

# *The Messenger*

October 26, 2016



*First Christian Church Garland*

**Fall Festival &**

**TRUNK-R-TREAT**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**for**

**TRUNK-R-TREAT**

**Candy Donations NEEDED**

**(donation box in Fellowship Hall)**

**Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall or contact  
Stephanie Gordon**

**Saturday, October 29, 2016 \* 5—7pm**

***The Activity Center Parking Lot***

# GOD'S PROMISES SOCK MINISTRY

A couple of months ago our incredible youth began an outreach ministry that shares the love of God in a very simple and powerful way!

“God’s Promises” socks are socks that have been inscribed with “God’s Promises” on the sole. They are gifted as a gesture of prayerful love to remind the recipient (and the givers) that God is with us every step of the way and that we can always stand on the promises of God.



The youth are currently working to fulfill a large order of 580 socks for a U.S. Navy Battalion (**this is Kenny Kirker's Battalion**) that just returned home. They need donations of the supplies to be able to continue this wonderful outreach ministry.

Please drop off your donations in the basket in the narthex. **NEEDED . . .**

**White socks \* Black sharpies \* Safety pins**

A basket of ready-to-go socks is currently kept in the narthex of the church. You are welcome to take a pair to pass along to others that may need an little extra reminder that they are loved.

Contact Julian & Kathleen Olalde for more information.



## SHOREHAVEN ELEMENTARY FCCG's Adopted School

What a success we had making our first delivery to Shorehaven Elementary School.

The teachers and staff were so excited with our partnership with them, in fact, that morning, two back packs were given to students in need as well as some glue sticks a teacher needed. A big thank you to Sondra Perry, Judy Schwartz, Kim Whalin and Mike Whalin who assisted in the delivery of items and helped serving coffee to the Staff.

Be on the watch for another opportunity to help with this partnership.

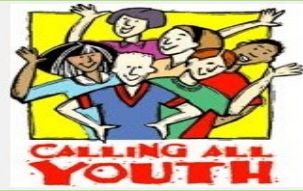
**-Sharon Campbell**

## CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

FCC Garland **CMF** will host the **Area Men's Breakfast** at 8:30am on Saturday, November 5th (in Fellowship Hall)



# FCCG YOUTH ACTIVITIES



**Sunday Evening  
Youth Activities**  
5-7pm at the Church

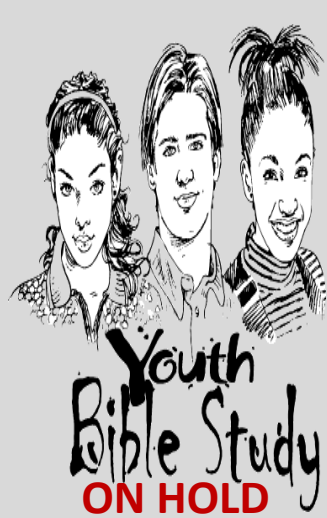
## REGISTRATION DEADLINE

for Chi Rho Retreat is October 30th



### Chi-Rho & CYF Mission Trip 2017

Mark your Calendars: **Mission Trip** dates have been set! We will be going to Arkansas, to work with **Ozark Mission Project**, July 9 – July 15, 2017. The estimated cost per youth will be \$200 (this could vary slightly depending on fundraising). Secure your spot by paying a deposit of \$75, with the full balance will be due by 4/1/17. Payments with the intent to attend should be given to Renee Godwin; she can also answer any questions you might have regarding mission trip.



**Wednesday  
Evening  
Youth Bible  
Study ON  
HOLD** until  
further notice

### STAY CONNECTED . . .



Contact the Church Office to SIGN UP to receive the Youth Newsletter every Wednesday.



A search committee has been formed, and a search is underway for a new part-time Youth Minister. The committee will meet next week to begin reviewing resumes which have been submitted for the position. Please keep the committee in your prayers during this selection process. Committee members include . . .

Stephanie Gordon; Judy Grasham; Tammy Holcomb; Shay Houston; Kathleen Olalde; Cara Prestenberg and one of our minister's.

**Fusion: a merging of spirituality into real everyday life**

Jesus was in a small group.



life change happens in small groups

The basic purpose of **Fusion** is to provide space and time to consistently connect with one another and God. Its goal is to help “fuse” (meld, unite, weave) our faith and spirituality into all aspects of our lives. This Fall, **Fusion** has developed into a small group ministry. We currently have two small groups that meet once a month. One group meets on Friday evenings and the other meets Saturday evenings. If you are interested in joining a small group please let Rev. Casey know.

**Excellence in Ministry Financial Relief Program**

The Pension Fund of the Disciples of Christ and the Lilly Grant Foundation have launched a new program in response to the staggering financial statistics seen below. The Excellence in Ministry program seeks to reduce or alleviate some of the key financial pressures that inhibit effective pastoral leadership, and improve the financial literacy and management skills of pastoral leaders through education (increasing their ability to provide capable leadership for congregations and ministries under their care).



Among other benefits, this program has the potential to:

- Help pastors remain in and be more effective in ministry over a longer period of time*
- Benefit congregations by having more effective leadership and less turnover*
- Benefit the church by having pastoral leaders who are more engaged*
- Enhance the relationship between seminaries, seminary houses and foundations, and the church*
- Enhance long-term participation in Pension Fund programs*

I am honored to be able to be a part of this new vitally important program. This past weekend, October 21-22, I attended a two-day Financial Literacy program as the first educational component. The first day my husband, Andrew, and I spent the day reflecting on our financial health (financial identity, budgeting, clergy taxes, investment and retirement planning). The second day Board Chair Judy Grasham and congregational leader Emily Henderson joined me for a day of learning about congregational finances (congregation as employer, resourcing mission, best financial practices). We all found the conference to be worthwhile.

My participation in this program will continue over the next three years through continued educational events, mentor and small group meetings, and the gift of grant money to assist with student loan debt. In recognition that we are all stewards of the gifts that God has entrusted us with, I pray that this program will assist in our growth as faithful and generous managers of God’s blessings.

**-Rev. Casey**



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*Cup of Life*

Pat Spradley

*God's Messengers*

Nina Wood

*Hands of Faith*

David Worden

*The Grapevine*

Joyce Witt Boyd

Bettye Davenport

CDs now available of the *Mary McDonald* and *Joseph Martin* performances. Cost is \$5 per CD; contact the church office.



**Southwest Regional Assembly**

Oct 29-30, 2016 at Northway Christian Church, Dallas

**"Faith WITH Works is ALIVE!"**

Register online at — <http://ccsw.org/ra2016/>



**Sondra and Les Perry**

who joined the church on October 23rd

*CHANCEL CHOIR*

Rehearsals are held on **Wednesdays at 7pm.**

**Contact Stan McGill for more information.**

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*HANDBELL CHOIR*

Rehearsals are held on **Wednesdays at 6pm.**

**Contact Virginia McBee for more information.**

**CHILDREN'S**  
*Choir*

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR** (4 yrs-3rd grade)

Rehearsals on Sunday evenings, 5:30pm-7:00pm.

Contact Tammy Holcomb for more information.



**YOUTH CHOIR**

(3rd grade and up)

Rehearsals on Sunday evenings, 4:00-5:00pm.

Contact Judy Grasham for more information.

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