

*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 17 – 23**

**Sunday:** Connect Service, 9:30 am | Sunday School, 9:45, 10:45 am | Traditional Worship, 11 am | Administrative Board, HH, 12:30 | Church Conference, Sanctuary, 3 pm | Pastor's Bible Study, HH, 4 pm | First Methodist Women, FLC, 5 pm | First Methodist Men, FH, 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:** Methodist Women Style Show/Luncheon, open at 10:45 am, FLC

**TODAY - CHURCH CONFERENCE, 3 pm in the Sanctuary – Discussion of 2024 Budget**

**EASTER SERVICES SCHEDULE**

**March 24 – Palm Sunday: 9:30 am – Confirmation Sunday in FLC**

11:00 am – Cantata – “The Crucifixion” in Sanctuary followed by pot-luck lunch – FLC

**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*

**March 17, 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:** “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

UMH No. 715

**Affirmation of Faith:** We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come. We follow Christ, who comes to us from God, and reveals God to us. He heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised by God and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world. We live by the Spirit, as members of the Body of Christ we are gifted and equipped for the work of ministry in the presence of God we receive grace and vow to use this grace for the building of God’s kingdom on earth. Amen.

**Response:** “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

UMH No. 334

**Anthem:** “Change My Heart, O God”

Chancel Choir

**Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer**

Rev. Bryan Harkness

**Hymn:** “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

UMH No. 540

**Scripture:** Mark 10:32, 35-39, 41-45

*32 They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what was going to happen to him.*

*35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” 36 “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. 37 They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” 38 “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?” 39 “We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with,*

*41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 42 Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

**Message:** “In the Cross: Kingdom Now”

Rev. Bryan Harkness

**Offering Prayer**

Rev. Bryan Harkness

**Offertory**

Patti Long

**Doxology**

**Hymn:** “Lead On, O King Eternal”

UMH No. 580

**Benediction**

Rev. Bryan Harkness

**Postlude**

Patti Long

**SERMON NOTES:**

Jesus came to fulfill two missions: to show us what the \_\_\_\_\_ is like and to \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.

The invitation to the cross isn’t about not doing your best. It isn’t about don’t exploit your talent and your resources. This is about \_\_\_\_\_ you do it and \_\_\_\_\_ you do it for.

The invitation to the cross invites us to leverage our power, resources, and success not for ourselves, but for the benefit of \_\_\_\_\_.

Whoever wants to be great in the Kingdom of God must become a \_\_\_\_\_.

We can choose to be great in the kingdom of this world for what will \_\_\_\_\_ or we can choose to be great in the Kingdom of God which is \_\_\_\_\_.

We should look for opportunities to give our life away because our time is \_\_\_\_\_.

The gospel has endured not because Christians \_\_\_\_\_ their way, but because they \_\_\_\_\_ their life \_\_\_\_\_.

The Kingdom of God is released and recognized in us and through us \_\_\_\_\_ when we say “yes” to the invitation of the cross.

**THINK IT OVER:**

1. Read Mark 10:35–40. How can you relate to James and John? Specifically, in what area of your life do you want to have all the power and influence?
2. Read Mark 10:41–45. Why do you think the other ten disciples were upset?
3. Which of these better describes you: “Believer in Jesus” or “Follower of Jesus”? Why do you say that?
4. What would it really mean for you to follow the way of the cross? In terms of truly giving away your life for the sake of someone else's well-being, what's your next step?