

*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); Dennis Grove (Marines, son of Chuck & Susan Sage); Corey Suedkamp (Navy, grandson of Chuck & Susan Sage)

**Schedule for the week of April 21 - 27**

**Sunday:** Connect Service, 9:30 am | Sunday School, 9:45, 10:45 am | Traditional Worship, 11 am | Administrative Board, HH, 12:30 | Pastor's Bible Study, HH, 4 pm | Family/Youth Cookout-Tyler State Park, 4 pm | First Methodist Women, FLC, 5 pm

**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, FH, 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

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28<sup>th</sup> is COMMITMENT SUNDAY. Bring your pledge cards to show your support of the ministries of our church.**



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# First Methodist Church

## CHANDLER, TEXAS

*Bringing the Love of Christ*

**April 21, 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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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:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

UMH No. 139

**Affirmation of Faith: We belong to God, creator of all that is and all that is to come, abundant provider of the gifts in this life and the gifts in our own hearts. It is God alone who gives life, who is generous beyond measure with grace and blessing. We follow Christ, whom God sent to teach and heal, to show us a new way of living, with love and trust and courage, with joy and generosity. In this faith Jesus gave of himself, even his very life. He was crucified and buried; yet God raised him from death, and he lives among us, and grants his spirit to us. We live by that Holy Spirit, and entrust ourselves to its guidance and empowerment. As members of the church, the Body of Christ, we devote ourselves to lives of love, rejoicing in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.**

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

No. 334

**Special Music**

Bill and Kim Pollard

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer**

Rev. Bryan Harkness

**Hymn:** "Blessed Assurance"

UMH No. 369

**Scripture:** Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV); Mark 6:34-38; John 10:10 (ESV); Mark 6:40-41( NASB); Malachi 3:10; Matthew 14:19; Proverbs 11:24-25; Matthew 6:31-33

Proverbs 23:7 (NKJV) *For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his heart is not with you.*

Mark 6:34-38 *When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. 35 By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. 36 Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." 37 But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?" 38 "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."*

John 10:10 (ESV) *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.*

Mark 6:40-41( NASB) *They reclined in groups of hundreds and fifties. 41 And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed the food and broke the loaves and He gave them to the disciples again and again to set before them; and He divided the two fish among them all.*

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.*

Matthew 14:19 *And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.*

Proverbs 11:24-25 *One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. 25 A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.*

Matthew 6:31-33 *So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' 32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. 33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

**Message:** "Rooted in Abundance: Living in Abundance"

Rev. Bryan Harkness

**Offering Prayer/Offertory**

Patti Long

**Doxology**

**Hymn:** "Victory in Jesus"

UMH No. 370

**Benediction**

Rev. Bryan Harkness

**Postlude**

Patti Long

**SERMON NOTES**

The scarcity cycle starts in the \_\_\_\_\_, not in the wallet.

Scarcity asks "what can I afford?". Abundance asks \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_.

Experiencing God's abundance

God multiplies what is \_\_\_\_\_.

God multiplies what is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Think It Over**

What is an area of your life where you tend to be selfish?

Share a time when you have seen God bless someone's generosity. What are you willing to

do to see more of that in your own life?

What is one way you can live more open-handed this week?