



Chapel Hill

United Methodist Church

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Pastor's Message



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As we continue our look into the Dallas Morning News opinion piece written by Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr., and how our beliefs equip us to pursue the four major outcomes of our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, we look this week at a central distinctive of United Methodism: the Wesleyan Quadrilateral which embraces scripture as authoritative and which church tradition, personal experience, and reason based on wider fields of knowledge helps us to understand more clearly.

As paragraph 105 of our Book of Discipline explains, "Scripture is primary, revealing the Word of God "so far as is necessary for our salvation." As we apply this in life, we interpret our Holy Scriptures in light of Christ who is the Word revealed in Scripture which is authoritative and normative while not inerrant and while needing to be interpreted from one context to the next.

Church tradition is the next source in our interpretive task as we see how Scripture has been interpreted and applied to different historical contexts from which the scriptures were originally written, compiled, and edited. This tradition includes the early church writings all the way up through the present day from many different cultural perspectives as we seek to understand Scripture in our time.

It is also understood that Scripture and tradition are "ineffectual unless understood and appropriated by the individual. To become our witness, it must make sense in terms of our own reason and experience." Reason both helps understand the message and significance of salvation while encountering the message from different voices in our canon and to understand how Scripture relates to wider fields of knowledge. Experience includes our experience of regeneration in Christ and the ongoing experience of sanctification as we grow in love of God and neighbor as well as everyday experiences. These experiences encompass both the ordinary means of grace through we know we can encounter God's grace and the extraordinary means of grace when we encounter God's grace in unexpected ways often revealing previously unseen realities concerning God's grace at work in and around us.



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Prayer List

CHUMC Homebound	Kathy Reynolds
The Gee Family	(Barbara Tatum's
Tom Sander	Daughter)
Grandma Gloria	Scott Malone (Iris
Yvette's kids	Shivar's nephew)
Edrese Hanigan	Evelyn Womble
Kevin Patterson	Leonard Calverley
Sam Orton	Charles Cancellare
Judy Bull	Iris Shivar's sister Bea
Scott Fletcher	Iris Shivar's sister Janet
Jim Cranford	Hiatt
Don Oldfield	Aaron Brooks
Martha Johnson	Pat McCourtney
Mike Hill (Barbara	Matt McCourtney
Tatum's son-in-law)	Family of Nancy Ochoa
David Oldfield	Mass shooting victims
Gay Keim (Kandy	
Burdette's sister-in-	
law)	

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These four sources, with Scripture as the primary source, lead us forth in "faithful, serious, theological consideration so that we may "understand better the Bible and our common Christian history" while approaching one another with grace despite our differences.

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

Announcements



Lunch Sunday, August 20th at 11:30 AM, for the congregation's help in donating for the kids to go to camp.

Family Ministries Council Meeting, Sunday, August 27th at 11:30 AM in the ABC Room.

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



Faye Chapman	8/04	Yvette Ysaguirre	8/18
Kate Whitaker Hendrick	8/06	Pam Hodges	8/20
J.J. Mendoza	8/08	Kassie Hampton	8/21
Gaje Allen	8/11	Meredith Freeman	8/23
Jonathon Fehlau	8/14		