

FOLLOWING JESUS IN BOSSIER:
A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

*Rev. Donnie Wilkinson,
Senior Pastor*



While Pastor Donnie Is Away...

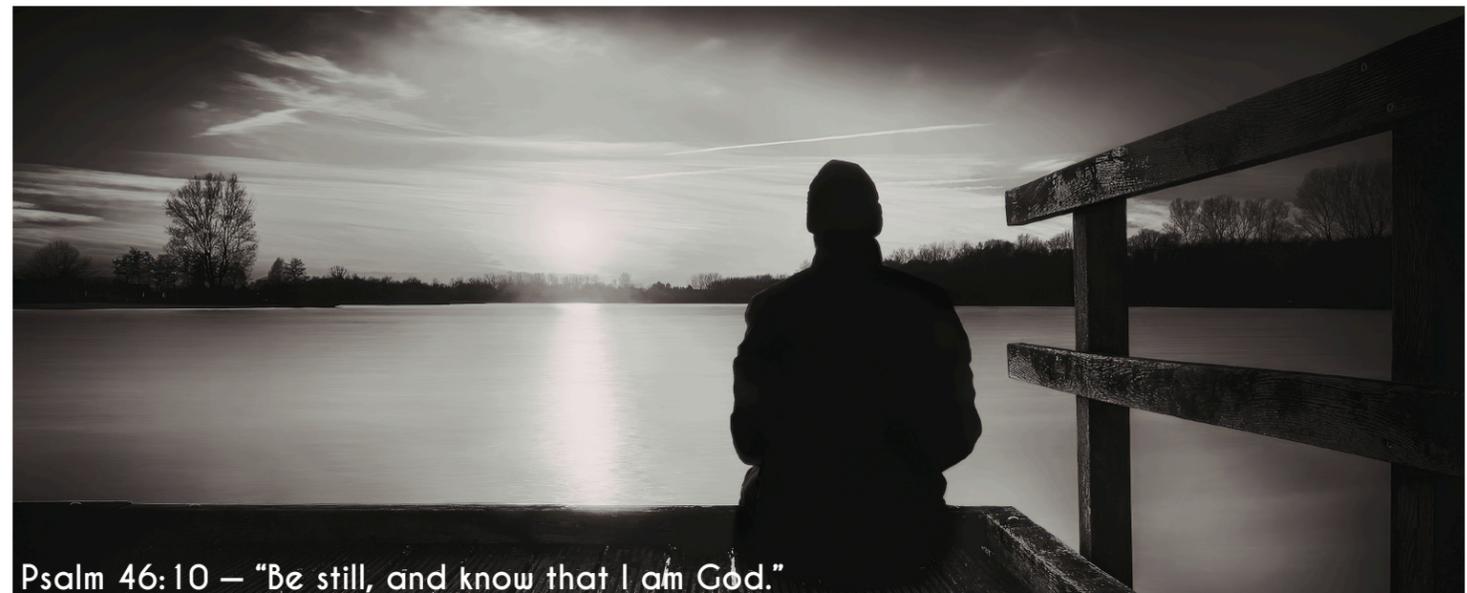
Right now Pastor Donnie is:

- Sitting in total silence
- Drinking coffee slowly (for once)
- Not answering his phone
- Not being pulled into hallway meetings
- Listening for the Lord's voice

Meanwhile, back at church:

- The copier is still jamming
- The coffee is still brewing
- The ministries are still moving
- And God is still working

We're grateful our pastor takes time to be refreshed and renewed — and we're excited for what the Lord will pour into him during this quiet season.



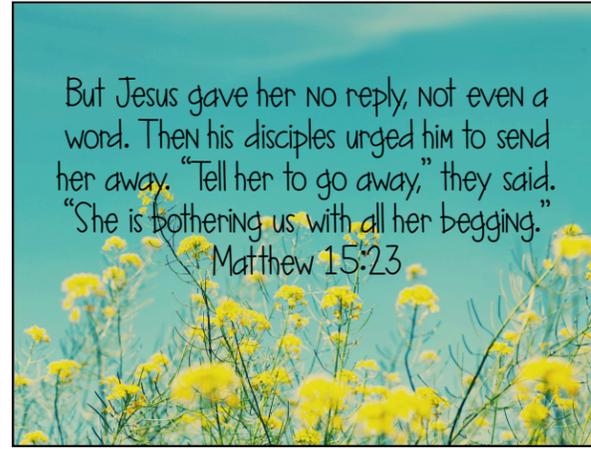
Psalm 46:10 — "Be still, and know that I am God."

