

The Messenger

April 6, 2016



FCCG Presents

“Then Sings My Soul”

The Music of

Mary McDonald

Sunday, April 24th, 9am



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.

MOMENT'S REFLECTION

"Six words or less is ideal." -Paul Suggett, Advertising Expert



I celebrate our church's new outdoor digital sign! The sign gives us a whole new way to tell our church's story of ministry. But as with most new things, there's a learning curve. Not only are you learning how to use the sign, your office is also learning how to use it, and working to catch up with initial demand. This steep, time-intensive learning curve will require patience all around.

As we continue to grow in this new ministry of communication, please make note of the following guidelines:

COMPOSING AN EFFECTIVE MESSAGE:

Six Words or Less is Ideal. Paul Suggett, Creative Director for Starz Entertainment explains:

"Considering we're on the move when we read signs, we don't have a lot of time to take them in. Six words is all you should use to get the message across." The rule of thumb is: less is more.

Six Seconds. Why is less more? Paul Suggett says: "Six seconds has been touted as the industry average for reading a billboard." Think about it this way: A driver going 35 mph down Glenbrook has only 6-8 seconds to engage your message."

Message Space is Limited. The sign allows a limited amount of space in which to put a message. Make each word or graphic count.

Readability. Each word or graphic has to be big enough to be seen. **GOSPEL** is harder to read than **GOSPEL**. Right? But, the bigger the letters, the more space they take. Meaning? A message with lots of characters/words is instantly less readable.

Show them, don't tell them. You've heard the saying, "A picture paints a thousand words." A good, clear picture of children playing says more than the sentence, "Our children like to play."

SUBMITTING A MESSAGE FOR POSTING: In by Monday, out by Friday.

Submit by Monday. The staff will review the messages in its Tuesday Ministerial Staff Meeting and gather clarification if need be before moving to the creation phase.

Messages will be posted each Friday morning.

No animated messages. City of Garland signage rule.

No Graphic Artists on staff. The office will do its very best to create your message. But keep in mind, we don't have a professional design artist's skill or experience.

-Dan, Eastertide 2016

OUR ELDERS

In the next few editions of *The Messenger*, we will feature bios and photos of our Elders.



Debbie Fetzer

Greetings! My name is Debbie Fetzer. I have the privilege of being an elder for the 2016-2019 term. My husband, Mark, and I have been members of FCC Garland since the 1980's. We have two children who grew up in this church. Our son, Russell, is a third year pathology resident at UT Southwestern in Dallas. Our daughter, Rebecca, is a speech language pathologist for Garland ISD. My passion has always been working with students! Last May, I retired after 40 years of teaching at the secondary level and began a new job as an adjunct professor at Eastfield College. I feel I have the best of both worlds – I am still getting to teach and I'm also able to enjoy many new adventures including quilting, attending a book club, volunteering, and going on short trips with Mark.

Being retired also allowed me to say "yes" when I was asked to be an elder. I look forward to the next three years and can't wait to see what God has planned for FCC Garland. One of my favorite scriptures is Proverbs 3: 5-6 and will be my guide as an elder: "Trust in the Lord with all of your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make straight your paths." I am anxious to get to know each of you better. Please let me know how I can be of help to you and your family.

Kathleen Yant

I was born and raised in Coffeyville, Kansas and am a member of the First Christian Church. The day after graduating Coffeyville Community College, I moved to Dallas. I joined Northway Christian Church. I spent 16 years as a production analyst for various oil and gas companies. I moved to Lexington, Kentucky in 1989. After graduating with a B.A. from the University of Kentucky, I returned to Dallas and worked as a legal assistant/paralegal. I joined FCCG in 2010. I am divorced with no children. I have one sibling, a brother, who lives in Marco Island, Florida. I share a home with two dogs; Abby (Schnauzer) and Joker (Yorkie). I enjoy spending time with my church family, reading true crime and mystery novels, playing with the dogs, going to movies, watching the ID Channel and UK basketball games on TV, and playing Mah Jongg.



