April 8, 2024

Pastor's Message

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Chapel Hill UMC
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Rev. J.D. Allen Senior Pastor

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We mentioned in worship yesterday that the scriptures we read together were at the very foundation of the Wesleyan movement that has led to multiple Wesleyan denominations including our beloved United Methodist Church.

In Luke 24:13-32, we found two disciples walking to Emmaus. They don't recognize Jesus has been walking with them until they recline to eat and Jesus blesses and breaks the bread of their supper. Suddenly, Jesus is revealed to them and departs as quickly as he was revealed. They remark, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

It was just such an experience John Wesley had when he accepted his brother Charles' invitation to the meeting at Aldersgate where he found his heart strangely warmed and trusted in Christ alone for his salvation and experienced the assurance that Christ "had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.

Wesley would expound on such an experience of assurance in his sermon "The Witness of the Spirit" in which he explains "the Spirit of God directly 'witnesses to my spirit that I am a child of God': that Jesus Christ has loved me." It is that Spirit of adoption in which the Spirit of God empowers us to cry "Abba," and know we are set free for love. We, like the young woman in Acts 16 and the disciples who were set free from bondage, are set free to live and love the way Christ did.

Take time this Easter season to dine with Christ, feel your heart strangely warmed as the new life of peace unlocks your heart and mind and consider where Love may be leading you today.

Grace and peace,

Rev. J.D. Allen



Prayer List

CHUMC Homebound The Gee Family Tom Sanders Yvette's kids Judy Bull Mike Hill (Barbara Tatum's son-in-law) Gay Keim (Kandy Burdette's sister-inlaw) Aaron Brooks Jim Cranford and Family Matthew Shivar Habib Khoury Janis Coggshall Lynda Lyon (Iris Shivar's Cousin) Gary Fuls

Mark Loper

Joanne Marchant Claudia Marchant Wesley Freeman Terri Moore Rev. J.D.'s Brother-in-Law Rhonda Ramsey Steve Ramsey Julia & David Knutt Stacev Ramsey The family of Yvette's Grandma Gloria Mass shooting victims West Texas Wildfire **Victims** California Flood Victims Peace, healing, & restoration in war torn areas

Announcements

Chili Cook Off, Sunday April 14th from 4-6 PM. Tickets are \$5 per adult – Children are free!

Family Ministries Meeting, Sunday, April 28th at 11:30 AM.

There will be a **Celebration of Life** for Evelyn Womble on Saturday, May 4th at 10am.

RoughRider Baseball Game - For those who reserved tickets, please give your payment of \$27 per ticket to Tom Wooldridge and if you pay by check, please make the check out to CHUMC.



Church Office Hours

Regular Office hours are Monday through Thursday 10 AM – 2 PM

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	2-Apr	Linda	Pace	18-Apr
Dave	Horton	3-Apr	Sarah	Womble	23-Apr
Corky	Rawdon	3-Apr	Larry	Rains	27-Apr
Jill	Cox	13-Apr	Fred	Maxwell	29-Apr