

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, Becky Callaway, Betty McKay, Vincent Davis, 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, Dorothy McHam, Gayle Varnell, Donna Morrison, Judy Deal, Chandler Wilkins, Jewell Tidwell, Johnny Dowdy, Susan Peyton

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: Vincent Davis, Willy Graham.

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 March 24 - 30

Sunday: Connect Service, 9:30 am – Confirmation Sunday | Sunday School, 9:45, 10:45 am | Traditional Worship, 11 am – Cantata – “The Crucifixion” followed by Potluck luncheon in FLC, Silent Auction of Easter Baskets for Project Transformation, Easter Egg Hunt | Pastor’s Bible Study, 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 | Maundy Thursday Worship, Sanctuary, 7 pm

Friday: Good Friday Service, Family Life Center, 7 pm

PROJECT TRANSFORMATION is Saturday, April 13, 2024. Submit needs and sign-up to Volunteer (ages 10-Adult are needed) to Derek Blackmon at derek@firstchandler.org or his office phone (903) 515-1332. Registration Link: [Project Transformation 2024 - Google Forms](#)

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE EASTER SEASON – INVITE A FRIEND

March 28 – Maundy Thursday - 7:00 pm – Worship in Sanctuary

March 29 – Good Friday - 7:00 pm - Worship in Family Life Center

March 31 – Easter - 9:30 & 11 am Worship with Communion



First Methodist Church

CHANDLER, TEXAS

Bringing the Love of Christ

CONNECT SERVICE

March 24, 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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Pastor: Reverend Bryan Harkness

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Director of Youth Ministry: Derek Blackmon

Director of Children’s Ministry: Kasey Oliver

Call to Worship

Children's Anthem: "Hosanna"

Children's Choir

Welcome

Stephanie Fleet

Songs of Meditation

Confirmation

Rev. Bryan Harkness

Benny Little, Aubyn Little, Ryan Montgomery, Mason Smith

Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bryan Harkness

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-22; Luke 5:20-24-26; Luke 7:37-49; Luke 23:33-34; Romans 5:6-8

Matthew 18:21-22 *21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" 22 Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.*

Luke 5:20-24, 26 *20 When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." 21 The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, "Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 22 Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? 23 Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? 24 But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 26 Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."*

Luke 7:37-49 *37 A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. 38 As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. 39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner." 40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said. 41 "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" 43 Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said. 44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. 47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little." 48 Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." 49 The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"*

Luke 23:33-34 *33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. 34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.*

Romans 5:6-8 *6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Message: "In the Cross: God's Great Gamble"

Rev. Bryan Harkness

Sending Forth

Announcements & Dismissal

Rev. Bryan Harkness

SERMON NOTES

Have you ever forgiven someone before they ask?

Forgiveness should be _____.

What if God has already forgiven you for all your sin and he's just waiting for you to recognize it?

The gospel tells us that Jesus has the _____ to forgive sins at will without being _____.

Because of the gospel, _____ of God would be replaced with _____ for God and love for God.

What if you are in a state of perpetual forgiveness, and God gambled and announced it ahead of time?

Jesus died for sinners without our _____, without us asking him to. That was _____! He knew we might ignore it, take advantage of it, and discard it.

Think It Over

1. Should we be quick to forgive? Is it possible to be too quick to forgive? In your own words, what does forgiveness accomplish?
2. God forgives us even before we ask for it. Have you ever considered that? Have you ever forgiven someone without being asked?
3. Read Luke 5:20–24. Does this shed any light on why Jesus performed miracles? If so, how?
4. Read Luke 7:37–49. In our modern-day backdrop, what are some ways we could act like the woman in the story? That is, how can we apply her example to our own lives today?
5. Read Romans 5:6–8. What is our responsibility in light of the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners? How should this motivate us to love and serve others?