



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

April 10, 2023

Pastor's Message

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We took a brief hiatus last week from our walk through Bishop Ruben Saenz's installation sermon. We return to it this week with the final emphasis from his sermon: Bishop Saenz's commitment to the North and Central Texas Conferences of the United Methodist Church to encourage us, set us free, and go before us into the future all while celebrating progress and acknowledging that it is okay to fail as we celebrate taking risks for Christ.

Bishop Saenz's commitment to us is meant to free us to be entrepreneurial in how we go about making disciples for the transformation of the world, or, as we might more appropriately say, follow where the Spirit leads us. This is an acknowledgment that each local church has its own context rooted in its own specific blend of diverse demographics and the specific needs of its community. These factors, as we network and build new relationships, will impact how we do ministry. The demographics will shape how we make the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Reign of God relevant to our community as we seek to make disciples. The community needs will shape how we practice the Reign of God through charity and justice as we seek to be part of God's transformation of the world. And we need not fear if we discern the Spirit incorrectly and fail. We will celebrate the risk and the effort and start anew.

Bishop Saenz has committed to go into the future by imagining what the church will need to be in 2050. He began this project years before coming back to Texas in learning about younger generations who are the present and the future of the church. At the Metro District Huddle on April 1, Bishop Saenz laid out the following ways millennials and Gen Zers, collectively, differ from those who came before. Diversity is the norm for them, and they seek diversity in religious community in terms of race, gender, and sexuality. They have different financial priorities than their parents and grandparents and tend to be much more frugal. They face increasing mental challenges as they feel more isolated and alone. They lean more progressive socially and politically. They are more likely to be single for longer, never marry, and have more non-traditional households.

As we go into the future and build the church of 2050, we need to account for these differences and discern how the Spirit is leading us to make the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Reign of God relevant into the future in our contexts. Through success or failure, our efforts to follow the Spirit into the future will be celebrated.

***Grace and peace,
Rev. J.D. Allen***



Prayer List

CHUMC Homebound	Mike Hill (Barbara Tatum's son-in-law)
The Gee Family	Gay Keim (Kandy Burdette's sister-in-law)
Tom Sander	Eleanor Body
Danny Halron	Kathy Reynolds (Barbara Tatum's Daughter)
Grandma Gloria	Scott Malone (Iris Shivar's nephew)
Yvette's kids	Evelyn Womble
Edrese Hanigan	Family of Nick Barnett
Kevin Patterson	Christel Hensley and Family
Sam Orton	Family of Gloria Dennison Ming
Gloria (Pinson) Ming	Arlington Lamar High School Community
Judy Bull	Thomas Jefferson High School Community
Scott Fletcher	Martha Johnson
Jim Cranford	Don Oldfield
Margaret Young	Phyllis Hendrix
Martha Johnson	Martha Johnson
	Mass shooting victims

Announcements

Church Council Meeting, Monday, April 10th at 7 PM.

Outreach Meeting, Sunday, April 16th at 11:30 AM.

Family Ministries Council Meeting, Sunday, April 23rd at 11:30 AM.



Join us in June for Annual Conference

Mark your calendar for the 2023 North Texas Annual Conference, an opportunity for us to gather to worship, learn, pray and proclaim what it means to truly be the church.

Annual Conference: June 11-13 at Christ UMC Plano

Laity Session: June 11 at First UMC Plano

Registration opens the week of April 24. Additional details, including childcare, maps, meals, speakers and more, will be available then.

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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Craig Davis	4/2	Linda Pace	4/18
Dave Horton	4/3	Sarah Womble	4/23
Corky Rawdon	4/3	Larry Rains	4/27
Jill Cox	4/13	Fred Maxwell	4/29