



**First United
Methodist Church**
CHANDLER, TEXAS ———
Bringing The Love

Church News – May 19, 2022

THIS COMING SUNDAY IS JOINING SUNDAY!

Sunday, May 22 - Joining Sunday! Lunch at 12:15 in the Family Life Center -for those wishing to know more about our church and becoming members. RSVP to bryan@chandlerfumc.org or text your name and number attending to 903-747-0972.

Sunday, May 29 – FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK; Board to Meet; FLC

A Message from Pastor Bryan

Church family,

I wanted to share with you some exciting news! Since we have closed on the sale of Hope Hall to the City of Chandler, we have reduced our building debt to \$662, 374. What this means is, once the sale of the Baptist parsonage is complete, our debt will be more than cut in half! What if we were debt free by the end of 2023? With prayer and your generosity, I believe it's possible! I want to thank our Administrative Board for their leadership. This has been an arduous task and I am grateful for them seeing these sales through.

Also, things continue to develop in our United Methodist denomination. Several of our church leaders went to Lakeview last Saturday to receive important information. Because the Judicial Council (the Supreme Court of the UMC) ruled that annual conferences cannot leave the denomination as a whole, it will fall on each local church to pray about and decide their future with the UMC. Our board met Sunday to begin discussions on this matter and plan to meet again on May 29th. We will be planning some town hall meetings to share what information we have and begin answering questions and receiving input. If you would like to learn more about what we are facing as a denomination, please visit this link to hear the latest from our Bishop. As always, I am available to answer questions. Let's be in prayer for the UMC, our conference and our leadership.

<https://www.txcumc.org/newsdetail/bishop-jones-addresses-recent-events-within-umc-16495783>

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP SERVE

Landscaping crew

Spring is here and so the need to keep up with the church's landscaping. If you can give some time to pull weeds, trim bushes and lay mulch, text or email Pastor Bryan at bryan@chandlerfumc.org

Young Adult Vision Team

One of the least served age groups in our congregation is young adults (18-35) We are looking for people who can dedicate some time and creativity to creating ministry for young adults. Contact Pastor Bryan if you can be part of the team!

Be on the lookout for newcomers!

The Wesley Fellowship Class has created some welcoming packets for new Chandler residents. If you would be willing to be a neighborhood shepherd and deliver welcome packets to new residents, please contact Linda Pinson at 903-316-3096 or contact the church office.

Chandler Nursing Home Worship Service

We have been contacted by Chandler Nursing Center to begin offering a worship service on a weekly or monthly basis on Mondays. If you would like to volunteer to play piano, lead singing or offer a devotional, please let Pastor Bryan know.

Anchor Academy

In 2020, closed our preschool, Anchor Academy, because of COVID. We have an opportunity to partner with our conference for support in reopening our preschool. We are looking for a few volunteers who would love to see our preschool reopen. We would work this summer on the information the conference and our board will need to consider reopening. If you can give some time this summer, please contact Pastor Bryan at bryan@chandlerfumc.org or call the church office.

SUNDAY WORSHIP - MAY 22

Adult Sunday School Classes

9:30 classes

Sanctuary Building:

Bring the Love, Chris Frederick – Parlor

Heritage Building:

Joyous Journey, Larry Schmidt, Heritage Hall

9:45 classes

Wesley Fellowship Room

Wesley Fellowship

Linda Davis

Covenant Room

Covenant Class

John and Nancy Adkins

11:00 classes

Family Life Center

New Life, Carol Harkness, New Life Room

Fountain, Katie Williams, Fountain Room

Sermon: "A Better Way: When You Have Given Up On Prayer" Rev. Bryan Harkness

Scripture: Matthew 6:6 (MSG); Philippians 4:6 (NLT); 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NLT);
1 John 5:14-15 (NIV); Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV)

Sermon Notes:

Why do we struggle to pray consistently and effectively?

1) We lack _____. We get _____.

2) We lack _____. We don't know _____ to do it.

3) We lack _____. We're not sure God will _____ it.

Prayer is not a _____.

Prayer is not giving God your _____.

Prayer is not a spiritual _____.

Prayer is not a _____

Prayer isn't an _____ you do, it's a way that you _____. It's an ongoing awareness that God never leaves you or forsakes you. Prayer is living in God's presence. It's aligning our will to his.

We don't have time NOT to pray. There is nothing more productive than the time we spend seeking the heart of God and inviting his power, his presence, and his strength to be with us.

How do we pray?

1) Find a _____. Eliminate the _____. (Matthew 6:6 MSG)

2) Pray about what you _____ about. If it's on your mind, it's on God's heart. (Phil 4:6)

We struggle to pray because we tend to _____ our lives. God doesn't want to be part of your life. He is your life.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NLT)....."Never stop praying, pray continually, pray without ceasing..."

