

UNA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Ralph Mitchell, Bob Turner**

November 4, 2018

"Friends" Part 3

To enjoy friendship, we must realize that "love" is not just something we feel, but something we do. Jesus, with his own death weighing heavily on him, thought that friendship was so valuable it would cost him his life. Love leads people to act on behalf of others., and those actions can take different forms. Small acts of kindness, meaningful rituals, gift giving, note writing, and a thousand other creative expressions of love serve to communicate the personal concern and commitment necessary for friendship. Sometimes, even more radical action will be demanded of us.

My grandfather used to tell a story about a boy who offered to give it all. During the war in Viet Nam a rocket ripped through a small orphanage filled with abandoned children. The explosion rocked the entire compound and injured a number of residents. Fortunately no one died and only one child received serious wounds.

As medical personnel worked with the badly injured child, it became apparent that a blood transfusion would be required. Due to the absence of natural immunities in the blood of U.S. servicemen, a volunteer from among the Vietnamese children had to be found to donate a unit of blood. A doctor assembled the children. He explained their little friend would die unless he received blood. After a long period of silence, a brave skinny-legged little boy stepped forward to volunteer. As the blood donation began, the doctor noticed that his brave donor was crying.

"What's wrong son? This won't hurt you," The doctor said trying to reassure the boy.

"How much longer before I die?" the little guy asked.

The question melted the doctor's heart. The boy completely misunderstood. He volunteered to give his blood to a friend thinking all of his blood would be required. He expected to die saving his friend! Here is the essence of Christ's view of friendship acted out in the midst of a horrible war. How much can we give? How much can we sacrifice? How far are we willing to go in the name of friendship?

Jesus said: **Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command** (John 15:13-14). The love Jesus had for us wasn't just *felt*. It was *shown* through his sacrifice. I hope we strive to do the same for those whom we call our friends.

Love you all,
Adam

Children's Church

Children's Church is provided for children ages 3-10. We will let you know when it is time for your child to be dismissed for class.

Volunteers this week are: Don and Jada Warren, Donna Mitchell

There is a nursery upstairs for your convenience.

Privileged to Serve

Sunday AM

Worship Leader: Adam Medley

Opening Prayer: Robert Beard

Communion & Contribution:

Psalms 72:11-14, 17-19

Don Webb

Read Scripture: Daniel Green

Matthew 22: 15-22

Sermon: Adam Tune

"What's in YOUR Wallet?"

Prayer: Ron Cole

Sunday PM

Worship Leader: Adam Medley

Opening Prayer: Robert Beard

Communion: Larry Helton

Contribution: Bill Eads

Closing: Don Warren

Attendance 10/28/2018 - 303

Contribution: \$7,237

November Food Committee

Coordinator - Peggy Owen, Jen Green

Cooks - Martha Mitchell, Sue Rosinbum, Sandy Whitworth

Care Center Food Pantry

We are in need of Canned Chili this week for the pantry.

Prayer List

Ken Adcock, Mary Boucher, Doris Bussell, Ivon Claud, Doris Copeland, Paula Douglas, Edith Eakin, Fernando Funes, Billy and Faye Greenfield, Linda Hutchison, Wallace Primm, Ronnie Parks, Joyce Ramsey, Pete Rieschick, Scott Sawyer, Angie Scott, Shirley Scott, Mattie Ward, Mindy Wilson, Jessica Yates

Congratulations

Congratulations are in order to Jaclyn and Jamie Smith on the birth of their daughter Joanna Brooke. She was born Wednesday weighing 5 lb. 3 oz and was 18.75" long.

Of course, congratulations are also in order to new grandparents Don and Jada Warren!

Jamie and Jaclyn Smith

3006 Burnt Pine Dr

Smyrna, 37167

Remember in Prayer

Keep Tommy Bolden in your prayers as he had an arteriogram Thursday morning. They found one 85% blockage and put in a stent. He is at home doing well.

2010 Traemoor Village Dr

Nashville, 37209

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Katharine Wood. She passed away Thursday morning. She influenced many ladies (and men) here at Una in her 95+ years.

There will be no service, per her wishes, but you may make a donation in her memory to either Healing Hands International or Churches of Christ Disaster Relief.

If you would like to send a card to the family, you may do so in care of Christine Bradford, her daughter.

3086 S. Rutland Drive

Mt. Juliet, 37122

New Nursery

Our new nursery is coming along nicely and will be ready soon! We appreciate everyone's help getting it stocked and ready to go!

There are several items on our wish list still needed. If you are able to help with that, please pick up one of the Nursery information sheets that has the Target link. Just type it in on your computer or carry it with you to Target for easy shopping. We would like to have the items here by next Sunday, Nov. 11th.

Thanks again for all you do to make Una a great place for everyone to Worship!

The logo features the word "Christ" in a large, elegant, cursive script. Below it, the words "The Way, the Truth, and the Life." are written in a smaller, clean, sans-serif font.

JOHN 14:6