

*Keep These in Your Prayers*

Long-term illness: Lela Warren, Martha Copeland, Landyn Kidd

Health, grief or need for strength or guidance now: Elvin White, Barbara Alexander, Shannon Greene, Carol Franklin (sister of Janice Poteet), Sharen Smith, Melva White, James Neal, Savannah Stout, Shirley Rogers, Linda Leftwich, Becca Hoon, Ashley Jayden, Jo Stauber, Betty McKay, The Pipkin family, Watson Kuykendahl, Debra Costlow, Cathy McNulty, Margaret Neal, Annie Christian, Ann Church, Linda Wright, Bob Peyton, Pam Nokes, Donna Owens, Susan Sage, Jerry Keating, Chuck Sage, Merlene Gager, Gayle Varnell, Donna Morrison, Judy Deal, Chandler Wilkins, Jewell Tidwell, Johnny Dowdy, Susan Peyton, Nelda Horton, Lynetta Bragdon, Mark Hammack

Continuing Care Retirement Community: Chandler Nursing Center: Lola Ruddy, Betty Dalton, Clarence Davis, Charlotte Adkins. Oak Terrace: Mary Stewart. Arabella, Athens: Gayle Haynes. Azalea Heights: Willy Graham. Oak Wood Assisted Living, Athens: Vincent Davis

Remember to Pray for Our Military: Steven Mount (Air Force Major, Viglini family) Liz McGovney (Lt. Col., Army, John Taylor family); Preston Toole (Army, friend of Lou Griffin family), Joe Wangler (Air Force Master Sgt, Autumn Fenner's brother), Aaron Sherman (Air Force, son of Tim & Jana Sherman), Sarah Oliver Martin (Colonel, Air Force, Charles Oliver family), Jacob Rockovich, (Navy); Corrine and Colton Whitsell (Army); Tara Bennett (niece of Linda Davis) serving in Kuwait, Dennis Grove (Marines, son of Chuck & Susan Sage), Corey Suedkamp (Navy, grandson of Chuck & Susan Sage)

**Schedule for the week of April 14 - 20**

**Sunday:** Connect Service, 9:30 am | Sunday School, 9:45, 10:45 am | Traditional Worship, 11 am | Pastor's Bible Study-Books of Ruth & Esther, HH, 4 pm | Youth, FLC, 5:30

**Monday:** Ladies Bible Study, WF Classroom, 10 am | Men's Bible Study, Parlor, 6:30 pm

**Tuesday:** Men's Prayer Breakfast, DQ, 7 am | Senior Adult Game Day, HH, 1 pm | Angelus Ringers, Choir Room, 7 pm

**Wednesday:** Children's Choir – Choir Room, 4 pm | Cross Training, Youth – FLC, 5:30 pm | Chancel Choir, CR, 7 pm

**Thursday:** Celebrate Recovery, FLC, 6 pm

**Saturday:** Praise in the Park – Bergefeld Park, Tyler – Connect Praise Band to sing at 11:15



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## CHANDLER, TEXAS

*Bringing the Love of Christ*

**April 14, 2024**

**Our Mission**

*Bringing ALL together in Christ's love  
Through worship, growth, and service.*

**Our Vision**

*A family of faith, united by grace, making  
a difference for Christ in our community  
and the world.*

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**Welcome & Announcements & Prayer**

Rev. Bryan Harkness

**Prelude**

Patti Long

**Hymn: "We Gather Together"**

UMH No. 131

**Affirmation of Faith:** We believe in the Most High God who strengthens us and repays us many more times than we expect. We believe in God who gives generously and who expects the same from all creatures God has made. We believe in God whose utmost, loving sacrifice is experienced through Jesus Christ, who paid it all. We believe that Jesus Christ consciously and lovingly emptied himself so that we may learn to make sacrifice and live joyfully before God. We believe in the Holy Spirit who enables us to re-present Jesus to the world. We believe all has been accomplished for deliverance and salvation and is now being lived in flesh even as God is glorified in heaven. Amen.

**Response: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"**

No. 334

**Anthem: "A Servant in Your Heavenly House"**

Chancel Choir

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Bryan Harkness

**Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"**

UMH No. 77

**Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 9:7-11 (NLT); Deuteronomy 14:23(TLB); Malachi 3:10

2 Corinthians 9:7-11 (NLT)

*You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." 8 And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. 9 As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever." 10 For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. 11 Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.*

Deuteronomy 14:23(TLB)

*Bring this tithe to eat before the Lord your God at the place he shall choose as his sanctuary; this applies to your tithes of grain, new wine, olive oil, and the firstborn of your flocks and herds. The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.*

Malachi 3:10

*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.*

**Message: "Rooted in Abundance: Put God First"**

Rev. Bryan Harkness

**Offering Prayer/Offertory:**

Patti Long

**Doxology**

**Hymn: "I Surrender All"**

UMH No. 354

**Benediction**

Rev. Bryan Harkness

**Postlude**

Patti Long

**SERMON NOTES**

To be generous is to orient your life around the joy of being used by God to make a \_\_\_\_\_.

When we have a scarcity mindset we \_\_\_\_\_, we \_\_\_\_\_ and then we \_\_\_\_\_.

God gives us a supply or \_\_\_\_\_ mindset. God blesses, we give and God gives generously to us.

When we give, God \_\_\_\_\_ abundantly.

Tithing breaks the cycle of scarcity and creates a cycle of supply.

Tithing teaches us to put God \_\_\_\_\_.

Tithing builds our \_\_\_\_\_.

Tithing provides for the work of God's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Think It Over**

Pastor Bryan talked about the difference between giving and generosity. Do you consider yourself a generous person?

Are there ways you live out of a scarcity mindset? What made you start thinking this way?

What is the next step toward breaking the cycle of scarcity in your life?