

February 5, 2024

Pastor's Message

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CHUMC family,

You may have heard something about the unification of conferences in light of the just passed season of disaffiliation. It is true. A task force has been working with consultants to determine the best pathway for unification of the Central Texas Conference, the North Texas Conference, and the Northwest Texas Conference all presided over by Bishop Ruben Saenz. This was a significant part of the reason Bishop Saenz was appointed to the Central Texas Conference and the North Texas Conference at our most recent jurisdictional conference. Besides being a highly respected leader, he has led conferences through unification before.

The full organizational plan, with conference staffing structure, will be unveiled in April 2024. The conference will be staffed to help us fulfill our vision of being followers of Jesus who are seeking the loving, just, and free world that God imagines for all people and will help us fulfill our five strategic priorities:

Multiply Jesus Followers Champion Children and Youth Maximize Care and Healing Pursue and Embrace Diversity Tell Our Story

In May and June, the three annual conferences will consider and vote on unification and the organizational plan. The South Central Jurisdictional Conference will consider and vote on unification in July. If the unification plan is approved at jurisdictional conference, the jurisdictional conference will, then, appoint a bishop to serve over the unified conference starting September 1.

There are a lot of moving pieces, but we have a vision and strategic priorities set before us. Our main focus continues to be making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world while we continue to be in prayer for this unification process. In so doing, we walk alongside the likes of Nehemiah who helped the Israelites put the pieces back together following a period of great difficulty and help people faithfully follow Jesus in our trying times.

Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen

Prayer List

CHUMC Homebound The Gee Family Tom Sanders Grandma Gloria Yvette's kids Edrese Hanigan Judy Bull Don Oldfield Mike Hill (Barbara Tatum's son-in-law) Gay Keim (Kandy Burdette's sister-inlaw) Evelyn Womble Charles Cancellare Aaron Brooks

Jim Cranford and Family Joanne Marchant Pat McCourtney Matt McCourtney Linda Horton **Ilene Oldfield** Gail Hanigan Matthew Shivar Habib Khoury Janis Coggshall Carl Young, Jr. Lynda Lyon (Iris Shivar's Cousin) Gary Fuls Mass shooting victims Israel and Palestine

Announcements

Our **February Outreach** collection will be for the Farmers Branch Animal Shelter. We will be collecting dog and cat food (both wet and dry), treats, cat litter, small animal food, and bedding. We want to show our furry community members all the love this month! If you have any questions, please contact Meredith Freeman.

Church Council Meeting, Monday, February 12th at 6 PM.

Ash Wednesday, February 14th, Breakfast and service begins at 6:30 pm.

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Wrestling with Doubt worship series runs: January 14 - The Existence of God January 21 - Is the Bible True? January 28 - Is Jesus the Only Way? February 4 - When Prayers Go Unanswered February 11 - Why Do the Innocent Suffer?

Church Office Hours

Regular Office hours are 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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Lopez	6-Feb
Law	12-Feb
Khoury	24-Feb
Baird	26-Feb
Scheihagen	26-Feb
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