

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, Family of Willie Graham who passed away, Lester Neal (brother of Janice Poteet)

Continuing Care Retirement Community: Chandler Nursing Center: Lola Ruddy, Betty Dalton, Clarence Davis, Charlotte Adkins. Arabella, Athens: Gayle Haynes. 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)

Sympathy to the family of Mary Stewart

Schedule for the week of April 28 – May 4

Sunday: Commitment Sunday: Connect Service, 9:30 am | Sunday School, 9:45, 10:45 am | Traditional Worship, 11 am | Pastor's Bible Study, HH, 4 pm | Youth, FLC, 5:30 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 Closing Celebration, 5:30 Dinner followed by musical "Storms" by Children's Choir | Chancel Choir, CR, 7 pm

Thursday: Celebrate Recovery, FLC, 6 pm

TODAY is COMMITMENT SUNDAY. Please consider what you can do and turn in your pledge cards to show your support for the ministries of our church.



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First Methodist Church

CHANDLER, TEXAS

Bringing the Love of Christ

April 28, 2024

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

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: “Christ Arose, Hallelujah!”

Angelus Ringers

Hymn: “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH No. 89

Affirmation of Faith: We rejoice in God, whose love endures forever and whose generosity knows no bounds. We confess Jesus Christ, whose life, death and resurrection have saved the world and reconcile us to one another. We celebrate the Holy Spirit, in whose fellowship we are bound in God’s covenant love, and welcomed into the community of Christ’s church. We accept the radical hospitality of God’s mercy, received through our baptisms, where we enter into restored life in Christ, and are made one by the Spirit, in witness, service, and love. We proclaim the good news of the gospel, acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and anticipate a day of homecoming that will have no end. Amen.

Response: “Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

No. 334

Special Music: “Grazioso”

Angelus Ringers

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Bryan Harkness

Hymn: “O How He Loves You and Me”

TFWS No. 2108

Scripture: Luke 10:35; Isaiah 32:8 (NLT); Mark 12:41-44

Luke 10:35

The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

Isaiah 32:8 (NLT)

But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity.

Mark 12:41-44

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. 43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

Message: “Rooted in Abundance: Abundant Givers”

Rev. Bryan Harkness

Offering Prayer

Rev. Bryan Harkness

Offertory: “The Journey”

Angelus Ringers

Doxology

Hymn: “Take My Life, and Let It Be”

UMH No. 399

Benediction

Rev. Bryan Harkness

Postlude

Patti Long

SERMON NOTES

When we follow Jesus, he redefines what can be done with a _____.

Abundant givers give _____.

Abundant givers give _____.

We are not spiritual _____. We are spiritual _____.

Abundant givers give _____.

Think It Over

1. What motivates you to give generously?
2. Are you better at giving spontaneously, strategically or sacrificially? In which of these do you want to improve?
3. What would be one practical step in you giving more abundantly in your life?
Where do you need to have faith in God?