

The Messenger

February 3, 2016



MOMENT'S REFLECTION

Below is a visual illustration of how your ministerial staff would like to work with you to do effective Christian ministry.

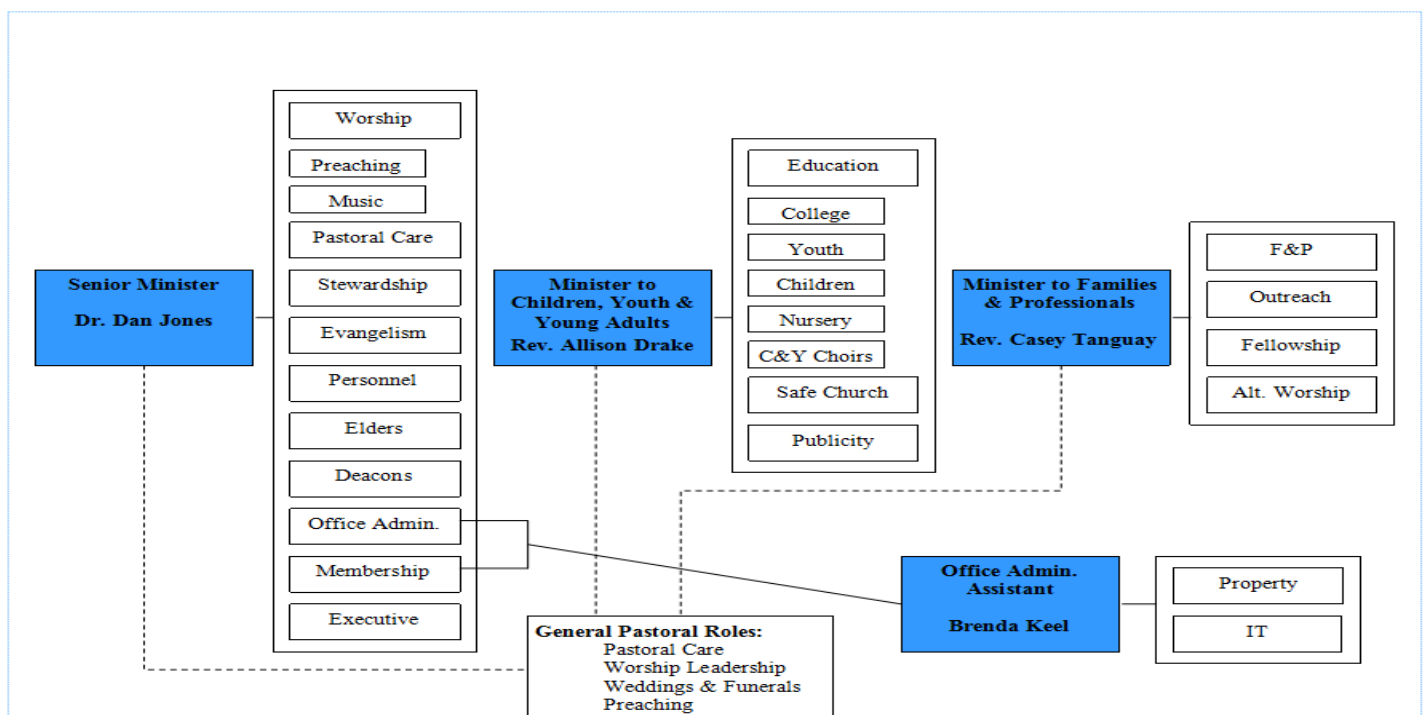
The diagram is the product of much thoughtful discussion among ministerial staff and Executive Committee members over a several month period. The version you see represents a final draft. The diagram shows three main columns listing various ministry planning entities of the church. To the left of each column, in a blue box, is the name of one of your ministers, indicating that this ministerial staff person will serve as your primary resource and contact person. A little below each of the three top columns is another column indicating those areas where our Office Administrative Assistant, Brenda Keel, will assume primary planning coordination. Further down you'll notice another box with the heading "General Pastoral Roles." That box is connected to each of the ministers indicating that these responsibilities will be shared.

The diagram is guided by an important core value of minister to member partnership, not oversight. Names of ministerial staff are purposely placed alongside various ministries to signify a desire to enter into covenantal partnership. We envision our leadership role as one of shared ministry in contrast to a more hierarchal corporate business model. Naturally, there are some aspects of ministry planning that your ministerial staff has had formal training in performing. We encourage you to take advantage of our trained insight. Yet we also value your gifts and call to serve in the Church's ministry.

