

# The Messenger

February 17, 2016



The next two Sundays, February 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> you will be invited to give a special offering, over and above your regular offering, to the Week of Compassion.

Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. It seeks to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities.

Compassion is put into action around the world on a daily basis through the ministry and work of this incredible organization. Your

financial gifts to Week of Compassion will be spent in ways that will bring help and hope to those that need it the most. As you give, please place your offering in a special offering envelope to designate which funds are to be donated to Week of Compassion.

The following list highlights some of the locations and ways that Week of Compassion acted as the hands and feet of Jesus in 2015:

## **DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

### Africa

- Angola, Flood Relief
- Burundi, Emergency Evacuation
- Central African Republic, Humanitarian Assistance
- Central African Republic, Internally Displaced People Assistance
- Chad, Refugee Relief
- Democratic Republic of Congo, Ebola Relief
- Democratic Republic of Congo, Refugee Assistance
- Democratic Republic of Congo, Storm Damage
- Djibouti, Yemen Refugee Assistance
- Kenya, Refugee Relief
- Liberia, Refugee Assistance
- Madagascar, Flood Relief
- Malawi, Flood Relief
- Mozambique, Flood Relief
- Nigeria, Humanitarian Crisis
- South Africa, Refugee Preparedness
- South Sudan, Crisis Relief
- Tanzania, Refugee Assistance (2)
- Uganda, Refugee Support (4)

### **East Asia and the Pacific**

- China, Earthquake Relief
- China, Typhoon Relief

- North Korea, Food Security
- Philippines, Shelter Rebuilding
- Philippines, Typhoon Lando Relief
- Taiwan, Typhoon Relief
- Vanuatu, Cyclone Relief (2)
- Latin America and the Caribbean
- Columbia, Flood Assistance (2)
- Dominican Republic, Haitian Deportation Crisis (2)
- Ecuador, Volcano Relief
- Haiti, Emergency Assistance
- Haiti, Refugee Crisis
- Nicaragua, Emergency Food Aid
- Middle East and Europe
- Egypt, Refugee Assistance (3)
- Gaza and West Bank, Humanitarian Crisis
- Greece, Refugee Assistance (2)
- Hungary, Refugee Assistance (6)
- Iraq, Internally Displaced People
- Jordan, Refugee Assistance (3)
- Lebanon, Iraqi and Syrian Refugee Support (2)
- Serbia, Refugee Assistance (5)
- Syria, Humanitarian Relief
- Syria, Internally Displaced People (6)
- Ukraine, Refugee Assistance

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**North America**

Arkansas, Fire Relief  
 California, Fire Relief (6)  
 California, Hunger Relief  
 Colorado, Flood Damage (2)  
 Colorado, Storm Damage (3)  
 Illinois, Flood Relief  
 Illinois, Storm Damage  
 Indiana, Flood Relief (7)  
 Iowa, Storm Damage  
 Iowa, Flood Relief (9)  
 Kansas, Flood Relief  
 Kansas, Mission Support  
 Kentucky, Flood Relief (5)  
 Kentucky, Storm Damage  
 Mississippi, Storm Relief  
 Missouri, Fire Relief (2)  
 Missouri, Flood Relief (7)  
 Missouri, Storm Damage  
 North America, Unaccompanied Children Crisis  
 North Carolina, Fire Relief  
 Oklahoma, Flood Damage (3)  
 Oklahoma, Storm Damage (5)  
 Oregon, Fire Relief  
 Oregon, Shelter Support  
 Pennsylvania, Winter Storm Relief  
 South Carolina, Emanuel AME Solidarity Grant  
 South Carolina, Flood Relief (4)  
 Tennessee, Storm Relief (4)  
 Tennessee, Winter Storm Relief  
 Texas, Flood Damage (10)  
 Texas, Property Damage  
 Texas, Refugee Assistance  
 Texas, Storm Relief (13)  
 Texas, Unaccompanied Minors (2)  
 Virginia, Refugee Assistance (5)  
 West Virginia, Train Derailment  
 Wisconsin, Fire Relief

**Southern Asia**

Afghanistan, Earthquake Response  
 India, Flood Assistance (3)  
 Myanmar, Flood Assistance (3)  
 Nepal, Earthquake Assistance  
 Pakistan, Flood Assistance  
 Pakistan, Earthquake Response  
 Sri Lanka, Flood Assistance  
 Thailand, Refugee Relief

**DEVELOPMENT AND LONG-TERM RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION****Africa**

Central African Republic, Food Security and Women Empowerment  
 Democratic Republic of Congo, Food Security (3)  
 Democratic Republic of Congo, Community Development  
 Kenya, Conflict Resolution  
 Kenya, Food Security and Women Empowerment

Kenya, Educational Development  
 Liberia, Food Security and Women Empowerment  
 Malawi, Food Security  
 Mozambique, Food Security  
 South Africa, Community Development (2)  
 Tanzania, Medical Development  
 Zimbabwe, Water Access  
 Zimbabwe, Food Security

