

The Jackie Preston Fellowship Circle is meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, in the Gathering Room at First Methodist Church at 2:00 PM. The accomplished organist, Friedemann Stihler, is our guest and will be playing the organ in our sanctuary. Selections will include requested songs from our Circle that range from Gospel to Broadway. All ladies are invited. It will be a beautiful time of fellowship.



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

Prayer List

Heartfelt sympathy to: the family of Mike Carter who went to his heavenly home on March 25th .

Prayers for: Patty Culpepper, Austin Payne (friend of the Tanner family), Ben Gordon, Karen Howson, Ashlyn Hovey, Frankie Rodenberry, 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), 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.

March 31 2024 ■ 11 a.m. ■ Easter Sunday

Today’s Sermon “No Mere Immortality”

Dr. Joel Snider

The popular cultural tendency is to believe in a kind of guaranteed and automatic immortality. That is not the Christian understanding. Christians take death very seriously and have since the time of Jesus, when any idea of the resurrection of the dead was a far off hope. The resurrection of Jesus was an astonishing event. It did not install a regime of immortality. Rather was only the first of the new creation, one in which God would raise the dead. There is nothing in humans that automatically survives death. There is only the power and grace of God that showed His love overcame death. -- Fred Craddock



Attendance & Offering

As of 03/24/2024

Attendance:

Sunday School	157
11 Worship	314

Offering:

Year-to-Date Giving	\$ 278,818.07
Year to Date Expenses	\$150,962.54

Pledges 2024

94 received	\$651,156.00
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Dr. Joel Snider, Interim Pastor

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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

Order of Worship

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

Gathering Music

Call of the Hour

Messiah Trumpet

Invocation

Call to Worship

Leader: Who do you seek among the dead?

People: We look for Jesus who was crucified.

Leader: He is not here. See where they laid him.

People: The tomb is empty.

Leader: The Lord is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Special Music *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* Carroll Ringers, Brock Eady, Tracy Rainwater

✠ Processional Hymn #251 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today (v 1, 2, 3, 6)*

✠ Scripture Lesson

Mark 16:1-8

Rusty Lambert

Leader: The word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

✠ Affirmation of Faith /Apostle's Creed

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

Tracy Rainwater

Special Music

Because He Lives

Lily Ann Russell, Delta Russell

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Joel Snider

Welcome

Greet Friends & Adorning of the Cross

Hymn #278

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Offertory Prayer

Dr. Joel Snider

Offertory

Hymn to Joy

Carroll Ringers, Brock Eady, Tracy Rainwater

✠ Doxology #682

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Sermon

"No Mere Immortality"

Dr. Joel Snider

✠ Hymn of Response #277

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Life of the Church

Dr. Joel Snider

✠ Benediction

✠ Postlude

Tracy Rainwater

✠ Congregation standing as you are able



VBS 2024 - SAVE THE DATE

June 24 - 26, 4:00 - 6:30 PM

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Worship Committee is seeking dedicated volunteers to help keep the sanctuary clean and beautiful and to assist with set up for special services. Please contact the church office or Suzanne Miceli if interested! suzannemiceli@bellsouth.net

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, April 10 and 17, 10:00 am - 11:30 am

At the home of Merritt Lane 112 Sunset Court

EASTER SCHEDULE

Friday, **March 29** and Monday **April 1**, Church Office Closed

Acolytes: Ashlyn Cates, Carter Cates, Daniel Smith

Ushers: Dennis Albright, Mike Barrett, Scott Barrett, David Miceli

Greeters: Caryn & Barry Beaman

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Dr. & Mrs. Charles Hubbard.



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: Cfm-guest password: Cfm#206