I think it's also important to note while I assume the role as primary preacher and as staff person who will primarily respond to pastoral needs through the week, this ministry will be shared with both Casey and Allison. I plan, for instance, to schedule Casey and Allison to preach once a quarter. I love preaching, but I also believe it's important that you hear the Gospel preached from a variety of perspectives. I also believe it's important that Casey and Allison have a chance to preach the Word and share in the worship life of our church.

How you can use this diagram? Ministry chairs are asked to direct their resourcing needs to the designated minister (or staff person). Ministry chairs are also asked to actively initiate reciprocal communication with designated staff persons regarding meetings and program plans. Members are also asked to direct program specific questions to the designated staff person.

As your Senior Minister, I appreciate your gifts and passion to serve our church. I speak for the staff in saying that we look forward to working alongside you in the coming year! —Dan



Christian Senior Helpers Ministry *Successful Service Saturday*

The Christian Senior Helpers ministry did a fabulous job painting the home of elderly Garland resident Louise Baker. Louise has lived in her home since 1955. Eighteen servants from the church spent Saturday, January 30th “getting dirty for Jesus” and showing Christ’s love through paint and the gift of their time. The group also presented Louise with a small birthday cake and a birthday song serenade for her upcoming birthday on February 4th on which she will turn 90 years young. Thank-you to all who gave money, time, hard work and prayers to make this mission project successful!

More information will be coming soon about the next CSH mission project!

You can help in several ways:

- Lift this ministry and those that are being served in prayer
- Donate money to help fund the work projects. Most projects average about \$400-\$500
- Give of your time by attending the mission projects. There will always be projects available for all skill levels

Talk to Don Smith or Rev. Casey for more information.



NEW PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBER



469-573-1717

A new dedicated phone number has been set up at FCCG for use in contacting a minister with your pastoral concerns. If you have a pastoral concern, you may now call the new dedicated Pastoral Concerns number above, leave a message, and one of the ministers will get in touch with you. This is a monitored line, which will allow the ministers to quickly be advised of your call.

FCCG KITCHEN RULES

For the continued safety and well-being of all church members and guests it is important to have guidelines in place for our communal-use kitchen refrigerator and freezer.

Guidelines:

- * Please check all food for expiration date status before using. If in doubt, throw away.
- * Do not leave open containers of juice or food in the refrigerator
- * Take leftover juice/food/etc home or throw it away
- * Properly Label Your Food
 - When you purchase food and store it in the refrigerator for later use, **label** your food with your name and Ministry
 - Condiments are typically used by multiple Ministries so when you OPEN a condiment PLEASE label it with the Opened Date and an expected Expiration Date
 - After your event, if you feel another Ministry (or your own Ministry) will use the leftover food BEFORE IT EXPIRES use airtight containers to store the food and **label** the container with your name and Ministry, what the food is, the date the food was placed in the refrigerator/freezer, the date the food needs to be thrown away and who the leftover food is designated to use. [See below for a Label Example.](#)

As part of an on-going effort, Fellowship Ministry is working on cleaning out the refrigerator and freezer. Expired or unidentified food will be thrown away. Other food items will be labeled with an opened date and an expiration date for the item to be thrown away.

For your convenience a new message board has been added to the front of the refrigerator. If you see that we are low on a pantry item, please make note of this on the message board. There are also sticky labels for you to use when labeling you food.

-Fellowship Ministry

Ministry/Name: Fellowship Ministry – Cyndy Smith
 Food Item: Cookies
 Opened Date: 2/1/2016
 Throw Away: 2/5/2016
 For: Youth Ministry



Pastor Allison has sent out five College Student Care Packages to date.

Advise the church office if you know a college student that needs a care package.

Pastor's Class



It is time for our annual **Pastor's Class**. This class is open to all youth who are interested in learning more about their faith from their pastors. Traditionally, Pastor's Class is for 3rd-5th graders interested in baptism. After participating, some youth decide to be baptized while others do not. Baptism is not a requirement after taking the class. We will discuss things like who is Jesus, what is baptism and Communion, how to pray, and what it means to be a member of the Church. This year's class will meet March 13th from 5:30-7pm and March 20th from 10:15-11:15am. If your youth is interested in attending, please let the office or one of your pastors know by February 28th.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Disciples Women's Ministry **SPUD LUNCH**

Sunday, April 17

After Sunday School, in Fellowship Hall

Families & Professionals **SUPER BOWL PARTY**

The Dacon family has graciously agreed to be our wonderful hosts for the **F&P Super Bowl Party** this Sunday, February 7th. Bring food and drinks to share. There will be prizes, good convo, yummy food, commercial rankings . . . and football.



