



This Sunday at FUMC

Luke 6:27-38 | So Many gods, Only One Worth Following

In a world that pulls us in many different directions it's easy to get confused about what really matters. Power, success, money, pleasure, status all promise fulfillment, but do they actually deliver? The story of Jesus' Transfiguration offers us clarity: in the midst of all the noise, God says, "This is my Son. Listen to Him." But what does that really mean for us today? This message will explore how following Jesus leads to a life of clarity, meaning, and purpose that align with God's own heart.

This Sunday at Mid City Church



All are welcome to worship at Mid City Church this Sunday! Food and fellowship begins at **3:30 PM** and worship begins at **4 PM**. Mid City Church meets at **250 S. Foster Drive**.



Mardi Gras Church Closure

Our church office will be **closed** Monday, March 3 and Tuesday, March 4 for the Mardi Gras holiday.



Our Stories

Our youth are on a mission! On MLK weekend, they put their faith into action in Baton Rouge—serving, loving, and making a difference in the community. From hands-on projects to heartfelt connections, MissionBR is all about being the hands and feet of Jesus. Want to see the impact? **Watch the video and be inspired!**

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Love Your Neighbor Van Wishlist



The Love Your Neighbor van needs your help purchasing items off their wishlist!

[View the Wishlist](#)

1. View the wishlist by clicking the button.
2. Browse the Items – Scroll through the collection and select the item(s) you'd like to contribute.
3. Buy Item- Click on an item to view details and choose the option to "Buy Item" from the linked retailer then complete the checkout process.

Donation Guidelines:

- If purchasing online or locally, please mark the item as "bought" to prevent duplicates.
- Purchased items can be shipped directly or dropped off at *Love Your Neighbor Van, First United Methodist Church of Baton Rouge, 930 North Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA 70802.*



Lent Devotional

Experience a transformative Lenten journey with *The Sanctuary for Lent 2025* devotional. Each day includes a suggested Scripture, a short devotion, and a prayer or practice. Based on the Revised Common Lectionary, this annual favorite will guide you from Ash Wednesday to the glory of Easter Sunday. Devotionals are available on the Resource Tables and at the entrances to the sanctuary. Those who would like a printed copy mailed to their home or a downloadable version can email Pattye Hewitt by clicking the button.

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Serve During Lent

We're looking for volunteers to greet at worship services and events during Lent! Love others through a smile or handshake.

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MLK Unity Celebration

Tonight | 6-8 PM

MLK Unity Celebration at LSU — Rev. Whitton will be the Keynote Speaker at this event hosted in collaboration with LSU, Southern University, and Baton Rouge Community College on Thursday, February 27, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m at the Huey P. Long Field House on LSU's campus. This gathering is an opportunity for our community to come together in the spirit

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of justice, love, and service, embodying the values of Dr. King. For more information, contact the Clarence L. Barney Jr. African American Cultural Center at 225-578-1627 or aacc@lsu.edu.



Kids/Youth Summer Camp Sign Ups

Registration Opens March 1

Registration opens March 1 for FUMC summer camps and mission opportunities!

Go to www.firstmethodistyouth.org to register for the **Sr. High Mission Trip** (May 24-June 1) for 8th-12th graders, the **Jr. High Mystery Mission Trip** (July 22-26) for 6th-8th graders, and **Wilderness TREK Adventure** (July 12-18) for 10th-12 graders.

Go to www.firstmethodistchildren.org to register for **Vacation Bible School** (June 23-27) for rising pre-k-4 to 6th graders and **Mission Day Camp** (July 7-10) for rising 4th-6th graders.

Go to www.elcbr.com to register for **Early Learning Center summer camp** (May 27-August 1) for children who have completed kindergarten - 11 years of age. You may choose which weeks you'd like your camper to attend. Snacks and lunch provided.



Looking Like Christ, Living Like Christ

Begins March 2 | 9:45 AM

How do we persevere in the face of suffering? For first-century Christians who were persecuted by their neighbors, staying focused on their "living hope" was hard to do. The apostle Peter wanted to remind these hard-pressed Christians of their rich identity in Christ and encourage them to respond to their sufferings as Christ did. Open to all ages and stages of faith, the Journey Sunday School class invites you to a study of 1 Peter beginning March 2nd in the McKenzie Library. No registration required.



