



# Chapel Hill

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## United Methodist Church

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April 26, 2021

### Pastor's Message

The Avett Brothers are a folk rock duo from North America whose music really tugs at my heartstrings. Their latest EP, *The Third Gleam*, ends with a song named *The Fire*.

In the song, a narrator stands by a campfire and asks a variety of people standing by the fire warming themselves alongside him, "What do you see in the fire?" Those he asks include a young child, an inmate serving life, a young woman in college, a first-year preacher, and a woman of ninety, and himself.

The young child sees a host of burgeoning opportunities. The inmate sees all the people and circumstances that helped make him who he is, the young woman sees the struggles that come with the expectations of appearance that the culture places upon her, the first-year preacher sees swirling confusion, question, and loss, though he knows all about Christ and the cross. The elderly woman sees her hometown before "the roads got fast," her late husband, and "the good Lord offering mercy." The narrator sees all those he hurt and the hope of forgiveness.

I imagine, if we stood around the fire together, we, too, would see a variety of things in the flame and ash. For some, what we see will bring us joy. For others, it will bring trepidation. For still others, it will bring despair. Yet, whatever we see in the fire, we can remember the Risen Christ in this Easter Season. Remembering this may bring us increased joy, courage in our trepidation, or hope in our despair.

So this week, close your eyes and imagine yourself next to a campfire. Or, if you are able, stand by an actual campfire. Look deep into the fire and ask yourself what you are seeing. As you see this image, turn to the Risen Christ also by the campfire and ask, "What do you see in the fire?"

Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen  
Senior Pastor



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## Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	Martha Johnson
The Gee Family	Ronnie Hinton
Jocelyn Barnard	Donna Daggett
Jennie Leamons	Evelyn Womble
Tom Sanders	Neal Ellis
Project Transformation After School	The Family of Edith Brooks
Alex Kaplinsky	<b>Those affected by COVID-19:</b>
Scott Bandy	Nurses and Doctors
Amy Swanson	All patients in hospitals
Judy Charvat	Families who have lost people and cannot have funerals
Sylvia McFalls	First responders
Debbie Coleman	Medical personnel who are working
Nancy Hartman	Parents of students
Beverly Holmes	Senior citizens in nursing homes
Lynda Vaughn	Students and teachers taking classes online
Norma Wood	Those who have lost jobs
Danny Halron	
Joy Conner	

Dear Chapel Hill Family,

Words aren't enough to say thank you to everyone for the prayers, healing thoughts and food while I'm recovering from my knee surgery. It went well and I'm on the road to recovery. Thank you.

Pat Moore

## Looking for Worship Leaders

Do you want to be a worship leader? Would you like to lead prayer or read scripture during worship?

If you're interested, send an email to [office@chapelhillumc.org](mailto:office@chapelhillumc.org) and we will sign you up.

## In-Person Office Hours

We have expanded our in-person office hours! Please continue to call or email ahead of time to make an appointment if you have in-person business.

### Our in-person hours are:

Monday - Wednesday: 8 AM - 1 PM (Alec)

Thursday - Friday: 8 AM - 1 PM (Adam)

We will still be working the rest of our normal hours from home when we are not in the office. If you have prayer requests or if there's anything else you need, please send us an email at [office@chapelhillumc.org](mailto:office@chapelhillumc.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

In the case of a pastoral care emergency, please contact J.D. at (972) 467-7756

**BIRTHDAY REMINDER:** Please let our church office know your birthdate, mm/dd/yyyy, so your church family can acknowledge your special day. **Your 'year' will remain private:** [office@chapelhillumc.org](mailto:office@chapelhillumc.org)



Craig Davis 4/2	Caleb Moore 4/4
Andy Hoelle 4/8	Scott Bandy 4/11
Linda Pace 4/18	Sarah Womble 4/23
Larry Rains 4/27	Fred Maxwell 4/29
Aubrey Young 4/29	Brian Medcalf 4/30

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