Weekly Activities May 22 – 28

Sunday: Connect Service, 9:30 am | Sunday School, 9:45, 10:45 am | Traditional Worship, 11 am | Joining Sunday Luncheon - FLC, 12:15 pm | Pastor's Bible Study - HH, 4 pm | Youth - FLC, 5:30 pm

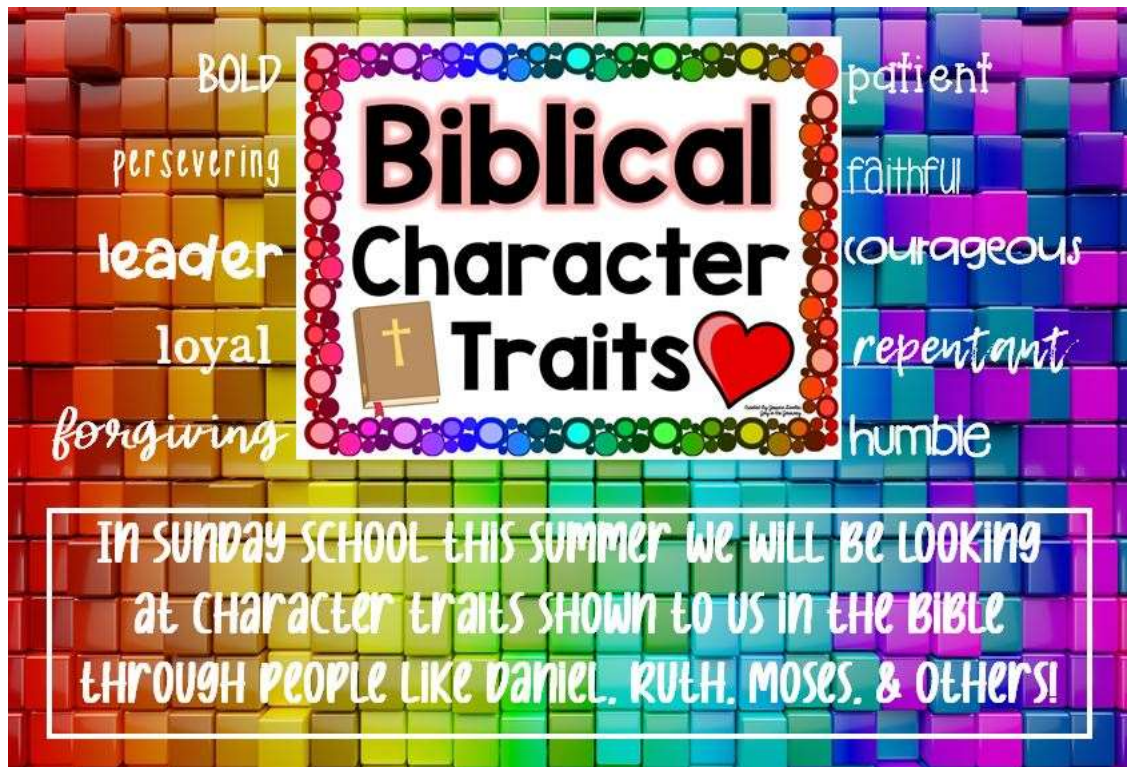
Monday: Monday Women's Bible Study, HH, 10 am | Men's Bible Study, Parlor, 6:30 pm | Cub Scouts, HH, 6:30

Tuesday: Men's Prayer Breakfast, Dairy Queen, 7 am | Retired Persons Ministry, HH, 1:30 | Celebrate Recovery Book Study Life's Healing Choices, FLC Youth Room, 6:30 pm | Boy Scouts, FH, 6:30pm | Girls Scouts, HH, 6:30pm

Wednesday: Yoga Stretch, HH 2 pm | Youth Activities - FLC, 5:30 pm | Chancel Choir, CR, 7pm

Thursday: Celebrate Recovery, FLC, 6 pm

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ACTIVITIES



A poster with a colorful, multi-colored square background. In the center, the text "Biblical Character Traits" is written in large, bold, black letters. To the left of the text is a small icon of a Bible with a cross on it. To the right is a red heart. The text is surrounded by a decorative border of colorful circles. On the left side, the words "BOLD", "persevering", "leader", "loyal", and "forgiving" are listed vertically. On the right side, the words "patient", "faithful", "courageous", "repentant", and "humble" are listed vertically. Below the central text, a white box contains the following text: "IN SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS SUMMER WE WILL BE LOOKING AT CHARACTER TRAITS SHOWN TO US IN THE BIBLE THROUGH PEOPLE LIKE DANIEL, RUTH, MOSES, & OTHERS!"

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A poster with a white brick background. At the top, a blue banner reads "GOODBYE SCHOOL!". Below it, several colorful, hand-drawn circles in shades of pink, orange, yellow, and blue are scattered. The text "HELLO SUMMER!!!" is written in large, pink, bubbly letters. Below this, the text "Join us as we celebrate the end of the school year and the beginning of summer! We'll have brunch and games!" is written in a green, cursive font. On the left side, the text "Sunday May 22nd" is written in blue, followed by "Worship @ 9:30am" and "Sunday School @ 10:45am" in black.

