Hutton Montgomery, John Mark Willcox

**RECOVERING:** Nancy Liles

**FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY** are given to the glory of God from the Altar Guild.

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

**Bob Brown**

from Kay Brown

**E. Sloan Folmer and Richard S. Folmer**

from Ginger D. Folmer

**Rigby Hollingsworth**

from Lyndell Hollingsworth and Family

**Peggy Holladay**

from Miles Hitchcock

**Jimmie "Jim" McGee**

from Margaret and Mitchell Timmons

Ginny and Tom Murphy

Laura and Jay Sawyer

**William Hargrove**

from Shirley and Freddie Brown

Kay and Vincent Rice

Sharon and Lou Martinelli

**James "Jimmie" R. Madison**

from Sharon and Lou Martinelli

## NEW MEMBERS OF FMC-S (JULY - AUGUST)

Annabella Buckle

Margaret and Chris Cox

Anne Michele Erwin

Stacy and Tom Erwin

Louise and Don Jones

Lynn Owens

Kristin and Nic Sorensen

WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR  
WONDERFUL FAITH FAMILY!

## VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 08.17.25	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$62,595	\$187,785	\$2,278,060
Received	\$150,540	\$282,734	\$2,324,445
Over/(Under)	\$87,945	\$94,949	\$46,385

### ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2025

Traditional worship, 8:30 .....	188
Traditional worship, 11:00 .....	464
Faithlink worship .....	260
Palabra Viva Combined Services .....	127
On-line Viewers .....	37
<b>Total worship attendance: .....</b>	<b>1076</b>
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages .....	384
Weekly Discipleship Activities .....	151
TOTAL Discipleship .....	535



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 24, 2025 • ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



WORSHIP PASSIONATELY.  
LOVE EXTRAVAGANTLY.  
WITNESS BOLDLY.

*Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost - August 24, 2025*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Lee DuCote

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Will Address

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 693.....Rev. Kathy Wafer

† SCRIPTURE READING.....John 5:1-15.....Ezekiel Forsythe

† GLORIA PATRI.....No. 33

CHILDREN'S BLESSING.....Staci Zeagler

MORNING & OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Debby Williams

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

PRAYER RESPONSE.....No. 299

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*  
*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*  
*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*  
*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

† DOXOLOGY ..... Traditional

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose  
power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

MESSAGE.....THIS VERSE CHANGED MY LIFE:.....Dr. Steven Bell  
CIRCUMSTANTIAL HEALING

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Victory in Jesus”.....No. 119

*(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

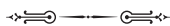
*We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to the congregation of First Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.*

† BENEDICTION ..... Dr. Steven Bell

† SENDING FORTH.....*Amen*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
John Rutter Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Jubilation*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
Gordon Young

\* Given to the glory of God and in memory of Jackie Peebles, mother of Ray Peebles.



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

11:00: *Banner Carrier – Lily Norris • Crucifer – Michael Zavalydriga  
Acolytes – Mia White*

† 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.

## THIS VERSE CHANGED MY LIFE:

## CIRCUMSTANTIAL HEALING

## JOHN 5:1-15

## Healing in the Bible

# Healing in Church History

## Healing Today

### Scripture Memory Verse

*"Jesus said to him, 'Stand up, take your mat and walk.'"*  
John 5:8