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March





"Hello, how are you?" My usual reply is, "I am fine." Thankfully, I am "fine" most of the time. Then there are times when I'd like to say, "this is not a good day because..." Most of us tend to avoid sharing the bad times. Is it because you don't wish to put a cloud on your friends day? Or do you naturally practice restraint in sharing?

As you surmise, this is an opening to point out that there is a friend who loves you and is concerned and that friend is Jesus. Remember he loves you and me, holy and unholy. The New Testament speaks often of Jesus' need for prayer and we also find Him in the act of praying. The Old Testament, particularly Psalms, offer reminders of needs that offer comfort, peace, grace, love, promise, etc., etc. My favorite is #121, "I lift my eyes to the hills...creator, help..." All I have to do, whatever the circumstances, is call out to Him in trust and belief.

The little book by a former pastor at Shreveport First Methodist, James Moore, entitled "If You're Going the Wrong Way...Turn Around!" offers helpful advice in adopting a prayer relationship with Jesus. He recommends a daily time and place to pray. (We are Methodists)- The occasion I communicate during the day is also helpful. The more frequent, the more pleasant and helpful are the prayers. There is always a person, circumstance or need that comes to mind. Perhaps it may be a nudge from Jesus.

Another thoughtful bit of advice: don't seek answers that are unrealistic or wishful thinking. Use common sense. It is not good to wish or plead for an unlikely ending, but know that our help may come though by asking for strength or wisdom.

The more you communicate with Jesus in prayer the closer the relationship becomes. Your emotional state becomes more stable and life is more meaningful. Rev. Moore's final statement is worth sharing. "Jesus prayed regularly. He prayed sensibly and he prayed trustingly and so can you."

MARCH

STAY UP TO DATE WITH THE CALENDAR ON CHURCH CENTER OR THE FUMC BOSSIER WEBSITE

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Traditional Community Worship 8:45a Sunday School 10a Contemporary Community Worship 11a Youth Group 5-7p	2 Silver Foxes Fitness 10a Magnolia Manor Communion Day 10:30a Prayer Ministry 11a	3 Lenten Bible Study 10a Lenten Lunch 11:45a Life 365 5:30p	4 United Methodist Men's Breakfast 7a Busy Bee Quilters and Crafters 9a Choir Rehearsal 6p The Good and Beautiful Bible Study 6p	5 Thursday Morning Bible Study 10a Praise Team Rehearsal 5p Brotherhood-Men's Group 6p	6 Silver Foxes Fitness 10a	7
8 Traditional Community Worship 8:45a Sunday School 10a Contemporary Community Worship 11a Spring Break Lock In 7pm	9 Silver Foxes Fitness 10a Prayer Ministry 11a	10 Lenten Bible Study 10a Lenten Lunch 11:45a Life 365 5:30p Leadership Board 6p	11 United Methodist Men's Breakfast 7a Busy Bee Quilters and Crafters 9a Choir Rehearsal 6p The Good and Beautiful You Bible Study 6p	12 Thursday Morning Bible Study 10a Young at Heart 10:30a Praise Team Rehearsal 5p	13 Silver Foxes Fitness 10a	14
15 Traditional Community Worship 8:45a Sunday School 10a Contemporary Community Worship 11a Yoga Church 4p Youth Group 5-7p	16 Silver Foxes Fitness 10a Prayer Ministry 11a	17 Women In Mission 10a Lenten Bible Study 10a Lenten Lunch 11:45a Grit and Grace 5p Life 365 5:30-7:30p	18 United Methodist Men's Breakfast 7a Busy Bee Quilters and Crafters 9a Choir Rehearsal 6p The Good and Beautiful Bible Study 6p	19 Thursday Morning Bible Study 10a Praise Team Rehearsal 6p Brotherhood-Men's Group 6p	20 Silver Foxes Fitness 10a	21 The Breakfast Club 9-11a Youth at Winter Jam 3p
22 Traditional Community Worship 8:45a Sunday School 10a Contemporary Community Worship 11a	23 Silver Foxes Fitness 10a Prayer Ministry 11a	24 Lenten Bible Study 10a Lenten Lunch 11:45a Life 365 5:30p	25 United Methodist Men's Breakfast 7a Busy Bee Quilters and Crafters 9a Choir Rehearsal 6p The Good and Beautiful You Bible Study 6p	26 Thursday Morning Bible Study 10a Praise Team Rehearsal 5p	27 Silver Foxes Fitness 10a The Sweet Shuffle 6-8p	28 Souper Saturday 8a Youth Day with the Bishop 10a
29 Sunday School 10a Combined Worship 11a 5th Sunday Potluck 12p	30 Silver Foxes Fitness 10a Prayer Ministry 11a	31 Life 365 5:30p				



