

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

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

Schedule for the week of April 7 - 13

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 | VBS Interest Meeting, FLC Kids Side, 5 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: Project Transformation, 7 am – All Day

First Methodist Church **PROJECT TRANSFORMATION** is Saturday, April 13, 2024. Submit needs to Derek Blackmon at derek@firstchandler.org or his office phone (903) 515-1332.

Volunteers, age 10-adult, are needed. Please also sign-up with Derek.

Project Transformation 2024 Volunteer Registration Link!

[Project Transformation 2024 - Google Forms](#)



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First Methodist Church

CHANDLER, TEXAS

Bringing the Love of Christ

April 7, 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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Director of Music & Adult Ministry: Ken Reid
Contemporary Worship Leader: Stephanie Fleet
Director of Youth Ministry: Derek Blackmon
Director of Children's Ministry: Kasey Oliver

Welcome & Announcements & Prayer

Rev. Bryan Harkness

Prelude

Patti Long

Hymn: “The Church’s One Foundation”

UMH No. 545

Affirmation of Faith: We rejoice in God, maker of heaven and earth, and in the covenant of love which binds us to God and one another. We proclaim Jesus Christ, the son of the living God, as Lord and Savior of the world. Through our baptism we enter into newness of life, receive the gift of ministry, and are made one with the whole people of God. We are joined together in discipleship and in obedience to Christ through the communion of the Holy Spirit. At the table of the Lord we celebrate with thanksgiving the saving acts and presence of Christ. We accept our mission of witness and service in the world and join in fellowship with the One whose Kingdom has no end. Blessing, glory and honor be to God forever. Amen.

Response: “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

No. 334

Anthem: “Many Gifts, One Spirit”

Chancel Choir

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Bryan Harkness

Hymn: “O Church of God, United”

UMH No. 547

Scripture: Matthew 5:14,16; 1 Corinthians 1:10; John 17:20-21, 23; Ephesians 6:12; John 17:4;
Matthew 28:19-20; Romans 14:1; John 13:34-35

Matthew 5:14,16

14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

1 Corinthians 1:10 I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

John 17:20-21, 23

20 “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, 21 that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

23 I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Ephesians 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

John 17:4 I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.

Matthew 28:19-20 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Romans 14:1 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters.

John 13:34-35

34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

Message: “Unity”

Rev. Bryan Harkness

Offering Prayer/Offertory:

Patti Long

Doxology

Hymn: “Blest Be the Tie that Binds”

UMH No. 557

Benediction

Rev. Bryan Harkness

Postlude

Patti Long

SERMON NOTES

A church dies when Christians start to _____ to the culture around them.

As the world gets more divided, the church must stand in contrast united.

If the church isn’t unified, the world will _____ the love of Jesus. For Jesus to be _____, his church must be unified.

How do we stay united?

1. We have to unite and focus on a common _____.

2. We have to unite and focus on a common _____.

Our purpose is to bring ALL together in Christ’s love through worship, growth and _____.

That is how we make disciples.

Our motto for unity is in _____ unity, in non-essentials _____, and in all things _____.

Think It Over

1. Have you ever had a disagreement with someone you cared about where you seem to reach an impasse? How did you finally resolve it?

2. What are some ways you see the church conform to the culture around it? What are some ways the church can become more distinct?

3. A motto for unity is “in the essentials unity, in non-essentials, liberty, and in all things love”. What are some essentials that the church should be unified on? What are the non-essentials? How do we model love toward one another when we have disagreements?