

# The Messenger

May 25, 2016



**Thank you** to everyone who has helped with VBS 2016. We have completed the Sanctuary decorations, but *your help is still needed*. We have something for everyone. Please come fellowship with us as we finish preparations for VBS and support this vital ministry of our church!

## **FINAL VBS PREPARATION WORK DAY**

***Saturday, June 4, 9am to 3pm***

We need volunteers to transform Fellowship Hall into a **CAVE QUEST ADVENTURE!**

## **AII-CHURCH VBS WORK DAY**

***Saturday, June 18***

*This is an essential day for all church members to participate in setting up VBS decorations throughout the church, and to get all the centers ready for opening day! Work will begin at 9am and won't stop until we've achieved the **CAVE QUEST ADVENTURES** transformation!*

## **VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

***Saturday, June 4, 10am to 11am***

*This is a **required** meeting for all VBS volunteers (adult and youth).*

## MOMENT'S REFLECTION

*"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy."*  
 -Rabindranath Tagore, Bengali Poet of India



It was a good day—a day to celebrate our daughter's milestone accomplishment; a day to behold how, for all the paths her life might have taken her, the roads led this way, and maybe, despite the seemingly haphazard turns, it wasn't mere fate. Some larger purpose.

Megan is a Clinical Nurse Specialist. A Nurse Practitioner with a primary passion for oncology. In a card of congratulations, Jenny and I each wrote a memory about her growing up. I remembered a time when she was just 6, maybe 7 years old, when I took her to the Oklahoma Blood Bank. She was asking questions about various aspects of blood and I didn't know how to answer them. I recalled that I'd never seen a kid so interested to learn about red cells, white cells, platelets and plasma. "It's probably no surprise," I told her, "that you've chosen the profession you have."

Neither Jenny and I like to tell her so, but we wonder if her brother's complicated medical history helped shape some of her gifts, interests and passion. For most of her growing up, her older brother, Zach, was in and out of oncology clinics and hospitals receiving one treatment or another. I sometimes regret that she

had to experience some of the things she did, but if last week's graduation is any indication, she's taken some of those experiences and fashioned them into a calling.

She has a heart to care for others. I listen to her describe the exacting patience and empathy she practices with some of her patients. She gets those great gifts from her mother mostly. But I wonder if life experience has also played a part. Megan got to meet many doctors and surgeons and specialists. She walked the halls of numerous hospitals. She understood some of the complexities of cancer probably about the time she learned to ride a bike. She also learned that in health care there is both life and death.

Megan doesn't share the same passion for the Church that I do, but she's no less a servant-leader than me or any of my ministerial colleagues. We speak different languages to describe the meaning of our work. But the application is much the same. Like her mother who teaches children with special needs, Megan has chosen to give her life to helping people in some of their greatest times of need.

In her closing remarks to the graduating class, University of Texas School of Nursing Dean, Dr. Alexa K. Stuijbergen, gave some perfunctory comments about the "big" Commencement Ceremony Saturday night. "We'll serve you beer and champagne," she said. And everyone cheered. And I thought, what an inelegant way to end such a high moment. But then she added, "And one more thing. As you leave this place, this hour, this occasion, remember these words from the poet, Tagore: *"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I awoke and saw that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy."* Precisely. **-Dan**





**VBS 2016**  
**June 19-23, 5 to 8pm daily**  
**Ages 4 thru 5th Grade**

**CAVE QUEST:** An over-the-top underground adventure! We will sing, have fun, and learn more about following Jesus, the light of the world!

*\* Register online at [www.fccgarland.org](http://www.fccgarland.org) or in Fellowship Hall on Sundays \**



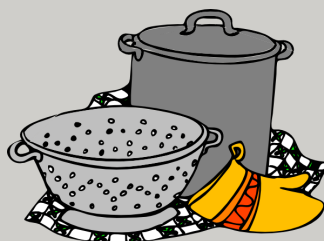
*Chris McMillan*

I am Chris McMillan and have been a member at FCC Garland since shortly before my beautiful wife Amber and I got married in 2003. Together we have a wonderfully talented daughter, Brenna, who takes after her mom. I have an undergraduate degree in history from Hardin-Simmons University and a masters degree in Military History from the American Military University. I also served in the US Air Force Reserve from 2000-2008 as a Security Specialist and deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. I am just finishing up my 15<sup>th</sup> year as a teacher and am currently at North Garland High School after having spent the first part of my career in middle school. In addition to my love of reading, I love making time for the gym, softball, and Texas Rangers baseball. As a member of FCC, I have served as both a CYF and Chi Rho sponsor, Deacon, Elder, and I also ran the sound for the contemporary service.



*Message from Fellowship Ministry... Kitchen Reorganization*

We have taken some items that are used frequently from the Ruth Mix Class Closet and moved them to the Fellowship Closet for easier access. This is a much smaller closet so all items could not be moved. An inventory of items that will be stored in the Fellowship Closet will be posted soon. The Fellowship Closet will be locked, but items stored there will be available for the various church functions of all Ministries.



We have also completed the re-organization of items in the kitchen cabinets, cleaning out various items that were chipped, scratched or mismatched and putting items that are a "match" together. The spice cabinet has also been cleaned and organized.

If you are looking for an item and cannot find it, please contact Cyndy Smith.