Families & Professionals

RANGER GAME OUTING

Texas Rangers vs. Los Angeles Angels

Saturday, April 30th

7:05pm First Pitch

Reserve your tickets with Rev. Casey today!



Disciples Women's Ministry Fundraiser

SPUD LUNCH

Sunday, April 17, 11:15am, in Fellowship Hall

\$6.00 for Adults and \$3.00 for Children

*Includes Baked Potato, Salad,
Dessert and Drink*

DWM FCCG GENERAL MEETING—LUNCHEON

May 14, 10:00am—at FCCG

Sign-In Begins at 9:30am

Outgoing Officer Recognition and Installation of Incoming Officers

~Please bring a salad to share~

Registration is open in Fellowship Hall on Sundays
for the Outreach Ministry Fundraiser

5K WALK / RUN

WALK / RUN wherever you want during the month of May—the gym, the treadmill,
your neighborhood, around the church—you get the idea!

Registration Fee is \$20 per person and \$50 per family; t-shirts will be available.

[Benefits Missions/Week of Compassion]

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**A group will gather on Sunday, May 15th after Sunday School (~ 11:30am) to walk/run
the 5K around the city together. Bring a change of clothes and join us for some
casual exercise for a good cause. Register with Outreach and buy a t-shirt.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST

at FCCG
Saturday, April 16th
at 8:00am



Thank you so much for all of your support over the last two weeks for our youth mission trips. We were able to raise over \$1200 through the bake sale and bingo lunch. Your generosity has allowed me to drop the cost of mission trip from \$200 per youth to \$150 per youth! On behalf of all the youth, I want to share how much your support means to each of us. We all know the age old saying of “it takes a village.” You are part of our youth’s village and have a deep impact on their faith. We look forward to our middle school mission trip to Oklahoma City and our high school trip to Slidell, LA. We can’t wait to come back and tell you all about it.

Pastor Allison



Are you interested in finding new ways to support our youth? Are you looking for fun outings or new things to experience? We have the perfect opportunity for you! The youth are going to share their activities (sporting events, concert, plays, etc.) with Pastor Allison at least two weeks in advance so we can publish them in the newsletter. We encourage all congregation members to try and attend at least one youth event throughout the year as a way to show your love and support. What better way to foster Christian community than by our youth being able to look out into the crowd and see someone from church there to support them?

Upcoming: Soccer

April 9th 11am – Winter Field 11 – JuJu Houston

April 10th 3:30pm – Rowlett Community Park Field 5 – Charlie Houston

PRAYER REQUESTS

Circle of Fellowship

Marilyn Fowler
Gary Fowler

Cup of Life

Jack Barger
Marty Rogers

Fishers of Families

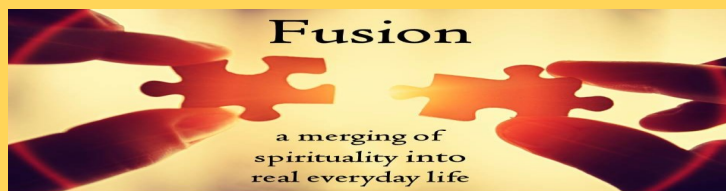
Rachel Scruggs

Hands of Faith

Gary Carroll

The Grapevine

Judi Archibald
Joyce Witt Boyd

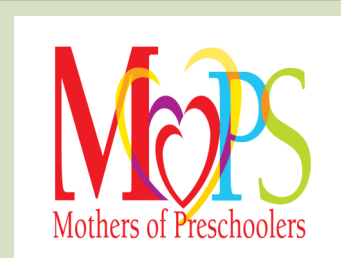


FUSION is back!

Fusion GUYS — Wednesday, April 13th, location TBA
Fusion GALS — Wednesday, April 20th, 7:00-9:00pm at the church;
Breaking Free study

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Our MOPS group meets from 5:00pm-7:00pm, usually on the second and fourth Sundays most months. **Next MOPS meeting is Sunday, April 10th.**



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.

