
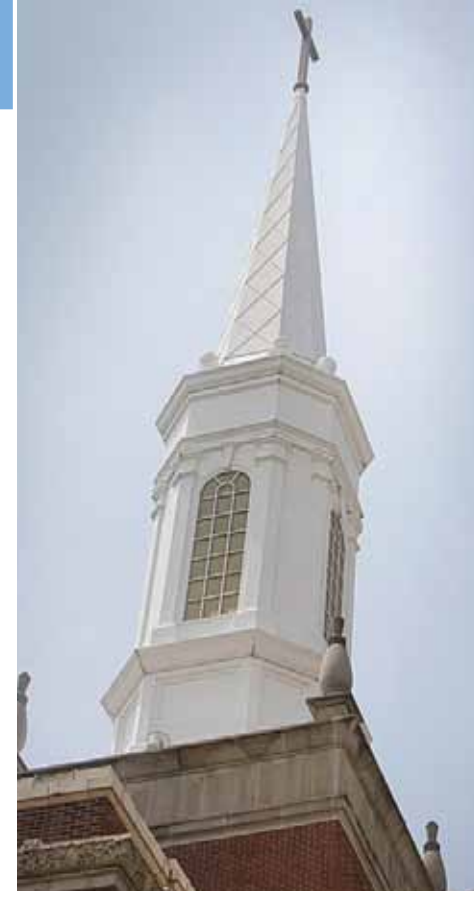


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PAT'S PERSPECTIVE



Rabbi Lewis Benstock told the story of a wealthy man who came to him desperate for help. The rabbi told him to have faith. "Have faith," he said then got up and started to leave. The rabbi said, "You are going to help yourself. You have a great resource - faith."

And then he told him a Chinese proverb. "Have you ever stopped to think how essential water is to life? Without water every living thing would die." A panic stricken fish said, "I must find some water at once or I will be dead." Where could he find water? The lake? River? The deepest place in the ocean? And so he asked an old wise fish, "Where can I find water?" "Water, why you are in it right now. You are in it in your own lake. And you've been in it since you were born." The little fish swam back home, "I had water all the time and didn't know it."

So it is with faith. You don't find faith; you have it by using the faith that you have. Your faith can lie unused. It can be

covered up and not used. Why not begin to exercise your faith by utilizing it in a particular way?

In order to deepen your faith, go where it is. The Christian faith is more caught than it is taught. So go to church. Read the Bible. Associate with spiritual people, people who have a faith. You have to be careful about being around people of faith because it may rub off on you!

I would also suggest that if you want a stronger faith experiment with what you have learned. John Wesley once said, "If you want faith, preach faith until you get it." You must act as if the whole gospel story were true. Never mind if you feel it is just too good to be true, never mind about your doubts, act as if you truly believe the words in the scriptures. Give thanks for the changes God is making in your life, even though you can't see it happening. You might experiment with tithing or forgiving someone. The Christian faith begins the most exciting, amazing adventure and experiment in your life.

As you grow spiritually God's love expands to your whole being. He then becomes your life. Martin Luther referred to this as the joyful exchange. Exchange your selfish egocentric self for one in which Jesus Christ is living his life in and through you.

If you want your faith to grow then why not be in worship on Sundays? You will be amazed at how your life will be changed as you begin to learn and experiment with your faith.

See you Sunday in church!

- **First United Methodist Church**
500 Common Street
P. O. Box 1567
Shreveport, LA 71165-1567
- **Sunday Worship Services**
Traditional 8:30am & 11:00am
Sanctuary (A deaf interpreter is available at the 11:00 service)
- **FAITHLink Contemporary**
11:00am
Performing Arts Center
- **Wednesday Business Luncheon**
Wednesdays at Noon
Multimedia Room, Education & Administration Bldg., 3rd Floor
- **Wesleyan Communion Service**
9:45-10:30am
Couch Chapel
(1st Sunday of month)
- **Sunday School**
9:45am
- **Televised Sunday Services**
11:00am (live)
ABC KTBS-TV Ch. 3

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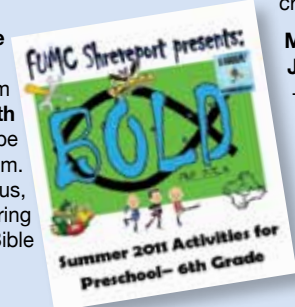
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Summer 2011 Activities for Preschool- 6th Grade

MANIC MONDAYS
 Every Monday during the Month of June for completed 5th and 6th graders! Meet in the LOFT at 12pm and pick up will be at 4pm.