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

Bobby & Gina Flores 3/7
 Bill & Geneva Hensley 3/7
 Dale & Darlene Linton 3/9
 Frank & Gwen Pearce 3/10
 Trey & Allyson Smith 3/11
 Wayne & Charlotte Blackburn 3/12
 Henry & Kaye Stevens 3/29

Carroll Traylor 3/11
 Maddox Ardoin 3/12
 Kathy Moore 3/12
 Joe Crews 3/13
 Freddie Cherry (101!) 3/16
 Dan Cain 3/17
 Jay Johnston 3/18
 Abby Self 3/18
 Preston DeLaune 3/19
 Ken Mayo 3/19
 Melissa Solomon 3/19
 Jimmy Martin 3/22
 Paul Draper 3/25
 Lindsey Allen 3/26
 Etta Toms 3/27
 Gracie McAlister 3/27
 Steve Doss 3/30
 Ronald Smith 3/30

BIRTHDAYS

Jan O'Brien 3/1
 Larry Grice 3/2
 Kimberly Stanfield 3/2
 Nancy Huguley 3/5
 Leta Smith 3/5
 Jason Wells 3/6
 Brittany Bryant 3/7
 Geneva Hensley 3/7
 Ben Wells 3/7
 Margaret Eddins 3/8
 Harriet Focht 3/9
 Chloe Herbst 3/9

CHECK OUT OUR CHURCH APP

- Register & pay for events
- Check-in for service/events
- Church Calendar
- Giving/Offering



A DAY IN THE LIFE

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The winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come...
 Song of Solomon 2:11-12



FIRST FRIENDS CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SHANNON KELLEY AT SKELLEY@FUMCBOSSIER.ORG



March is here, and we're excited for a month full of learning, laughter, and a little springtime fun. We'll be exploring colors, shapes, stories, and celebrating the changing season together.

Registration for the upcoming school year 2026-2027 is in full swing!

Please reach out if you have any questions or if you know someone that would like to join our First Friends family. We are happy to help.

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



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March is here, and we are stepping into a season of growth, joy, and getting our hearts ready for **Easter!** This month is full of excitement with spring break, special activities, and meaningful moments as we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

Getting Ready for Easter in Children's Church

All month long, we'll be focusing on: Why Jesus came, what happened during Holy Week and what the resurrection means for us today.

Our goal is to help kids not just know the Easter story—but understand the love and hope behind it. We'll be using Scripture, hands-on activities, and meaningful discussions to help it stick in their hearts.

Spring Break Reminder

Spring Break is coming up this month! We hope your family enjoys a restful and fun week together. Whether you're traveling or staying close to home, we pray it's filled with laughter and memory-making. If you're in town, we would love to see your kids on Sunday morning! Kids Church will still be meeting as usual.

Easter Is Coming!

Easter is just around the corner, and we're preparing something special for our kids! More details are coming soon, but here's how you can start preparing at home:

- Read the Easter story together (Matthew 26-28 is a great place to start!)
- Talk about what resurrection means.
- Ask your child why Easter matters.

Our prayer is that Easter morning won't just be exciting—it will be deeply meaningful.

A Personal Note from Me

I want to share something important with you. I will be transitioning into a new role within our church family soon. While I'm excited about this next step, please know this: I am not disappearing! During this transitional season, I will still be with the children and involved as we make some exciting new plans for what's next for our Children's Ministry! Thank you for trusting me with your children. Serving them has been one of the greatest joys of my life, and I'm grateful I still get to walk alongside them during this season of change.

Thank you for partnering with us. You are the greatest spiritual influence in your child's life. What happens at church is powerful—but what happens at home is life-shaping.

We love your kids. We love serving your family. And we're so thankful to walk this journey with you. Let's make March a month of growing hearts

Love and Blessings,
Elisa

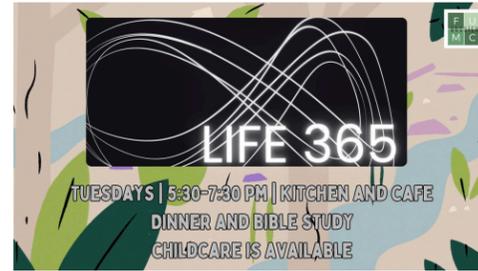


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GET CONNECTED TO A SMALL COMMUNITY

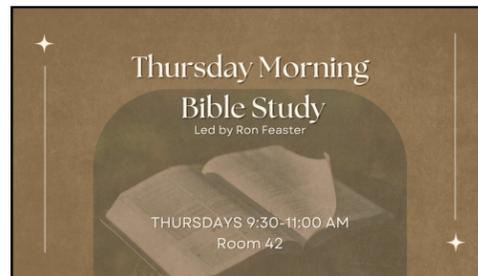
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Tuesday Nights - 5:30-7:30 PM - Kitchen and Cafe
Life 365 is a Christ-centered community where people of all ages grow in faith, support one another, and live out God's love every day of the year.