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A poster with a light blue background. The text "SAVE THE DATE" is written in large, bold, black letters. Below it, the text "VBS IS COMING SOON!" is written in black. Further down, the text "June 13th-17th" is written in black, followed by "5:30-8:30pm each day" in black. At the bottom right, there is a small cartoon character of a girl with blonde hair, wearing a blue shirt and a yellow headband, holding a sign that says "VBS".

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A poster with a red background. The text "FOOD TRUCK PARTY" is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. Below it, there is a cartoon illustration of a green food truck with a sign that says "FOOD TRUCK PARTY". To the right of the truck is a picnic table with a sign that says "ON A ROLL WITH GOD!". At the bottom right, there is a small sign that says "SUNDAY VBS".

FOOD TRUCK PARTY

ON A ROLL WITH GOD!

SUNDAY VBS



FUMC YOUTH

A poster for FUMC Youth Summer Sunday Swindays. The background is a pool of water with a pink inflatable ring and a blue inflatable ring. The text is arranged in a grid-like fashion. On the left, the "FUMC YOUTH" logo is in the top left corner. Below it, a pink box contains the time "5:30p-7:30p", "Dinner Provided", and "Bring a towel!". On the right, the title "SUMMER SUNDAY SWINDAYS" is in large, bold, black letters. Below the title is a list of dates and locations: "June 5th - Montgomery", "June 12th - Grace", "June 26th - Shaw", "July 10th - Gibbons", "July 17th - Bersano", "July 31st - Garner", "August 7th - Burroughs", and "August 14th - Oliver".

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Keep These in Your Prayers

Long-term illness: Charles Lipscomb, Helen Giger, Lela Warren, Lou Griffin, Martha Copeland

Health, grief or need for strength or guidance now: Judy Deal, Landyn Kidd, Sina Martin, L. G. Owen, Wende Smith, Landry Lewellen, Betty McKay, Dennis Lanier, Emma Lambert, Hayden Green, Kevin Thompson, Trey Booth, Savannah Bradburn, Cody Gilcrease, George & Sharon Ballew, Melva White, Vicki Calicutt, Marsha Stephens (Kasey Oliver's Mother), Danny Crossley, Bob Peyton, Mary John Oliver, Lee Ann Horton (Nelda Horton's daughter), Vincent Davis (Grace Calloway's son), John and Effie Montgomery & Family, Carol Wendt, Katie Calicut, Ray Deal, Scarlett Fulks, Elvin White, Glenda Snow, Barbara Alexander, Billy Jim Pollard

Continuing Care Retirement Community: **Chandler Nursing Center:** Emogene Finley, Yolanda Evilsizer, Lola Ruddy, Betty Dalton **Oak Terrace:** Mary Stewart **The Atria:** Gayle Haynes

Park Place: Helen Reese

Remember to Pray for Our Military: Steven Mount (Air Force Major, Viglini family) Liz McGovney (Lt. Col., Army, John Taylor family); Preston Toole (Army, friend of Lou Griffin family), Joe Wangler (Air Force Master Sgt, Autumn Fenner's brother), Aaron Sherman (Air Force, son of Tim & Jana Sherman), Sarah Oliver Martin (Colonel, Air Force, Charles Oliver family), Jacob Rockovich, (Navy)

WHEEL OF HOPE CAMPING SCHEDULE: CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE

May:29-June1. Fredericksburg, 3 nights
Oakwood RV Resort - 78 FM 2093, Fredericksburg Tx 78624, 800-366-9396

June: Florida "Canceled"

July 8-11. Palo Duro Canyon State Park and Musical Play
7/08 to 07/11, in Palo Duro site 131 sagebrush area. We are going to leave a day early and stop at Arrowhead State Park, on 7/07, 1 night, halfway. Will be in site 43.

You are invited to join us at a musical play in Palo Duro: Texas Musical Play 7/09 (only one time 8:15) Grace & Harold got center stage row B seats 1 & 2. We purchased VIP passes and dinner so could go behind stage. Call to order your tickets at 512-389-8900 or go to the state park internet site. For more information on all these trips, please call Grace Callaway 903-539-4723 or leave message.

Giving

Online giving is available at
<https://www.chandlerfumc.org/give>
or checks can be mailed to the church office at
507 N. Broad Street, Chandler, TX 75758

Text to Give

Text 1-888-364-GIVE (4483) enter: give2fumc
Instructions will be given to set up an account and a login.
If you are having difficulty, please follow this link:

[Subsplash Giving – Subsplash Help](#)

April Revenue \$46,186
April Expenses \$51,602
YTD Revenue \$182,062
YTD expenses \$178,798
April Building Fund Principal Reduction \$7900
April Building Fund Interest Expense \$2802
Building Fund Loan Balance \$840,159