ADVENTURE WEEK
 May 31-June 3 from 9am-3pm for completed 3rd /4th graders. Extended care until 5:30pm. Your child will learn the importance of Grace in their everyday lives. Bring your lunch and Bible each day! **Cost: \$60**

CAMP JAMS
 "Backstage with the Bible" - GO-Fish Guys
 June 13-17 from 9am-4pm for completed 1st-4th graders. There will also be extended care until 5:30pm. Join us for a week of Jesus, Art, Music and Sports. Bring your water bottle and Bible each day!
Cost \$85 (includes lunch)



VBS/AFTER VBS MADNESS
 "PandaMania - Where God is Wild About You!"
 July 11-15 for age 3-completed 5th grade from 9am-12pm. This year we will have a Preteen VBS for completed 4th and 5th graders. After VBS madness will be from 12pm-5pm and is for completed 4th-6th graders.

VEGGIE CAMP
 "Jonah"
 June 27-29 from 9am-12pm for 3 year olds-Kindergarten. Children learn that one of the

best gifts you can give—or get—is a second chance. Bible lesson, games, snacks, crafts and music will fill the morning. **Cost: \$30**

iGO GREEN
 "Camp Kaboom"
 July 25-28 from 9am-12pm for completed Kindergarten—2nd graders. Children will not only learn about the seven days of creation, but also about what creation reveals about God and how we are to take care of His creation. **Cost: \$40**

MISSION WEEK
 Join us July 24-28 from 8:30am -7pm for a week of Mission, Games, Worship and more. This Mission Week is for completed 5th and 6th graders. The last day we will have a lock-in at the Church for all those who participated!! **Cost: TBA**

END OF SUMMER TRIPS
August 1: Completed 1st and 2nd graders to Tyler, Texas.
August 3: Completed 3rd and 4th graders to Dallas, Texas.
August 5-7: Completed 6th graders to Schlitterbahn in New Braunfels, Texas.
 For more information:
 FUMC Shreveport: (318) 424-7771

CHILDREN'S DIRECTORS:
Billie Tate: btate@fumcshreveport.org
Emily Bankston: ebankston@fumcshreveport.org
 Don't forget to invite your friends!!



Women's Summer Study begins June 13
Breathe: Creating Space for God in a Hectic Life
 by Keri Wyatt Kent addresses the question "Why are we in such a hurry?" Breathe will help you break free from the hectic pace of life and ultimately find rest through your relationship with Christ. Join us as we discuss this book and slowing down. Discussions will be facilitated in a small group setting in the Multimedia room on Mondays at 5:45pm and online in a blog format for those of you spending time out of town this summer. Contact Stephanie Clark for more information.

BOLD Summer Kickoff!
 Sunday, May 15 at 12 noon in Bain Hall. Come get more information about our children's summer activities, register and enjoy lunch and fellowship!

Construction is coming to an end!
 The Children's Ministry Building will be open on Mother's Day for children ages infant - 4 years old. The Emmett Hook Center will open in May as well - FAITHLink banners will be out front to welcome you on Sunday.

ATN YOUTH MINISTRY



May 15th: Senior Sunday Brunch in the Multi-Media Room @ 9:30 a.m. and recognition of graduates during the 11:00 a.m. traditional worship service.

June 5-11: Mid High (7 & 8th grades) Summer Retreat; Camp Eagle in Rock Springs, TX - www.campeagle.org

June 26-July 2: Senior High (9-12 grades) Summer Retreat; North Georgia/Tennessee Adventure

July 22-29: Haiti Mission trip

July 28-31: Weekend of the Cross (local missions)

Be watching for more information on ATN weekly opportunities for youth this summer.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

14th Annual First United Methodist Hal Sutton Charity Golf Tournament

Thursday, May 12, The Golf Club at Stonebridge

New time, new location and more fun than you have ever had at a golf tournament. This year's First United Methodist Hal Sutton Charity Tournament is a great reason to bring some friends together. Hal Sutton will be honored for all his work for First United Methodist and in the

community. Plus, you'll have opportunity to have your picture taken with this great golfer.