**East Asia and the Pacific**

China, Disaster Relief Preparedness  
 China, Vocational Training (2)

**Latin America and the Caribbean**

Argentina, Women's Empowerment  
 Argentina, Water Access  
 Bolivia, Women's Empowerment  
 El Salvador, Food Security  
 Haiti, Long-Term Recovery  
 Haiti, Medical Assistance  
 Haiti, Women's Empowerment  
 Haiti, Education  
 Honduras, Food Security  
 Paraguay, Women's Empowerment  
 Uruguay, Youth Empowerment

**Middle East and Europe**

Bosnia & Herzegovina, Interfaith Dialogue  
 Bosnia & Herzegovina, Vocational Training  
 Georgia, Vocational Training  
 Hungary, Refugee Support  
 Iraq, Women's Empowerment  
 Moldova, Vocational Training  
 Morocco, Vocational Training  
 Palestine, Water Access and Community Development  
 Serbia, Women's Empowerment

**North America**

Arkansas, Long-Term Tornado Recovery  
 California, Disaster Preparedness  
 Colorado, Flood Recovery  
 Indiana, Home Build Sponsorship  
 Missouri, Disaster Preparedness (2)  
 North America, Ecumenical Poverty Initiative  
 North America, Ecumenical Student Development  
 North America, Disaster Recovery  
 Oklahoma, Storm Relief  
 Texas, Refugee Assistance

**Southern Asia**

Indonesia, Food Security (2)  
 Myanmar, Water Access  
 Vietnam, Water Access

## *HOLY WEEK SERVICES*

*Palm Sunday  
Procession of Palm Branches  
Sunday, March 20th at 9:00am  
and*

*Easter Egg Journey  
and Easter Lunch at 11:30am*

*Maundy Thursday Service  
Agape Feast  
Thursday, March 24th at 7:00pm*

*Good Friday Prayer Service  
Friday, March 25th at Noon*



*Sunday, March 27th  
Service of Worship at 9:00am  
Sunday School at 10:15am*

# EASTER SERVICE



## THANKS TO Christian Senior Helpers Ministry from the City of Garland

I personally want to “Thank You and All the Volunteers” for the work you all did for Ms. Baker on 222 W. Daugherty, I went by to speak to her and check to see if she was doing okay and she was so ecstatic about the work you all did painting her house. She said quote “I didn’t think I would ever see this house painted again in my life time, But the group that came out and gave their personal time to paint my house out of all the people in Garland made that possible I’m so proud of my house now”.

It just gave me a wonderful thought of what you guys/ gals do and may not even realize the impact that it makes for someone like Ms. Baker. Then to top that off it was at a perfect time just before her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. I just wonder how much Ms. Baker has seen in her life time and the changes she witnessed. Thanks Don for coordinating such a great group of individuals that are willing to do such selfless services for others. THANKS

Sincerely,

**Rudy Morales**

**Housing Inspector**

**Housing and Community Services**

CSH Volunteers were:

David Dodd; Diana Callaway; Mark Fetzer; John Grisham; John Harrison; Alan Huddy; Virginia McBee; Tammy Metzger; Judy Shwarts; Don Smith; Cyndy Smith; Gale Sullivan; Casey, Andrew, Asher and Eliza Tanguay; Vickie Wilde; and Logan Williams



### **PASTORAL CARE PHONE NUMBER**

**469-573-1717**

A 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 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.



**JOIN US** For our Final Youth Fundraiser of the year!

**BINGO LUNCH**

on Sunday, April 3rd, 11:30am in Fellowship Hall.

*\$5 per Card*

*\$6 per meal; \$20 per family*

*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 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7pm and March 20<sup>th</sup> 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



Join us on a journey through Lent as we prepare our hearts and minds for Easter by studying the last week of Jesus' life. The adult class will be led by Dr. Dan Jones and Rev. Casey Tanguay. The youth class (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade) will be led by Rev. Allison Drake. Childcare will be available for younger children

**“Finals Week: The Last Week of Jesus”**

- February 17      Sunday & Monday: Palm Leaves and Fig Trees
- February 24      Tuesday: Last Teachings
- March 2          Wednesday & Thursday: A Spy is Born and a Final Meal is Shared
- March 9          NO Class: Spring Break
- March 16        Good Friday & Silent Saturday: Cries of Anguish to Dead Silence

**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

**FUSION: a merging of spirituality into real everyday life.**

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

**NO Men's Breakfast at FCCG in February**

**Mark Your Calendars**

**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.

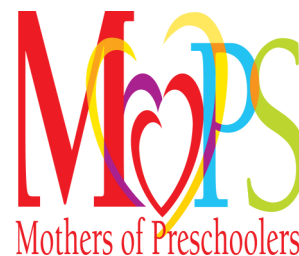


**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

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

**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!



**BUY A BRICK**

Contact  
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Eva McKannan,  
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972.414.1737



for

**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** (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and up) meets from 4:00pm-5:00pm. **Children's Choir** (4 yrs old through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) meets from 5:30pm-7pm. Contact Tammy Holcomb more information.

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

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