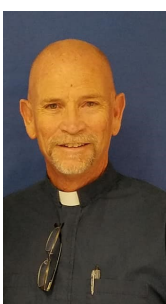


From the Pastor



Seminary was a transformative time in my life. However, I do not remember learning about active shooter/intruder procedures and policies. My, my, how times have changed. The idolatry of guns is yielding the predictable upsurge in gun violence. It seems like every week we hear of yet another threat or incident. In a time when we are already anxious and fearful, the threat of an active shooter is numbing.

The Session of Faith United has recently adopted an Emergency Plan. It is a broad plan that covers active shooter situations, fire situations, medical emergencies, bomb threats, and storm threats. A Safety Team has been appointed to flesh out the details of the plan. The team is made up of Kurt Booth, Katie Miller, Dave Sloey, Jeanne Haben, and Lois Norton. There is much work for them to do to turn the plan into workable guidelines. There will be a role for all of us to play. They are planning to have the

Farmers Branch Police Department and Farmers Branch Fire Department do a site assessment. Based upon their suggestions, the Safety Team can then create specifics for our plan.

I want to share the Overview that begins the Emergency Plan.

We at Faith United genuinely care about the health, safety and well-being of all staff, visitors, and parishioners. We expect everyone to be able to participate in services and activities and return home whole and healthy on every occasion. Everyone shares equally in the responsibility of identifying hazards and following safety rules and proper operating practices. Our Session has set forth some general guidelines regarding common safety practices that everyone is encouraged to follow. These policies/safe practices are not all inclusive as there are a variety of unanticipated circumstances that could occur creating a potential unsafe action or hazard. Please exercise caution and common sense and if an anticipated action poses some risk then request

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assistance and/or obtain proper equipment that will be much more likely to facilitate a safe outcome.

To address the risk of an active shooter at Faith United is sobering. Yet, I applaud the Session and Safety Team for doing so. As the Safety Team does its work in developing a workable Emergency Plan, they will be communicating with the congregation. Watch and listen for those updates and the volunteer opportunities.

I look forward to seeing you on a Sunday soon, either in-person or online. Let me know of any needs or concerns. If you would like to visit with me, let me know and we can arrange a time to meet.

Let's continue to choose kindness, compassion, and love; let's do justice and make peace; let's welcome the stranger; let's persevere in prayer, as we glorify God, grow disciples, and meet the needs of our neighbors.

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Ken

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Words of Faith

Outreach & Evangelism

Courtland Lewis

Chapel Hill Preparatory School —When you're out shopping, don't forget to pick up some school supplies for Chapel Hill. Please take a supply list packet so you can purchase the correct items and brands. We will collect items through Sunday, August 7. Supplies will be delivered to the school the week of August 8.



Looking ahead to September...

North Dallas Shared Ministries—During September we will collect coats for North Dallas Shared Ministries. Check your closets for those gently worn coats and jackets that will keep others warm during the coming winter months.



Online Giving

Online giving is now available. Just scan the QR Code to the right with your smart phone or go to our website and click the "Give Now" button. www.FaithUnited-pc.com You will have the option to set up your giving profile. This will make it easy to login anytime you are ready to give, even designated giving for Building Repairs or Special Offerings that occur throughout the year. **You can also select to donate the 2% fee so Faith United does not incur it.**



Midweek Devotional / Praying the Ten Commandments

Pastor Ken continues the midweek devotional based on the Ten Commandments. These ten words, or as sometimes called the Decalogue, form the heart of God's teaching to the people of God. They give shape to a life directed by Christ as we express the image of God in our lives. Rather than being a burden, they point us to a life set free in Christ. How might praying the Decalogue form and shape our lives of faith and faithfulness in these chaotic and anxious times? Each Wednesday a new video offering will be posted to the church's Facebook page and YouTube channel. Join us and spread the word! Someone who is not part of our church might be interested!



Happy Birthday!

August 2

* Terry Stottlemeyer

August 6

* Terrie Russell

August 7

* Judy Saunders

August 10

* Tom Meurer

* Chris Walker

August 11

* Renee Wensley

August 12

* Alan Swope

August 19

* Betty Russ

August 21

* Jennifer Tiemann

August 27

* Gail Crumpler

August 29

* Jeanne Haben

August 30

* Nancy Smith



Homebound or Recovering:

- ♥ Charley Rae Furrh (Terri Russell's cousin)
- ♥ Freddie Simmons

Prayers for:

- ♥ David Duell
- ♥ Family of Tom Duell
- ♥ Dale Durcholz
- ♥ Mike Jones
- ♥ George & Mozelle Mills
- ♥ Dennis Van Deventer

Worship services are available In-Person, via Facebook Live, or on our YouTube channel.

Worship resources available at www.FaithUnited-pc.com



Weekly Bible Study class

The class is currently led by Rich Lewis. They meet from 9:45 to 10:45 in classroom #4. They are taking a break in July and August. They will resume Sunday, 8/28. The class will then continue its series of video-based lessons from "The New Testament You Never Knew, Exploring the Context, Purpose, and Meaning of the Story of God" by N. T. Wright and Michael Bird. Each session includes a video of 20 to 25 minutes.

August 28 class: *The Ministry of the Apostle Paul.*

Rich Lewis



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7 pm GA-Room #2	2	3 9:30 LTCDS #1 7:00 FUPC Choir	4	5 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	6 9:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
7 11:00 Communion Worship 11:00 Iglesia-Fellowship Hall	8 7 pm GA-Room #2	9	10 9:30 LTCDS #1	11	12 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	13 9:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
14 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Iglesia-Fellowship Hall 12:30 FUPC Session	15 7 pm GA-Room #2	16	17 9:30 LTCDS #1 7:00 FUPC Choir	18	19 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	20 9:00 GA-Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
21 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Iglesia-Fellowship Hall	22 7 pm GA-Room #2	23	24 9:30 LTCDS #1	25	26 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	27 9:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1
28 9:45 Adult Sunday School 11:00 FUPC Worship 11:00 Iglesia-Fellowship Hall	29 7 pm GA-Room #2	30	31 9:30 LTCDS #1 7:00 FUPC Choir	1	2 9:00 LTCDS Fellowship Hall #1	3 9:00 GA Double Rm #4 11:00 OA-Fellowship #1

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