We'll have competition each hole as two 3-man teams go up against each other. Tents for food and drinks will be spread around the course. And prizes will top anything we have had before. You won't want to miss this all new golf event. Sign yourself and a couple of friends up at fumcshreveport.org/events or call 424-7771.

- \$85 Player
- \$100 Hole Sponsor
- \$150 Hole Sponsor/Player
- \$300 Hole Sponsor/Team

3-PERSON SCRAMBLE
Registration: 11:00am
Lunch: 11:30am
Hal Sutton
Presentation: 12:30pm
Tee time: 1:00pm

ORCHESTRA

Orchestra of First Methodist In Concert
Sunday, May 1, 2011, 2:30 PM
 Bain Hall

Enjoy fifty talented musicians playing the music of Ravel, Mozart, Sousa, Berlin, Grofe, Mancini, John Williams and more.



Franklin and Holly Junge



Dano Maxie



Lyndie Brian

MOTHER'S DAY

Special Mother's Day Offering

For more than 100 years, Louisiana's Methodist Children's Home has cared for orphaned, abused, abandoned, neglected and hurting children. Thousands of children who desperately need a Christian home, good medical care, nourishing food, proper clothing, and education have found refuge there. It is their

desire and prayer that each child will come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Your generous gift on **Sunday, May 8th** will enable the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home to continue this ministry. If you are unable to attend worship that day, you may send your gift to the Church Business Office with a memo indicating this special offering.



VOLUNTEER

Paint Your Heart Out Shreveport 2011

will be held on **Saturday, May 21.** People who plan to volunteer for Paint Your Heart Out Shreveport 2011 on Saturday, May 21, must sign notarized release forms. Notaries will be on The Bridge and below the



Sanctuary from 9:30-10am on May 1 and 8 to process these forms

which the city requires of participants. People can also sign up at these times if they have not done so previously. Those interested can also call the church office at 424-7771.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

May Activities

Mission Possible: K-2nd, **May 1st,** Noon-4:30 "Be a Buddy" Mission Project. **Cost is \$10.00** for activity following mission time.

Parent's Night Out: **Friday, May 13,** 6-9 p.m. "Splash Day" Infants - 4 year olds will enjoy a time of play at FUMC. Grades K-4th will travel to the Sepulvado Farm in Shreveport for a summer kickoff. **Cost is \$10/child or \$20/family**

SINGLES' MINISTRY

"Beach Party"

D.J. Music, Dancing, Food and Fun **Saturday, May 14th** 7:00 - 10:00PM For additional information please contact Katy Mayeaux, 424-7771.



SENIOR MINISTRY

Treasures' Luncheon

May 12th: Mr. Jack Sharp, President and CEO of The Biomedical Research Foundation, will speak of recent projects of The Foundation at the Treasures' Luncheon on **Thursday, May 12th,** at 12:00 noon in Hunter 101. For reservations call Brenda/Susan at 424-7771. Lunch will be served at a **cost of \$6.00.**

National Day of Prayer

First United Methodist Church invites you to a nondenominational gathering to pray for our nation, united under God. During the National Day of Prayer, services are held all over the nation, with people praying the same prayer at the same time. Come and be a part of this special occasion. This service is held in the FUMC Sanctuary at 11:45 a.m. until 12:30 on **Thursday, May 5, 2011.**

The 2011 "Prayer for the Nation", written by Mrs. Joni Eareckson Tada, will be led by Mr. J. Michael Johnson, founding dean of the Judge Paul Pressler School of Law. A special message will be presented by Dr. Pat Day of FUMC Shreveport.

Additional prayers will be offered by Mr. Mike Leonard of Community Renewal International; Ms. Liz Swain of the Downtown Development Authority; Mr. Ross Barrett, business leader; Attorney Jim Hill, US Army (retired); Rector Mary Richard of Holy Cross Episcopal Church; and Rev. Derek Joyce, Assoc. Pastor FUMC Shreveport.

Day with Dad and Grandad

Do you like to see your children's or grandchildren's face light up when they catch a fish or discover animal tracks along a trail? Do you like grilling out on a big deck overlooking a lake? Do you like walking in the woods or spending a casual day on the lawn?