**SNACKS NEEDED**

**For Youth Mission Trips**  
 (individually wrapped)


*Donation Box in Fellowship Hall*

**FCCG Nursery Needs a Changing Table**

*If you have one that is no longer being used, please consider donating it to the church nursery. Contact Stephanie Gordon.*



**MOSAIC WORKSHOP**



Wednesdays  
6/15-7/13  
1-3pm

All ages welcome

\$30  
Includes most supplies

RSVP to Pastor Allison or Casey by May 29th  
Childcare Provided (under 7 years old)

**Worship at Fowler Homes**

July 17th @ 2pm to carpool  
Join us as we lead worship for  
Juliette Fowler Homes!



**IN THE Summer TIME**



August 19th  
**Night at the Drive-In**



Meet @ church at 6:45 to carpool  
Bring food to share  
\$7/adult \$3/kid

## SABBATH SHARING

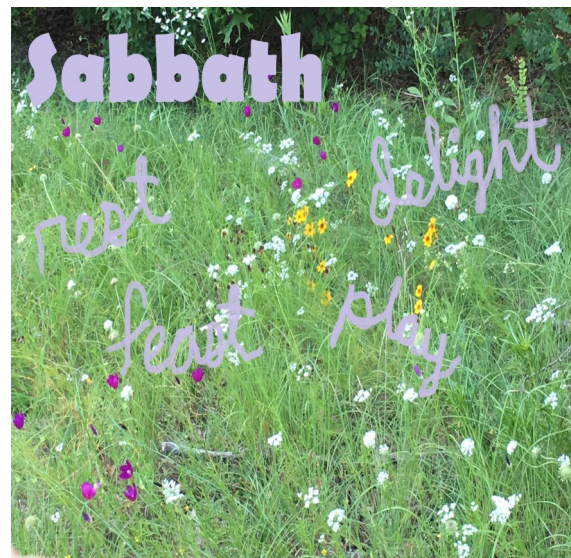
This past Sunday I extended an invitation to consider integrating Sabbath practices into your life and then sharing your experiences with the community. There are two ways that you can share:

Join our Facebook Group, "Sabbath Sharing." It is an open, public group where we can share pictures, stories, encouragement and inspiration as we experiment with Sabbath. Join the group and feel free to invite your friends to join us as well. I will regularly be posting inspiring quotes and reflections to help us think deeper about how Sabbath might become part of the rhythm of our lives.

If you are not on Facebook or want to participate in an additional way- no worries! Share your pictures, stories, prayers, quotes etc. on our "Sabbath Sharing" bulletin board at the top of the main stairway.

Remember there is no one right way to observe the Sabbath! Experiment, try different things, have fun with the process and find what works best for you and your family.

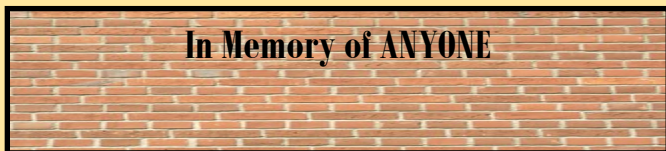
*"Sabbath is more than the absence of work; it is not just a day off when we catch up on television or errands. It is the presence of something that arises when we consecrate a period of time to listen to what is most deeply beautiful, nourishing, or true. It is time consecrated with our attention, our mindfulness, honoring those quiet forces of grace or spirit that sustain and heal us."* -Wayne Muller in *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in our Busy Daily Lives*



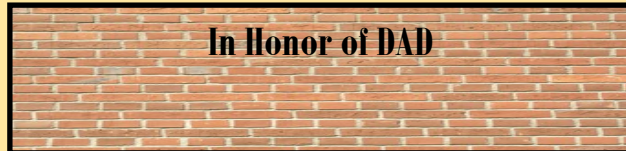
## DWM BRICK SALE

**10% OFF on Orders Placed Before June 20, 2016**

*When You Want to Send the Very Best, Consider a Brick*



Memorial Day (May 30th)



Father's Day (June 19th)

Contact Kathleen Yant (972.496.0534; kyant1@aol.com) or  
Eva McKannan (972.414.1737; patevamck@verizon.net)



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Circle of Fellowship

Marilyn Fowler

Cup of Life

Pat Spradley

Fishers of Families

Gail Greene

Mike Whalin

God's Messengers

Pat Spradley

The Grapevine

Judi Archibald

Terry Barnes

Joyce Witt Boyd

**North Texas Area Board Meeting  
Saturday, June 4th, 9:00am-Noon**

**First Christian Church Rockwall  
3375 Ridge Road  
Rockwall, TX 75032 (972.771.5526)**



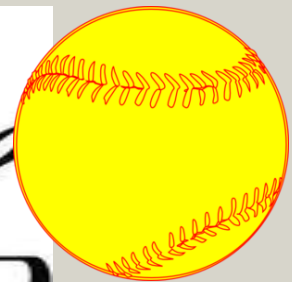
**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

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

**PASTORAL CONCERNS PHONE NUMBER**

**469-573-1717**

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



**CONGRATS TO THE MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM**

who went 7-1 this year and claimed the Championship trophy for the season. This team is made up of several members from our church; Michael Whalin (coach), JT Walker, Chris McMillan, Matt Prestenberg and Jake Vaughn. They play with other participants from the community to form a stellar team. Congrats guys!



The Church Office will be closed on Monday,  
May 30, 2016  
in observance of Memorial Day.

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