THE GOOD AND BEAUTIFUL BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Nights - 6:00-7:00 PM - Midyett Room
The Good and Beautiful Bible Study continues.

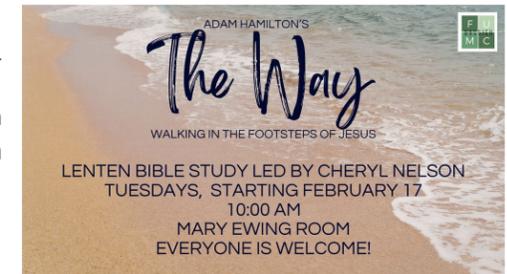


THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 9:30 AM- Mary Ewing Room
Study is led by Ron Feaster.

THE WAY-LENTENBIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 10:00 AM - Mary Ewing Room
Lenten Bible Study led by Cheryl Nelson
Everyone is welcome!



BROTHERHOOD-MEN'S GROUP

First and Third Thursdays 6:00-7:00 PM Room 43

Brotherhood is a gathering of men committed to growing in Christ together. We're not trying to build perfect men. We're trying to build faithful ones...the kind who walk with Jesus in the real world.



THE SWEET SHUFFLE

Fourth Friday- 6:00-8:00 PM Fellowship Hall
March 27- We can't wait to play some games and eat some treats!
Everyone welcome.



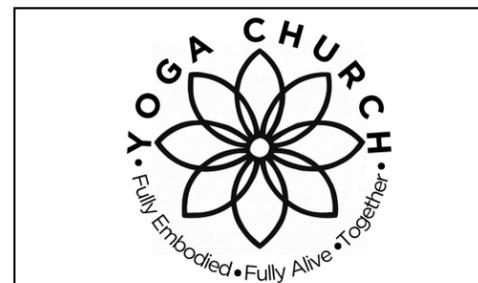
YOGA CHURCH

Third Sunday- 4:00-5:30 PM - Fellowship Hall

NEW! A worship service that blends breath and body with Scripture and Holy Communion. Yoga Church is designed to help us prepare our whole selves-- body, mind and spirit-- to encounter Christ in the reading of the Gospel and in the bread and cup.

If you long for a quiet, embodied, contemplative space... If you desire to feel more fully alive in God's presence...If you're simply curious... we would love for you to join.

Please, bring a yoga mat and a water bottle.



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MISSIONS THAT MATTER

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MAGNOLIA MANOR MISSIONS

We will serve communion on the First Monday of the month, March 2.



WOMEN IN MISSION

March 17-- 10:00 AM- Room 49
We meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Come join us if you would like to help with our Mission Projects.



THE GRIT & GRACE MISSION TEAM

March 17- 5:00 PM- Mary Ewing Room
We meet on the third Tuesday of each month. Come join us if you would like to help with our Mission Projects. Everyone Welcome!

MILITARY FAMILIES MINISTRY

Our mission is to serve those who serve, reflecting Christ's love through community, care, and connection.



SOUPER SATURDAY

March 28- 8:00 AM - FUMC BOSSIER KITCHEN
Come pack meals or deliver meals to the home bound & those who receive meals on wheels. We provide meals the last Saturday of each month.

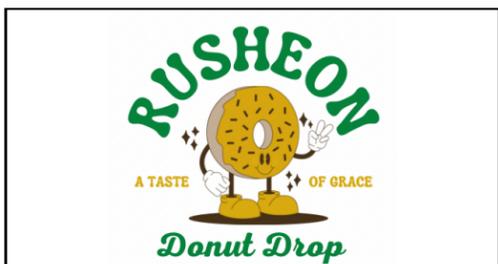
HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY

Open Monday-Thursday 9:00-11:30 AM
Helping Hands Food Pantry -Through generosity, compassion, and service, Helping Hands helps to ensure that no one in our community goes hungry.
We are looking for Volunteers. If interested contact Kiersten Whelpley.