Then come to 'Day with Dad and Granddad' at Lick Skillet Ranch **Saturday, May 21** from 8 AM to 2 PM. There will be a youth and children's fishing tournament. We have boats but bring your own tackle. There will be plenty of hotdogs, hamburgers and cold drinks for everyone. Relax in the beauty

MEN'S MINISTRY

Renew and Review Book Club

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, May 10,** at 10:00 a.m. in Hunter 101 for the last meeting of the 2010-2011 Renew and Review Book Club year. Anne King will deliver another of her intriguing reviews when she discusses the historical novel *The Heretic's Daughter* by Kathleen Kent.

The author, a direct descendent of Martha Carrier on whom the novel is based, takes the reader back in time to a period in American history that still fascinates today's audiences.

Kent's grandmother reveals a secret: the account of the horrors that enveloped a New England town called Salem.

This well-researched book brings to life the Puritan New England in its darkest hour, as it tells the story of a family united by their faith in the truth, and their love for one another.

Join members and guests for fellowship beginning at 10:00 followed by Mrs. King's review. Then, plan to stay for our end-of-year salad luncheon—a time to enjoy some additional discussion of Anne's review and to recall the diverse topics covered by other reviewers during the year. **Cost for non-members is \$4.00.**

Silver Screenings

May 17th: Silver Screenings will be offered at the Robinson Film Center on **Tuesday, May 17th.** The featured movie will be announced closer to the event date. For reservations call Brenda/Susan at 424-7771 by Friday, May 13th and mail a **\$14 check, for both movie and lunch,** to the church. Meet at the church at 9:45 am to be transported by church bus to the Robinson Center.

UMW

Come be inspired!

Eloise Sanders, from Arcadia, Louisiana, is presenting Part 2 of our mission study "For the Love of God, the Epistles of John" at our general meeting on **Tuesday, May 3,** 2011 at 9:45 a.m. in Hunter 101. All women of the church are invited. Lunch (\$5) will be served following the program. Please call 424-7771 to make lunch reservations.

Eloise, a retired educator and past State President of United Methodist Women, is a great speaker and you will not want to miss this last meeting before we break for the summer. **There will be no general meetings in June, July or August.**

UMW Circle 8 will meet on **May 16** at the home of Mary Cochran.

STEP UP MINISTRY

MAY CALENDAR

- Bring your friends!
- Sunday School in the LOFT,** Sundays, 9:45
- Lighthouse and Bible study,** Wednesdays, 4:30 - 7:30
- Small Groups for girls and boys will meet on Saturday, May 14.**

SUMMER

Are you ready for Manic Mondays, Camps, VBS, After VBS Madness, Mission Week and MORE!!! Questions? **Contact Emily Bankston:** 424-7771 ext 119 or ebankston@fumcshreveport.org

World renowned organist

Sunday, June 5, 2011 at 3:00pm in the Sanctuary.

Frederick Swann, who was for many years the organist at the famed Riverside Church in New York City, developed an outstanding career as a church and then concert organist. In the 1980's

Mr. Swann moved across the continent and became the organist and music director at the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California. He was widely regarded as the most visible organist in the world, as millions in every major city in more than 165 countries worldwide saw and heard him on the weekly televised services "Hour of Power" with Robert Schuller. He has recently directed his activities to concerts playing on most of the important organs in the world, from those of Europe to America as well as concerts with the Chicago and San Francisco symphonies.

He recently played the inaugural concert of the pipe organ at Walt Disney Concert Hall with the Los Angeles Symphony.

Mr. Swann will also give this concert celebrating the 25th Anniversary of our Sanctuary organ, which was given to the church by Mildred and Sam Sharp in 1986.



of nature and enjoy the fellowship.

Lick Skillet Ranch is just 25 minutes west of town. From I-20, take U.S. 79 south from Exit 3 at Greenwood. Go south on U.S. 79 for 3 miles from the traffic light at the Flying J. Look to your right (west) for a stone and iron gate with a "horse of a different color" (you'll know it when you see it). Enter Ranch and drive SLOWLY so as not to spook horses. Follow the road to the right until you come to the house on the lake.

Call Laura, 318-424-7771, or register online at www.fumcshreveport.org/events to let us know how many are coming.