

Life on the Road

Updates from City Road Chapel



May 5, 2024

6th Sunday in Easter

Welcome to Our New/Old Music Director

Today we welcome back our friend Brian Hanson as the Music Director of City Road Chapel. After a year's adventure in Portugal, Brian and Cheryl are moving back to Nashville and he will rejoin our staff to guide our music ministry.



We will be having a short reception in the Welcome Center to welcome Brian back to City Road.

Help with the Gym Light Fund

Ronald Davidson and Robert Roberts spent this past week changing out the lights under the gym. We are still needing a few more donations to help cover the cost of this project. Please make a donation as you are able.

So, are we ever going to get a new pastor?

All of us are waiting with anticipation for the announcement of the pastor who will be replacing Jay. Unfortunately, some developments happened that upset the process, and the bishop and our district superintendent have been working on identifying the right person to come to City Road Chapel. This was further complicated by them being in Charlotte, NC for the past two weeks at the United Methodist General Conference. However, they are working hard to identify the right person and we hope to make an announcement very, very soon.

General Conference Update

From Pastor Jay Voorhees

For the past two weeks, representatives from all over the world have been meeting in Charlotte, NC for the quadrennial General Conference. The General Conference is the official body of the United Methodist Church that determines our theology and policies, basically rewriting the *Book of Discipline* every four years. This meeting was unique in that it actually was the meeting of the 2020 General Conference, which had

been postponed for four years due to the COVID pandemic and the difficulties in obtaining travel visas for our delegates who live outside the U.S.

This was also the first General Conference in the “post-disaffiliation” church. The past few years have been difficult, with many congregations choosing to leave the UMC for a variety of reasons. This conference was dedicated to moving the United Methodist Church forward for the future.

Having worked at many General Conferences in the past, these gatherings are often tense as people with radically different visions of the church try to push their agenda on the church. However, I received many, many reports that this conference was different. There was a spirit of unity and togetherness that had been absent in the past. Delegates were committed to finding ways forward that would allow churches to minister effectively in their specific contexts.

While the media has focused on changes the conference has made concerning human sexuality, **the most significant action taken was to restructure the church in what is called *regionalization*.** Regionalization represents an effort to put the church's different geographical regions on equal footing — and to make the General Conference less U.S.-centric. This allows each geographic area to adapt the Book of Discipline for its specific setting. This has been currently allowed for conferences outside the U.S., but not here. This puts everyone on a more even playing field and recognizes that norms and practices are different throughout the world.

As I write this, the General Conference still has to pass a budget, but the one proposed is 43% less than the previous budget.

As for the changes in our understanding of LGBTQ issues, I strongly encourage you to read Bishop McAlilly's blog post which can be found at <https://bishopbillmcally.com/2024/05/01/general-conference-decisions/>. He explains well what has changed and how that will affect the Tennessee Western Kentucky Annual Conference.

God was at work at this conference. We are all hoping for a great and new future in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.



As of 5/2/2024

- Mary Margaret -- friend of the Phillips
- Judy Wright - Recovering from fall
- Malcolm Horns -- heart issues
- Brandon Hornbuckle
- Toby Hale
- Tommie Jean Moore (friend of Judy Wilson) - cancer
- Kathleen Mays
- Mary Lou Markham, recovery from cardiac procedure
- Susie Capps - cancer
- The pastoral transition at City Road Chapel
- Nola Dyer
- Carolyn Dorris's son Scooter
- Margie Broadrick in the death of Larry
- Laura Daughtery (Jim's Walden's Aunt) -- cancer
- Joy Luthy
- Mae Helen Diamond
- Bill Howard -- chemo
- Louise Walden (Jim's mom)
- Gail Donelson
- Lydia McGuire
- Clint Camp (Kay Camp's son)
- Fred and Linda Tudor (friends of Peggy Hickman's)
- The residents of our Mobile Housing Navigation Center and our Family Navigation Center
- Linda Bingaman (Jerry's mom)
- Bobbi Garret Hendersonville Hospital

Upcoming Birthdays

- Anita Bingaman – May 7
- Judy Milom – May 12
- Judy Jones – May 14
- Susan Moore – May 17
- Roy Jones – May 28

Anniversaries

- Mike and Anita Kay Schofill – May 28

This Week at City Road Chapel

Sunday, May 5

- Praise Team Rehearsal – 8:00 a.m.
- Sunday Worship – 9 a.m.
- Reception for Brian Hanson – 10 a.m.
- Discipleship Classes – 10:15 a.m.

Monday, May 6

- Showers of Blessing --- 7 a.m. - noon
- Prayer Shawl Ministry – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8

- Showers of Blessing – 7 a.m. – noon
- Wednesday Prayer via Zoom – 2 p.m.

Thursday, May 9

- Men's Prayer Breakfast – 6:30 a.m.
- Metro Shelter Committee – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

- Praise Team Rehearsal – 8:00 a.m.
- Sunday Worship – 9 a.m.
- Discipleship Classes – 10:15 a.m.

City Road Chapel also hosts Narcotics Anonymous Groups Mondays through Saturdays at noon, Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:30 p.m., and on Sundays at 1 p.m.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Welcome Desk Schedule

- May 5 – Mac Smith
- May 12 – Jim Neely
- May 19 – Randy Moore
- May 26 – Susan Moore
- June 2 – Jerry Bingaman
- June 9 – Roy Jones
- June 16 – Philip Brown
- June 23 – Robert Roberts
- June 30 – Mac Smith