



# Chapel Hill

## United Methodist Church

August 28, 2023

### Pastor's Message

CHUMC family,



#### Chapel Hill UMC

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We have come to the final foundational belief for United Methodists mentioned by Bishop Ruben Saenz, Jr., in his Dallas Morning News OpEd on July 12: the understanding that love of God and neighbor embraces both the "saving of souls" and "seeking God's justice for the world."

Indeed, these two intimately related emphases are encapsulated in our United Methodist mission statement: to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Wesleyan theology walks us through the journey of salvation in relation to God's grace. There is the part of the journey which is prevenient. It is God reaching out to us when we are unaware of our need for God and grace. There is the point in which we receive justifying grace which helps us to see our sin and need for grace as we ask for God's forgiveness and through which we are empowered by grace through faith to begin to embrace God's will and love above our sin and selfishness. There is, finally, the journey of sanctification in which God's grace aids us in our continued maturing in love as we move on toward perfection in love through Christ. This entire journey is disciple making as disciple making goes beyond praying a prayer of forgiveness to learning how to live as disciples throughout our lives. We may recall the Great Commission calls on the church to not only baptize but to teach them to obey all that Jesus taught. This lifelong journey encompasses the "saving of souls" as we work out our own salvation by God's grace.

As we continue on the journey of salvation, the love shared with us becomes the love through which we craft our relationships on a personal and collective level. This includes treating one another and all our neighbors with justice and by seeking to build just systems and reform unjust systems so that they empower and provide for all. This is related to the prophetic tradition which we see continued in Jesus Christ who fulfilled the law and the prophets. Our lives and work in following Christ continue the proclamation of the good news to the poor, the captives, the blind, and oppressed and providing for those who are hungry, thirsty, the immigrant, those in need of clothing, the sick, and the imprisoned. The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church lay out our understanding of the scriptures in relation to justice.

They can be read here: <https://www.umc.org/en/who-we-are/what-we-believe/our-social-positions>



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

## Prayer List

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

During the month of September, we will be collecting items listed as urgent pantry needs by Metrocrest Services:

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## URGENT PANTRY NEEDS

- Feminine hygiene products
- Adult incontinence supplies (Depends)
- Baby Diapers
- Canned Soup
- Baking Items
- Peanut Butter



## Announcements



**The Church Office** will be closed on Monday, Septmeber 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

**Bible Study** will resume on Thursday, September 7, at 7 PM. The first week will be a welcome back from Summer break party and devotion.

## 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.

## Join Us for Online Worship!

**YouTube:** [bit.ly/CHUMCYoutube](https://bit.ly/CHUMCYoutube)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/chapelhillumc](https://www.facebook.com/chapelhillumc)

**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)



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|---------|--------------|------|---------|----------|------|---------|----------|------|
| Beverly | Holmes       | 9/15 | Joanne  | Marchant | 9/22 | Jessica | Venancio | 9/26 |
| Nancy   | Hartman      | 9/17 | Anaya   | Ochoa    | 9/22 | Emily   | Metzger  | 9/28 |
| Megan   | Willhite     | 9/17 | Roxanne | Rawdon   | 9/23 | Ruth    | Medcalf  | 9/29 |
| Laurie  | Willhite     | 9/17 | Kaye    | Bandy    | 9/26 |         |          |      |
| Felice  | Reeves-Ricks | 9/21 |         |          |      |         |          |      |