BUY A BRICK

Contact
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patevamck@verizon.net;
972.414.1737



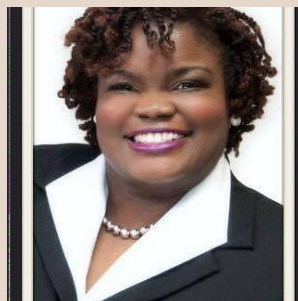
Thank you

Dear Church Family,

Reading your cards after John's father passed away, feeling your hugs and hearing the genuine compassion in your voices, we can tell that you truly understand the pain we feel. Knowing that our pain is shared and understood, we feel comforted. Thank you.

John and Judy Grasham

NORTH TEXAS AREA ASSEMBLY



Keynote Speaker **REV. VIRZOLA LAW**
Senior Minister, Lindenwood Christian Church
Memphis, TX

Sunday, May 1, 2016 at 3:00pm
East Dallas Christian Church
629 N. Peak, Dallas

**PASTORAL CONCERNS
PHONE NUMBER
469-573-1717**

A dedicated phone number for use in contacting a minister with your pastoral concerns.

**FCCG CABINET
MEETING**

**Monday, April 11th at
6:45pm, in the Parlor**

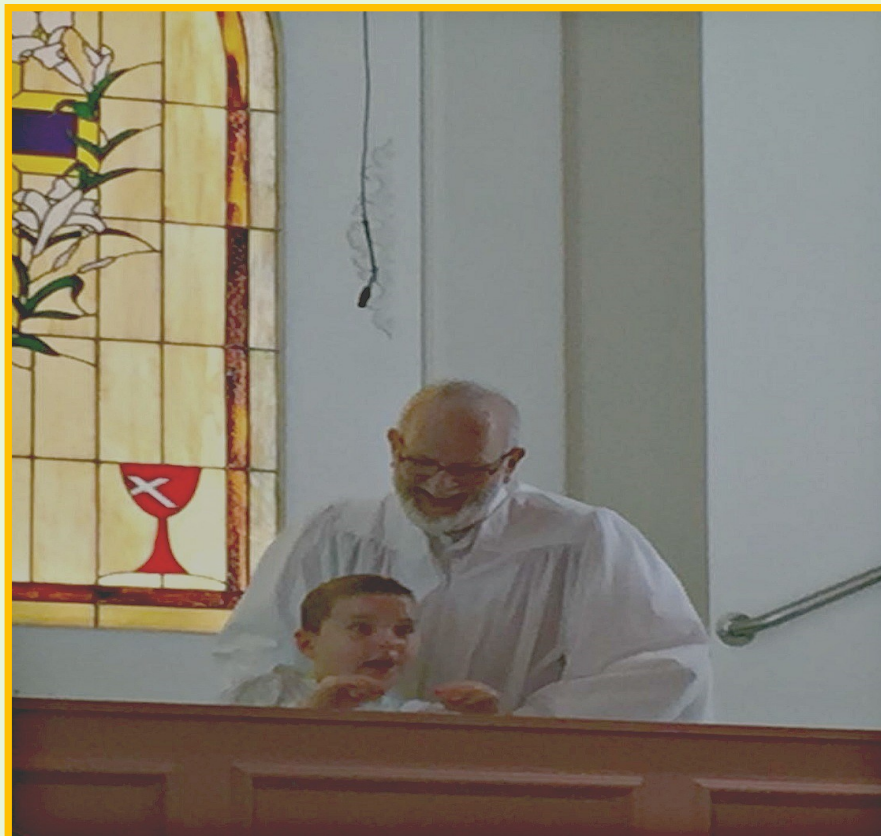


CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Contact Stan McGill if you are interested in joining.

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.

Maundy Thursday's *Agape Feast*



Dr. Dan Jones, baptizing John Dacon at First Christian Church Garland
Easter Sunday; March 27, 2016

*Easter
Sunday
Baptism*

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