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MARY MCDONALD COMING TO FCCG ON APRIL 24th

Mary McDonald is well known in sacred music. With a career that spans over thirty-five years, her songs appear in the catalogs of every major publisher of church music. More than eight hundred anthems, seasonal musicals and keyboard collections testify to her significant contribution to sacred literature.



JOURNEY TO EASTER

ASH WEDNESDAY — FEBRUARY 10th

6:00pm Pancake Dinner (\$3 per person suggested donation)

7:00pm Worship

Lenten Series— Wednesdays During Lent

6:30pm Dinner; 7:00pm-8:00pm *"Finals Week: The Last Week of Jesus"*

Adult Class Led by Dr. Dan Jones and Rev. Casey Tanguay

Youth Class Led by Rev. Allison Drake

Feb 17, Feb 24, Mar 2, and Mar 16

Disciples Women's Ministry

Outreach!

Service Projects Completed To Date (2015-2016)

August 1, 2015 - Six bags of recycle bags and Bingo gifts to Juliette Fowler Apartments.

September 11, 2015 - 100 pounds of food items to the Good Samaritan of Garland

October 24, 2015 - 50 filled health kits for the Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries, delivered to Area DWM Gathering at FCC Garland.

December 4, 2015 - 14 Christmas Stockings delivered to Juliette Fowler Communities.

December 7-8, 2015 - 45 stuffed animals delivered to Garland and Rowlett Fire Departments.

December 30, 2015 - 12 blankets and a truck load of gloves, sweat suits, socks, and coats delivered to New Beginning Center and the Matthew 25:40 project, both in Garland. They serve the abused and homeless. Donations collected in cooperation with *Crossroads Sunday School Class*.

WOW!!!

Great Job Everyone! Thank You!



*JYF is selling
VALENTINES the
next two weeks.*

*Delivery will be February 14,
Valentines Day!*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Circle of Fellowship

Bill Fowler
Erlinda Martinez

Cup of Life

Marty Rogers
Richard Rogers

Fishers of Families

Rachel Scruggs

Hands of Faith

Bobbie Caldwell

The Grapevine

Joyce Witt Boyd



Welcome New FCCG Member

Jeri Ross

3221 March Lane
Garland, TX 75042
214.500.0754 (cell)

dcilross@gmail.com

(in The Grapevine Care Group)

FUSION: a merging of spirituality into real everyday life.

FUSION WILL NOT MEET during Lent (the remainder of February and March)

youth
activities

CANCELLED for Sunday Evening,
February 7th—It's Super Bowl Sunday!

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Our MOPS group meets from 5:00pm-7:00pm, usually on the second and fourth Sundays most months. February schedule is slightly different: NO MOPS Meeting on Feb 7th (due to Super Bowl Sunday); next meeting is on Sunday, February 21st. Always feel free to refer a mommy friend!

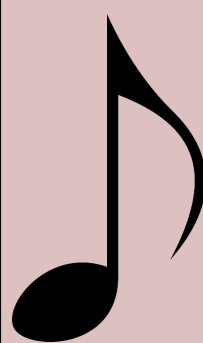
**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

is served on the first Sunday of each month by an Elder. If you would like to be served, please contact the Church Office.



**SCOUT
SUNDAY
FEBRUARY
7th**

FCCG Scouts—wear your scout uniform to worship service on Sunday, Feb 7th



CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Contact Stan McGill if you are interested in joining.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS rehearsals are held on Sunday Evenings — **Youth Choir** (3rd Grade and up) meets from 4:00pm-5:00pm. **Children's Choir** (4 yrs old through 2nd grade) meets from 5:30pm-7pm. Contact Tammy Holcomb for more information.

HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSALS are held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm. Contact Virginia McBee for more information.

FCCG MINISTRY and CABINET MEETINGS

*** FCCG Evangelism Ministry Meeting; Sunday (2/7), 11:30am in the Parlor**

*** FCCG Cabinet Meeting; Monday, 2/8; 6:45pm, in the Parlor**

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