



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Message



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The last two years have taken a mental and emotional and, in some cases, a physical toll. We may not be very strong. Or powerful. Or special. Or, even, useful. Yet the story of David's anointing in 1 Samuel 16 reminds us that our strength...our power...our specialness...or our perceived usefulness is not what makes us capable in God's eyes. After all, Saul was an impressive human being in, seemingly, every way, but he failed as king.

David, on the other hand, was said to be a beautiful man. However, he was the youngest son and was not the tallest or strongest among his brothers. Yet God chose him. The same had occurred with the Israelites. God explains they were his chosen, but not because they were, in any sense, a great nation. In fact, they were chosen in spite of the fact that they were not.

What makes us, as followers of Christ, in participation in the transformation of the world by God's love, is not that we are great or have achieved great things. It is God's grace. God's grace calls us in spite of everything that makes us question our worth. It reminds us our worth originates in God. It is really when we find greatness that we are most likely to forget the impact grace has on our lives and start to think we are our own God or begin to attribute our own selfish desires to God's will. This is the trap that both Saul and David fell into. They began to trust in their own abilities more than God's grace and became purveyors of the religion of empire, which seeks to fulfill selfish desires, rather than purveyors of the religion of creation where we trust in God for all we need and our neighbors are all provided for in love.

It's a reminder that the Lenten season causes us to reflect with concern while embracing hope. The concern is recognizing how much we may think we are all that on our own so that we become focused on building our brand or our achievements and we see the chaos it brings as it ends up doing harm to ourselves and others. The hope comes from remembering that God's grace continues to be offered to us and we can simply respond knowing that God points us to the way of peace if we will but trust and follow the divine into the light of that future.

Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen

Prayer List

CHUMC Home Bound	Marie Rinker
The Gee Family	Edrese Hanigan
Jennie Leamons	Jim Hanigan
Tom Sanders	Family of Nancy Williams
Judy Charvat	Matthew Shivar
Beverly Holmes	Shivar Family in loss of Peggy Lyon
Family of Norma Wood and Charles Wood, Jr.	Bobby, & Margaret Lyon
Danny Halron	Lauren Loper
Donna Daggett	Sergio Plaza
Tim Harrison	Those affected by COVID-19:
Lynn & Dixie Copeland	Nurses and Doctors
Gary & Judy Anderson	All patients in hospitals
Jayde Wisner's Nana	Families who have lost people and cannot have funerals
Carter Tatum	First responders
Donna Hoisington's niece, Jana	Medical personnel who are working
Jim Taylor	Parents of students
Grandma Gloria	Senior citizens in nursing homes
Yvette's kids	Students and teachers taking classes online
Brigit Ilona Fincham	Those who have lost jobs
Betty Garrison	
Martha Johnson, rehabbing at home	

Gathering with Bishop McKee

The recent announcement that the General Conference has been postponed until 2024 has brought several questions regarding the future of The United Methodist Church.

Bishop Michael McKee has scheduled meetings in each of the districts with clergy and laity to provide information about what is occurring, to answer questions, and to speak about the future of the North Texas Conference.

We invite and encourage you to attend the Metro District laity meeting. All are welcome.

Here are the details:

Saturday, April 2, 2022; 10:00 am - Noon

Lover's Lane UMC - Shipp's Chapel
9200 Inwood Road
Dallas, TX 75220



Bible Year 2022 Readings

Monday, 3/21: 2 Sam. 20:1-24:25
Tuesday, 3/22: 1 Kings 1:1-4:34
Wednesday, 3/23: 1 Kings 5:1-8:66
Thursday, 3/24: 1 Kings 9:1-11:43
Friday, 3/25: 1 Kings 12:1-16:34
Saturday, 3/26: 1 Kings 17:1-19:21
Sunday, 3/27: 1 Kings 20:1-22:53

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



J.D. Allen 3/8
Kelsey Maxwell 3/26

Lee Willhite 3/15
Tom Bull 3/26

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