



*Making Disciples of Jesus Christ
Who worship passionately,
love sacrificially
and witness boldly.*

March 17 2024 ■ 11 a.m. ■ Fifth Sunday in Lent

Today's Sermon "True Greatness"

Dr. Joel Snider

Luke 9:46-48

True greatness, true leadership, is achieved not by reducing men to one's service; but giving oneself in selfless service to them. And that is never done without a cost.... The true spiritual leader is concerned infinitely more with the service he can render God and others than with the benefits and pleasures he can extract from life. He aims to put more into life than he takes out of it.... We children of Adam want to become great, but He became small; because we refuse to stoop, He humbled Himself; because we want to rule, He came to serve!" Friend, don't limit your leadership to people serving you. Learn to serve others! --Oswald Sanders

Prayer List

Prayers for: Patty Culpepper, Ronnie Williams, Ben Gordon, Karen Howson, Ashlyn Hovey, Jon Hart (Bill & Kathy Glisson's grandson), Frankie Rodenberry, Martha Ann Saunders, David & Susan Smith, Louis Maier, Trey Carter, Leslie Pair (Midway), James (Jamie) Wood, Tom Pohl (Jan & Dave Reynolds son in law), David Perry, Ernest & Doris McClendon, Delaney Jackson, Bob Stone, Sally Arnett, (Wil Arnett's mother), Ted & Brenda McMillian, Laura Hutchinson (friends of Wil & Cathy Arnett), Kathy & Billy Pardue (Robin Newman's sister & brother in law), Mary Jane Denny Goodson, Carmen & Jimmy Pope, Linda Aitken, Buddy Farmer (Charlotte Shackelford's brother), June Sorrells, Shaun Maddox, Shields Upchurch, Jo McGuire (Jerry Eady's sister), Beverly & David Parkman, John Trawick, George Archibald, Joe Kroll, Jackie Todd, Greg Lavendar, and for our Pastoral Search Committee, our church and her future,

Our military and their families: Tyron Sneddon (Kay & David Mecklin's son-in-law), Chris Hamil, Jonathan Wilbanks, Jason Preston (Harry Preston's nephew), Dylan & Becca Wood, Matt Landon, Davis Marlar, Robert Geiger, Clayton Couch, Austin Walls, Rob Bennett, Scott McClendon.

Those serving in the mission field: Sam & Madison Harris Cromley, Joy and Wes Griffin, Ronnie and Angi Hopkins, Cameron Teems (Glenda Banks grandson missionary training) Bishop David Thagana, Timothy Thagana (Strong Tower Orphanage & Glory Outreach Assembly, Kenya), Will & Ella Faircloth

Please notify the church office of any changes.

Attendance & Offering

As of 03/10/2024

Attendance:

Sunday School	138
11 Worship	335

Offering:

Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 259,929.08
Year to Date Expenses	\$121,621.82

Pledges 2024

91 received	\$636,156.00
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The Vision of First Methodist of Carrollton:

A congregation in which anyone and everyone can

Connect with Christ ~**Grow** in Faith ~ and

Serve ~ more and more fully in the Spirit of Jesus

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Order of Worship

March 17, 2024

The Fifth Sunday in Lent



Gathering Music Tracy Rainwater
Welcome & Invocation Kim Jones
Special Music *How Great Thou Art* Carroll Ringers, Tracy Rainwater
✠ Processional Hymn #63 *Majesty*
✠ Affirmation of Faith /Apostle's Creed Robyn Stone
I believe in God the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his only son our Lord---who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. The third day He arose from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen
✠ Gloria Patri #667
✠ Greet Friends
✠ Scripture Lesson Luke 9:46-48 Lealon Anderson
Leader: The word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**
✠ Hymn #27 *Crown Him with Many Crowns (V 1&2)*
Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Dr. Joel Snider
Special Music *Just as I Am* Carroll Ringers, Janice Robinson, flute
Offertory Prayer Dr. Joel Snider
Offertory *Ancient Words* Janice Robinson, flute, Tracy Rainwater
✠ Doxology #682 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Sermon "True Greatness" Dr. Joel Snider
✠ Hymn of Response #31 *How Great is Our God*
Life of the Church Dr. Joel Snider
✠ Benediction
✠ Postlude Janice Robinson, Flute, Tracy Rainwater

✠ Congregation standing as you are able

Acolytes: Ava Rowell, Delta Russell

Ushers: Dennis Albright, Milton Berry, Cliff Harris, Doc Mason, Bobby Sanders

March is Mission Madness Month

in the GLOW Kids Ministry.

