

## we're glad you're here!

Welcome to Faithlink! This is the Contemporary Worship Service of First Methodist Church, Shreveport. If you're here for the first time, please find one of our pastors, worship team members, greeters, or ushers so we can welcome you and give you a welcome bag.

## connect with us!

- Text **VISIT** 318-414-8707 if you're a new member or visitor.
- Text **GIVE** to 318-414-8707 to set up your tithing online.
- Text **PRAYER** to 318-414-8707 to request prayer.

## how to give

We celebrate giving as an act of worship! We invite you to offer your tithes and offerings in one of three ways: our offering boxes located in the back of the Emmett Hook Center, mailing in to our business office (First Methodist Church, 500 Common Street, Shreveport, LA 71101) or through online giving (<https://firstshreveport.com/give>) which can also be accessed by the QR code to the right.



## our pastors

- Dr. Steven Bell, Senior Pastor
- Rev. Matthew Hulbert, Pastor of Contemporary Worship
- Rev. Stephanie Kidd, Associate Pastor
- Rev. Kathy Wafer, Associate Pastor
- Rev. Emily Blair, Associate Pastor

### VITAL SIGNS

Contributions	Week Ending 07.6.25	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Goal	\$77,769	\$77,769	\$1,856,968
Received	\$82,749	\$82,749	\$1,825,240
Over/(Under)	\$4,980	\$4,980	(\$31,728)

Year to Date - June 30, 2025 (in thousands)			
	Budget	Actual	Variation
Cash Receipts	\$2,054	\$1,993	(\$61)
Cash Disbursements	\$2,306	\$2,135	\$171
Operating Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$252)	(\$142)	\$110

### ATTENDANCE: WEEK OF JULY 6, 2025

Traditional worship, 8:30	180
Traditional worship, 11:00	295
Faithlink worship	163
Palabra Viva Combined Services	124
On-line Viewers	29
<b>Total worship attendance:</b>	<b>791</b>
Total Sunday School attendance, all ages	251
Weekly Discipleship Activities	105
<b>TOTAL Discipleship</b>	<b>356</b>



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# FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

**FAITHlink**  
contemporary  
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, SHREVEPORT

**REV. MATTHEW HULBERT**  
**SUNDAY 07.13.25**

## FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS: LIVING IN EXILE

*Jeremiah 29:4-7 (NIV) - This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: "Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper."*

### SERMON NOTES:

#### Setting the Stage

#### A Family in Exile

#### A Journey Not of Their Choosing

## WORSHIP SONGS FOR TODAY:

"Holy Forever" by Chris Tomlin

"Who Else" by Gateway Worship

"Worthy" by Elevation Worship

"What A Beautiful Name" by Hillsong Worship

## COMMUNITY PRAYER

**RECOVERING:** Joyce Hooper, Carobeth Richardz

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Sarah Bailey Peterson and Nate Peterson on the birth of their baby boy, Owen Walter, born July 9, 2025, in Martin City, Montana. Grandparents are Hugh and Amy Bailey.

**WE CELEBRATE** with Bobby Lyles and Albany Lyles who were baptized in a private ceremony this morning.

**SYMPATHY** is extended to Margaret Hargrove in the death of her husband, William R. Hargrove.

## READY TO JOIN OUR FIRST SHREVEPORT FAMILY?

If you're curious about what membership means and want to meet with one of our pastors before deciding, please contact our front desk at 424-7771 for more information.

## NEW MEMBERS OF FMC-S (JUNE)

Mary Boogaerts

Chris Cox

Margaret Cox

Marcie Harner

We welcome you to our wonderful faith family!

## CHILDCARE:

Childcare for infants through 4 years is available on Sundays from 8:15am-12:15pm in the Children's Ministry Center (CMC). The CMC is down the hall and down the left set of stairs from the Emmett Hook Center. There is a sign that says "Children's Ministry Center" outside of this stairwell. Outdoor access to the Children's Ministry Center is located on the corner of Douglas and Milam Streets.

## MINISTRY MOMENT:

Thankful for our youth ministry, prepping for VBS, July 14-18. Contact Billie or Staci to join in on the fun and volunteer!

