



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

March 13, 2023

Pastor's Message



CHUMC Family,

Chapel Hill UMC

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On February 19, Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr., preached a sermon at his installation service in which he reminded us of our United Methodist message of "our message of God's grace and our concern and commitment for personal holiness, evangelism, service in the world, and social justice." Bishop Saenz then laid out a five-point vision for the Central and North Texas Conference.

Last week I shared some thoughts on the first point. This week, we consider the second point: engage in meaningful ministry and missions that will help to heal, help, give hope, and make whole our fractured world.

In many ways, this is a natural part of CHUMC's DNA. Whether it is through numerous partnerships with Metrocrest services, the community garden, Woven Health Clinic (formerly On Eagle's Wings), among other efforts, healing, giving hope, and making whole has been a significant focus of the faith and discipleship of CHUMC. Your pursuit of personal holiness expresses itself in love of neighbor through service in the world in these and a myriad of other ways.

As we seek to be a part of this vision, we are working on a plan for evangelism in our community, including a plan to build a strong relationship with The Spot, the active senior living facility being built next door. This will prepare and empower us to share the message of God's grace and how it makes us and our fractured world whole. In addition, I can share with you that, in the coming weeks, while worship is not the front door to the church that it once was in terms of evangelism, our commitment to meaningful worship is drawing new people. As a result, we will see people join CHUMC in the coming weeks, including through baptism.

Finally, as we seek to make our fractured world whole, we will keep our hearts and minds open to where the message of God's justice needs to be shared in the midst of oppression. Many of you have shared with me that you wish CHUMC had spoken up for your neighbors when some Farmers Branch officials were seeking to prevent undocumented immigrants in the community from being able to rent a home. As we commit meaningful ministry and missions and build further relationships with all our neighbors, new areas where God's message of inclusive justice needs to be heard may be revealed. We will be ready, as our United Methodist General Rule of Discipleship explains, to respond with compassion and justice.

God willing, we at CHUMC will help to heal, help, give hope, and make whole our fractured world.



Grace and peace,
Rev. J.D. Allen

Prayer List

CHUMC Homebound	Martha Johnson
The Gee Family	Don Oldfield
Tom Sander	Phyllis Hendrix
Danny Halron	Juan Torres' friend
Grandma Gloria	Leonardo Meadow
Yvette's kids	Family of Andy Hoelle
Edrese Hanigan	Verlyn Madson
Kevin Patterson	Mike Hill (Barbara
Sam Orton	Tatum's son-in-law)
Gloria (Pinson) Ming	Gay Keim (Kandy
Judy Bull	Burdette's sister-in-
Scott Fletcher	law)
Jim Cranford	Eleanor Body
Margaret Young	Scott Malone (Iris
Martha Johnson	Shivar's nephew)
Don Oldfield	Family of Nick Barnett
Phyllis Hendrix	RL Turner Community
	Mass shooting victims
	Turkey & Syria
	Earthquake victims

Announcements

Pot Luck Sunday, March 19th at 11:30 AM

Church Council Meeting Monday, March 20th at 7 PM

Family Ministries Council Meeting Sunday, March 26th at 11:30 AM

Chili Cook Off Sunday, March 26th 4-6 PM
Benefitting the Children and Youth Bridgeport Camp. Chili Cook-Off entry sign up sheets are in the hallway. Deadline to register is March 19th at 5 PM.

Holy Week We are joining together with Christ UMC at 2807 Valwood Pkwy for Maunday Thursday Worship with Holy Communion and Good Friday Tenebrae Worship. Both services start at 7 pm.



Bishop Saenz, Jr. to answer your questions at District Meetings

Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr. is excited to meet with lay and clergy of the North Texas Conference on Saturday, April 1st from 10 AM-Noon at First United Methodist Church Duncanville. To submit a question, please go to <https://ntcumc.org/district-huddles> and fill out the form.

Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday

10 AM – 2 PM

For pastoral appointments outside of office hours, you may call the office to schedule.

If you have a pastoral care emergency outside of office hours, please contact our Senior Pastor, Rev. J.D. Allen at (972) 467-7756.

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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



JD	Allen	3/8
Cindi	Moore	3/11
Lee	Willhite	3/15
Haley	Byrd	3/16
Kelly	Lopez	3/17