

**THIS WEEK AT  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

November 20-27

**TODAY**

Worship 8:40 & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Jr. High Youth 5:00p.m.  
Sr. High Youth 6:15p.m.  
BAMA Thanksgiving Worship 6:30p.m.  
@ New Life Baptist Church

**MONDAY**

Boy Scouts 6:30p.m.  
Chancel Choir 7:00p.m.

**TUESDAY**

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.  
Bible Study 1:30p.m.

**THURSDAY**

Happy Thanksgiving!

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Worship 8:40 & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Jr. High Youth 5:00p.m.  
Sr. High Youth 6:15p.m.

**Prayer Concerns:**

Maxine Penney Cely, Betty Dutcher, Dorothy Hayes, Jeanette Hicks, The Family of Kari Moss Honaker, Hillary Husband, Ina & Charlie Johnson, Raywood Lantier, Freddie Luther, The Family of Don Wells, Rick Wisdom.

*\*Hospitalized*

**Disciple Bible Study**

Clear your calendars for Thursday nights beginning the second week of January. Get a free preview booklet for Disciple Bible Study on the display table. Class is 2 hours each week, with 20 minutes home study daily. Please register by calling the church office.

**This is Commitment Day.**

Please bring your *Estimate of Giving Card* forward during the hymn of Invitation to indicate your intentions to give in 2012. Cards are available from an usher.

**Next Week's Text and Message**

First Sunday of Advent

*"More Than Waiting for Christmas"*

Isaiah 64:7-9, Mark 13:24-37

**BAMA Thanksgiving Service**

Today at New Life Baptist Church at 6:30p.m. Please give generously to the BAMA Benevolent Fund then.

**Church Office Closed**

The church office will close at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, and remain closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**World AIDS Day**

Our pastor, Dr. Wayne Evans, will preach at the Lake Charles District celebration of *World AIDS Day* on Thursday December 1 at Warren UMC, 1800 Orchid St., Lake Charles at 6:00 p.m. All are invited.

**Women's Prayer Breakfast**

The next Women's Prayer Breakfast is Thursday, Dec. 1, @ 8:30 am in the Conference Room. All ladies are invited. Please bring a can of meat for God's Food Box. Renee Evans will be the speaker.

**Hang the Ivy and the Holly**

Discover the Christian origins of decorations and symbols associated with this season at our annual Hanging of the Greens in the Sanctuary on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 5 pm.

**Wesley Rent-A-Student**

Wesley Foundation's Rent-A-Student II is Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. Contact "Rikho" @ 337-764-5507. Let them know what you need done! Proceeds support their mission to Indonesia in May.

**Pictorial Directory**

If you had your portrait taken at another church, please notify the church office.

**Children's Home Angel Tree**

If you would like to purchase a gift for a child at the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home, please contact the church office at 463-4491 or Susan Hill at 462-3727.

**Poinsettias & Christmas Tree Lights**

If you'd like to order a poinsettia or Christmas Tree Light in Honor or Memory of someone, order forms are located by the bulletins.

**Ministry Staff:**

Rev. Wayne Evans, Pastor; Derek Trout, Director of Children/Youth Ministries; Dawn Crawford, Administrative Assistant; Linda Labue, Finance Director & Early Worship Team Leader; Judy Kay, Choir Director; Elizabeth Vincent, Organist; DiAnne Kindler, Pianist; Michael Litters, Head Custodian.

**Central to DeRidder – Centered in Christ**

Mission Statement of First United Methodist Church of DeRidder: To Serve & Grow in Christ!

# ***Give Thanks***



Each of you must  
give as you  
have made up  
your mind,  
not reluctantly  
or under  
compulsion,  
for God loves  
a cheerful  
giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

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***11:00 a.m. Worship***  
***Central to DeRidder – Centered in Christ***

# *First United Methodist Church of DeRidder*

*November 20, 2011*

*11 o'clock a.m.*

## *The Worship of God*

Organ Prelude *Prelude on "Nun Danket"* arr. Don Hustad

Welcome Dr. Wayne Evans

Choral Call to Worship *This is the Day*

**Hymn 131** *We Gather Together*

**Affirmation of Faith 887** *Romans 8:35, 37-39*

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?

**People: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**ALL: Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.**

**Sung Response 70** *Glory Be to the Father*

Announcements

Scripture *Matthew 6:19-21* Joe Moore

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn 697** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* st. 1, 2

God's Tithes, Our Gifts, and Offerings

Offertory *What Gift Can We Bring* Jane Marshall

**Doxology 94** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Children's Time

Children's Church (Children ages 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade in the Education Building)

Joys and Concerns

**Call to Prayer**

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!*

## **PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Anthem

*With Heart and Hands*

John Rutter

For all the blessings you have granted us, Lord, give us thankful hearts, we pray: for life and health and happiness, and for the gift of each new day; for all the blessings you have granted us, Lord, give us thankful hearts, we pray: for life and health and happiness, and for the gift of each new day; for all our families and loved ones, the friends we meet along our way, we thank you, Lord, they are your gifts: Lord, we praise you, Lord, we bless you, in your service let us all your love repay. Look all around you: you'll see a miracle or two; ev'ry valley, hill and mountain is calling to you. For all the wonders of creation, a world whose marvels we behold: where winter turns to spring again; the changing scenes of life unfold, but there is One who never changes; through all eternity the same: be with us, Lord, for evermore: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord, we praise your Holy Name.

**ALL SING: *Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices; Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way. With countless gifts of love, and still is our today.***

Message

"My Treasure"

Kip Shuford, Methodist Foundation

## **Presentation of Our Gifts of Commitment**

Hymn

***Count Your Blessings***

words: Johnson Oatman, Jr.

Music: Edwin O. Excell

***When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.***

Chorus:

***Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your blessings, see what God has done;  
Count your blessings, name them one by one;  
Count your many blessings see what God has done.***

***Are you ever burdened with a load of care?  
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?  
Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly,  
And you will be singing as the days go by. (Chorus)***

## **Benediction & Sending Forth *Sent Forth By God's Blessing***

***With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.***

Postlude

*O That I Had a Thousand Voices*

arr. Paul Manz