3/17 - Wear Green!

3/24 - Meet in the Gathering Room at 10:45.

Children will walk into the 11:00 worship service together waving palm branches.

3/24 - Easter Egg Hunt begins at 4:00

Smokerise Subdivision Park - 175 Mink Hollow Drive

VBS 2024 - Save the Date and Pray now for all those involved. June 24 - 26, 4:00 - 6:30PM

Easter Egg Donation

Easter Egg Hunt March 24! Candy Needed. Drop off in collection bins around the church!

Prime Timers Lunch

March 20 at 12 noon Meet at Sunset Hills Country Club
Cost \$10 per person, call the church office to make your reservation.

Fellowship Lunch Today, March 17

Fellowship Hall after worship

FLOWER CROSS

Please bring fresh cut flowers on Easter Sunday to help decorate the flower cross.

Sadie Ruth Barrett Scholarship

For graduating high school seniors, applications are available outside the church office and the sanctuary. Application is due April 1. All requirements are included in application

SOULISH VICTORY Bible Study

Wednesday, March 13, 20, 27 and April 3, 10:00 am - 11:30 am
At the home of Merritt Lane 112 Sunset Court



All in One QR Code: Scan the QR code to record your attendance, send a prayer request, sign up for text messages from the church, and give online.
Network: Cfmc-guest password: Cfmc#206

Church Wide Conversation April 21 after 11 AM worship In the Fellowship Hall

Join us immediately after worship on Sunday, April 21, as we participate in a church-wide conversation to provide input for our Pastor Search Committee. Dr. Joel Snider will lead us in the first of two guided conversations to explore our core strengths and our aspirations as a congregation.

Your input is vital for the committee to develop a clear profile of the qualities and skills we need in a pastor for this next chapter in the life of Carrollton First. Lunch will be served. Help us prepare for your presence by making a reservation.

Please fill out the reservation form below, call the church office, or use the QR code to sign up online.

We want your input. Please join us on April 21.

Name: _____

of adults: _____ Children: _____



Pastoral Search Committee Motion, Carrollton First Administrative Council Meeting 2/19/2024

We propose forming a Pastoral Search Committee tasked with considering and recommending a pastoral candidate to the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) by the process defined in the Doctrines and Discipline. Establishing the Pastoral Search Committee is designed to create a transparent, thorough, and prayerful process in selecting the next pastor to guide and shepherd our congregation.

The Pastoral Search Committee shall work as an ad hoc committee under the SPRC and present a pastoral candidate for consideration and recommendation to the SPRC. After approval by the SPRC, the pastoral candidate shall be presented for consideration and recommendation, including the salary/benefit package, to the Church Conference as defined in Paragraph 336g in the Doctrines and Discipline.

The proposed Pastoral Search Committee shall consist of the following members:

1. Travis Studdard - Chair
2. Anne Ball
3. Bart Stone
4. Jill Pierce
5. Woody Cole
6. Sandra Huey
7. Galen Hobbs
8. Gini Reeve
9. Thompson Lewis
10. Tricia Costley

These members have been selected based on their dedication to our church community, their commitment to the values and mission of our church, and their ability to represent our congregation's diverse perspectives and needs. Working with the Center for Healthy Churches, the responsibilities of the Pastoral Search Committee shall include, but are not limited to:

- Facilitating meetings and discussions to discern the congregation's spiritual direction and leadership needs.
- Collaborating with the Staff Parish Relations and Finance Committee to develop a competitive salary and benefits package for the selected candidate.
- Review and assess potential pastor candidates based on established criteria and qualifications.
- Conducting interviews and reference checks to thoroughly evaluate candidates.
- Presenting a recommended pastor candidate to the SPRC for approval.

We believe forming this committee will honor our commitment to discerning God's will for our congregation and selecting a pastor who will make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love sacrificially and witness boldly.