

# The Messenger



March 1, 2017

# Lent.

a season of spiritual preparation

## Ash Wednesday

This Evening, March 1st

*Pancake Supper* at 6pm

*Worship Service* at 7pm



Lent is a season of preparation, prayer and fasting. It is a time to slow down, to spend some intentional time in silent meditation and to make room for the Holy Spirit. During Lent this year, prayer stations will be set up around the church to aid you in prayer and reflection on your Lenten journey. The first prayer station "Prepare Room," will be set up in Fellowship Hall this Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup>. Each new week a new prayer station will be added, for a total of six stations before we celebrate Easter on April 16. Listen on Sunday mornings during worship to find out where each new prayer station will be located.

### **FCCG MARCH BOARD AND CABINET MEETINGS RESCHEDULED**

The **March Board and Cabinet Meetings** will be held on **Monday, March 6th** (instead of March 13), as March 13th is the first day of GISD Spring Break. **Cabinet meets at 6:45pm and Board meets at 7:30pm.**



**Palm Sunday**  
*Procession of Palm Branches*  
 Sunday, April 9th at 9am  
*Easter Egg Hunt and Lunch*  
 Beginning at 11:30am

**Maundy Thursday Service**  
 Thursday, April 13th at 7pm

**Good Friday Prayer Service**  
 Friday, April 14th at noon



*Worship Service—9:00am*  
*Continental Breakfast—10:00am*  
*Sunday School—10:15am*



## IT'S A GIRL!

*PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING*

**ALLISON AND TRAVIS DRAKE**

APRIL 8 @ 11:00 AM

EAST DALLAS CHRISTIAN CHURCH—GREAT HALL

Hosted by Disciples Women and The Children/Youth Christian Education Committee

ALLISON AND TRAVIS ARE REGISTERED AT BABY'S "R" US & AMAZON

\*NURSERY COLORS ARE PALE GREEN & YELLOW

**NOTE TO FCCG Members: If you'd like to attend the baby shower for Allison & Travis, just respond to Brenda in the FCCG Church Office by March 17th; she will forward a final headcount from FCCG to East Dallas Christian.**

## Church Leadership

As a follow-up to the article about the new church board structure, here's a list of the members of the First Christian Church Garland Cabinet.

### OFFICERS

Sharon Campbell, Board Chair  
Kathleen Yant, Board Vice Chair  
Bill Dunn, Treasurer

### MINISTRY CHAIRS

Education—*Stephanie Gordon*  
Evangelism—*Pat Aston*  
Diaconate—*Denise Armstrong*  
Disciples Women—*Cindy Kyle*  
Fellowship—*Don & Cyndy Smith*  
Membership—*Bobbie Barger*  
Outreach—*Brenda Crosthwaite*

### MINISTERS

Dan Jones, Sr. Minister  
Casey Tanguay, Ministers to Families  
& Professionals

Personnel—*Brenda Harper*  
Property—*Glenda Lee*  
Stewardship—*Mark Fetzer*  
Worship—*Kim Schnitker*  
Elders—*Matt Prestenberg*  
Sr. Trustee—*James Schnitker*

### From Sharon Campbell, Board Chair

As we are now in the second month of the new year, I wanted to give a short report on FCCG's new board structure for 2017. In July, 2016, a task force was formed to look into creating a smaller church board on a trial basis. The task force spent an ample amount of time in study and discussion, in addition to conducting a congregational-wide survey. After much discernment and prayer, the task force recommended "that for a period of one year, beginning January, 2017, the current board delegate its powers to a smaller board, this number to be decided by the current board." The board discussed the recommendation, shared suggestions and concerns, and voted to approve the recommendation on September 12, 2016. The board positions were then filled from congregational nominations, and the congregation voted to approve the new board structure and representatives on November 20, 2016. The current bylaws remain in effect.

These board representatives will serve for a one-year trial period. During this time a Board Task Force will meet to continue study, discussion and evaluation of the board structure. This new task force is made up of the Board Chair (Sharon Campbell), Vice Chair (Kathleen Yant), ministers (Dan Jones and Casey Tanguay), and two at-large members (Doug Harrison and Melody Biffle). At the end of the year, this task force will provide a report/recommendation, at which time, a full board and congregational vote will be taken to decide whether to continue with the smaller board of representatives or revert back to the larger boards of the past.

