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Baptism

Baptism is a sign of the new kingdom. Baptism is a sign of Christ's mark on our lives. When we go down into the waters, we die with Christ...BUT when we rise from those waters, we are given new life in Christ. We are given a new future, a new family, and a new purpose. Brandon Keathley, Leedia Carswell, Joey Keathley, Trinity Vincent, Jackson Alexander, and Logan Alexander have received the sacrament of baptism. They have been received into the Body of Christ. God has claimed them for God's kingdom!

Baptism is quickly becoming a common occurrence at One Church. Baptism is administered only once in the life of a follower of Christ and marks the beginning of that person's life in Christ. Seeing baptisms regularly is not only a sign of church health, but a sign that God is on the move! The kingdom of God is here—Watch out!

One Church - Chester Mission & Vision

One Church is a multiethnic church who exists to:

- *UNITE* people through a common story
- *EQUIP* people for a common life
- *SEND* people in a common mission

“May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God!” – Romans 15:5-7

Members

When a person joins One Church in membership, they are saying One Church is my church. They commit to be *united* through a common story, *equipped* for a common life, and *sent* in a common mission. Membership doesn't mean we are perfect or that we have everything together. In fact, it means we recognize our need for each other. We welcomed 9 new members in the month of February: Sam Robertson, Allen Robertson, Curtis Price, Brandon Keathley, Crystal Bland, Andy Bland, Jessica Price, Debbie Goodson, and Betty Goodson. We celebrate with you. We pray with you. We need you.



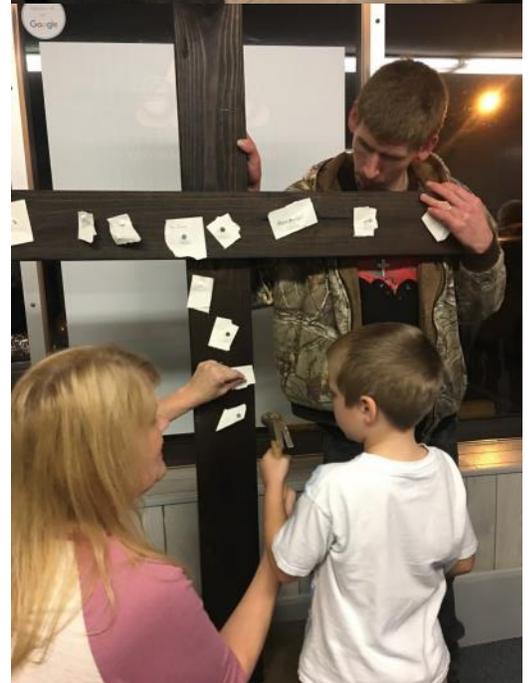
Unite Littles

For the last several months, several ladies have led us in discipling children: Tammy Thomas, Jessica Price, and Trina Alexander. They do an excellent job working together and nurturing the youngest among us. We are blessed to have them. As our group of children grows, they continue to adapt and adjust in order to provide exactly what is needed. Before last month, we have used a “one room” kids’ ministry which means that children from birth through 5th grade gather in one space. We are now beginning a transition to a “two room” kids’ ministry in which we will have two groups: Unite Littles - birth through 3 and Unite Kids - age 4 through 5th grade. In addition, we have added a new leader to the team—Crystal Bland. Crystal is working primarily with our Unite Littles. Please pray for all these ladies as they give of themselves each week.



Ash Wednesday/Lent

On February 14, we celebrated Ash Wednesday. We were reminded of our dependence on God. We took on fasts and new practices for Lent. We committed them to the Lord by nailing them to a cross. We received ashes in the sign of the cross and were reminded, "From dust you have come; to dust you will return." Ash Wednesday launches the season of Lent, which is a 40 day journey of prayer and fasting, just like the journey Jesus took through the wilderness. We celebrate Lent in order to live into the pattern of Jesus's life. It's a time for drawing closer to the Lord. It's a time to allow God to clear the clutter from our lives. It's a time of sanctification—being formed in the image of Christ.



Thanks to your generosity, we were able to give 237 pairs of new packaged underwear for kids having a bad day at Chester Park Elementary Center for Literacy and Technology (COLT). Special thanks to Sam Robertson for helping to deliver them.

**Good Friday
Tenebrae Service
7pm**

Funeral Attire

Lend a Helping Hand
**Church
WORK DAY**

March 17

8am-12pm



Our first Family Movie Night! Trolls reminds us that "true happiness" can be the key to overcoming the divisions among us. May God heal our wounds and reconcile all people through us, Christ's church!



**Community Lent &
Holy Week Services**

Lenten Lunch
Wesley Memorial Church
Tuesdays 12-1pm
Community pastors preach
Lunch provided

Holy Week Services
March 26-30
Breakfast 7am–Bethel UMC
Lunch 12pm–First Nazarene
Community pastors preach
Meals provided



Sundays
Prayer: 9:30am
Worship: 10:00am-11:00am
Thursdays
One Table: 6:00pm-7:30pm

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