RUSHEON DONUT DROP

Tuesdays- 7:20 AM - Following the Bossier School Calendar
Every week we gather at Rusheon's crosswalk to greet students with a smile—and a free donut! It's our way of offering a taste of grace to kids as they start their day. With a quick hello, a word of encouragement, and a sugary treat on the go, this ministry helps brighten mornings, build connections, and remind students that they are seen, valued, and supported—one donut at a time.



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YOUTH MINISTRY

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LIGHT OF THE WORLD

This past month, we've focused on what it means to be the light of the world. We've talked about it in youth group, at Rusheon with the middle schoolers, and during a devotional with the college students at Centenary. It's a theme that always feels timely. It's easy to notice the darkness around us. Sometimes it's harder to see the light. So we've been encouraging our students not just to look for the light—but to be the light. To choose love. To bring hope. How are you being the light of the world in your everyday life?



Spring Break Lock-In is BACK! March 8-9 from 7pm-7am. We need at least 10 students signed up to make this happen so get registered ASAP!

MARCH YOUTH EVENTS



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Text @2020fumcy to 81010 - students

Text @2020fumcp to 81010 - parents

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CHURCHWIDE EVENTS

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Lenten Lunches
 Tuesdays during Lent
 Time 11:45 AM
 \$5 at the door

YOGA CHURCH
 If you long for a quiet, embodied, contemplative space... If you desire to feel more fully alive in God's presence... If you're simply curious... we would love for you to join.
 Sunday, March 15 at 4 PM
 in the Fellowship Hall
 Please, bring a yoga mat and a water bottle.
 Childcare is available.

THE BREAKFAST CLUB
 THIRD SATURDAYS
 9:00-11:00 AM
 FELLOWSHIP HALL
 POTLUCK BREAKFAST
 MAR 21ST 9AM

5TH SUNDAY
 BLENDED ONE SERVICE 11AM
 POTLUCK 12PM
 MARCH 29
 FELLOWSHIP HALL
 LAST NAMES A - M: PLEASE BRING A DESSERT OR BREAD
 LAST NAMES N - Z: PLEASE BRING A SALAD OR SIDE DISH
 THIS HELPS US GET A GREAT MIX OF EVERYTHING! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SHARE A MEAL WITH YOU ALL.

FUMC BOSSIER EASTER Egg Hunt
 PLEASE JOIN US!!
 PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29
 AFTER POTLUCK LUNCH

EASTER DONATIONS
 NOW COLLECTING CANDY AND PLASTIC EASTER EGGS (FILLED OR UNFILLED). THEY CAN BE DROPPED IN BINS AROUND THE CHURCH OR AT THE OFFICE. THANK YOU!



FIRST FAMILY FOCUS NEWSLETTER

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Our monthly newsletter is a collaboration by all members of our church staff. If you notice any discrepancies please let us know so we can address them.

If your group or class has anything for the newsletter or bulletin you can turn it in at the office or email it to office@fumcbossier.org

Photos, information, recipes, etc. can also be sent to the office as well.

Please, make sure to submit all information for the newsletter by the **20th of the month** to ensure it is included in the upcoming month's issue.

Thank you!

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THE CHURCH MOUSE

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March has arrived bringing thoughts of spring which officially begins March 20th the Spring Equinox. It's time to start freshening up the flower beds and getting seeds in the ground. FUMC-Bossier is blessed by the work of a group of members who maintain a beautiful garden that provides fresh produce for Helping Hands.

Lent began in February with an Ash Wednesday service. The Worship team will present a series of "silent witnesses" for the six Sundays of Lent. Let these "silent witnesses" remind us to always witness God's goodness as we share his Love with others.

Church Mouse is excited about all the happenings in March at our church. Lenten luncheons will take place each Tuesday for six weeks. Young at Heart is 2nd Thursday at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. Check the First Family Focus for time and place for ALL the opportunities you have to participate in during the month. There is something for YOU!

March also has Daylight Saving Time beginning on Sunday, March 8th. Don't forget to change your clocks!

Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Church Mouse



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

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Young at Heart
 SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY
 2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS
 10:45 AM-NOON

YOUNG-AT-HEART

2ND THURSDAYS EACH MONTH- 10:30 AM-FELLOWSHIP HALL
 March 12- Lunch, drinks and dessert provided. Cost is \$5.00. Call the church office to make your reservation.



SILVER FOXES FITNESS

Mondays and Fridays 10:00 AM-Fellowship Hall
 Join our Silver Foxes for a Chair Exercise Class.

Silver Foxes Fitness
 MONDAYS & FRIDAYS @ 10 AM
 FELLOWSHIP HALL
 A CHAIR FITNESS CLASS

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