Ash Wednesday

March 5

- **7:00-8:00 AM** drive-thru imposition of ashes on America Street.
- **12:10 and 6:30 PM** sanctuary services with imposition of ashes.
- **6:30 PM** Mid City Church service (at Counterspace on Government St.)

Ash Wednesday marks the start of the Lenten season of reflection and repentance. On this day we mark the sign of the cross on ourselves to be grounded in our mortality as we seek a more faithful life. "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Lent is an opportunity to go deeply into our hearts and the souls of our communities, and to recognize the depth of our estrangement from God.



Prayer Retreat

March 8 | 8 AM - Noon

The Season of Lent is a wonderful time to deepen your life with God. You are invited to attend a halfday retreat at FUMC. Rev. Dr. Jack O'Dell, retired United Methodist Elder of the Louisiana Annual Conference, will facilitate and cover facets of an enlivened prayer life.

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2nd Grade Bibles

March 9 | 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 AM

The time-honored tradition of presenting 2nd graders with their own Bibles will be on Sunday, March 9 at all worship services. Parents, if your Second Grader will be here to receive their Bible, please RSVP by Thursday, March 6. A "How to use my Bible" session will be after the 9:45 and 11:00 services. This will be a quick info session for your 2nd grader on what the Bible is and how to navigate it. Parents are welcome to join; location TBA.

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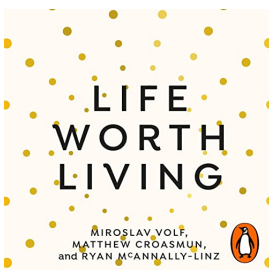


Growing With

Begins March 9 | 5-6:30 PM

If you are a parent of a graduate and/or high school senior, this 8-week offering is for you! Gain useful tools to help guide you through the relationship changes that come with transitions in this season of life. Led by Shannon Hyde, this class starts March 9 and will continue for 9 weeks.

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Life Worth Living Book Study

Begins March 11 | 11:30 AM - 1 PM

Join Reverend Whitton and Reverend Dr. JC Richardson for a unique group experience: "What makes a life truly worth living?" Nine participants from each congregation, FUMC and Wesley UMC, will meet every other Tuesday for 10-weeks starting March 11. Participants will need to buy "Life Worth Living" by Miroslav Volf and the accompanying workbook by Eagle Reads.

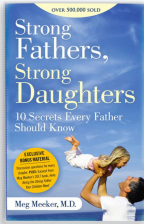
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Strong Fathers, Strong Daughters

Begins March 12 | 6:00-7:30 PM

Join men looking to be more intentional fathers for a book study on *Strong Fathers, Strong*

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Daughters by Meg Meeker. Led by veteran girlfriends Todd Barlow and Chris King during Lent. Meetings will be held at the Next Level Solutions office on Highland Rd.



Preteen Color Wars

March 14 | 6:30-8 PM

4th and 5th graders are invited to the Color Wars at Perkins Road Community Park. They should wear white and expect a mess (and a whole lot of fun)! Cost is \$30/child and includes supplies, a t-shirt, and a light dinner. Share this invitation with friends!

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Men's and Women's Retreats

Mark your calendars to attend FUMC's annual Men's Retreat (**March 21-23**) and Women's Retreat (**March 28-30**). Each retreat will be held in the serenity and beauty of the Wesley Center in Woodworth, LA – a two-hour drive from Baton Rouge. These all-inclusive weekends will include single lodging accommodations, delicious meals, and all program materials. Cost is \$325.00 per person.

[Women's Retreat Sign Up](#)

[Men's Retreat Sign Up](#)



Easter Walk Eggs Needed

April 12

The FUMC Easter Walk is on Saturday, April 12, and the Children's Ministry is collecting 5,000 candy-stuffed and taped eggs. Empty eggs and bags of candy are also accepted. Please bring your donations by April 6. Event sponsorship opportunities are available, and we are accepting monetary donations.

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