So far, the feedback on the smaller group of board representatives has been positive overall. I welcome your questions and comments about the new [trial] board structure, and ask that you pray for the board representatives as they do God's work through the church's goals and initiatives.




# FCCG YOUTH GROUP

**MEETS Sunday, Mar 5th, 5-7pm**

JYF / Chi Rho *TOGETHER*


March 18th—North Texas Food Bank;  
1-3:30pm

April 9th—First Christian Lewisville;  
5-6:30pm



**FCCG YOUTH  
SELLING T-SHIRTS TO RAISE  
FUNDS FOR  
YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

Youth will be in Fellowship Hall  
**Sunday, March 5th** to assist with  
online ordering of t-shirts.



Photos from recent Youth events



# VBS

Join us this Summer

**Mark your calendars  
for 2017 VBS  
June 18th—June 22nd**

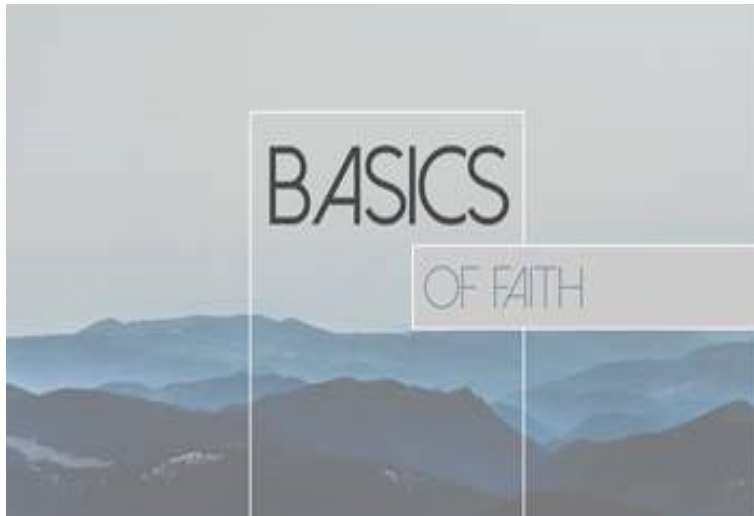
**Last Class this Sunday,  
March 5th**

*Special Edition Sunday  
School Hour Learning Event*

Meeting in Sanctuary. Members of all classes are invited to attend.



WHAT ARE MY...  
**Spiritual Gifts?**



**Christian Learner Class Offering**

*(aka, Pastor's Class)*

**Pre-Registration Required by Sunday,  
March 5th.**

For all children and youth who want to study the Basics of Christian Faith; especially for those who are considering baptism.

The class will meet March 26 and April 2 during the Sunday School hour.



**Good Sams of  
Garland Needs  
Volunteers—Call  
972.276.2263**

If you would like to volunteer, please call Pam Swendig.



**HOMEBOUND  
COMMUNION**

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**

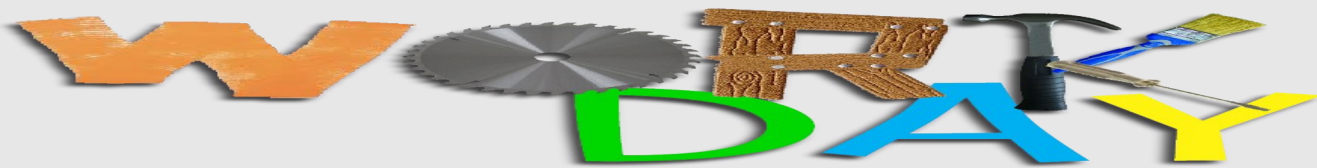
Contact Kathleen Yant; [kyant1@aol.com](mailto:kyant1@aol.com); 972.496.0534 or  
Eva McKannan; [patevamck@verizon.net](mailto:patevamck@verizon.net); 972.414.1737



**ALL CHURCH  
FAMILY MISSION TRIP**  
**July 26-29, 2017**  
**(Wednesday—Saturday)**



- We will be going to Fort Worth, TX and staying at Ridglea Christian Church to work with Connect FW. We arrive Wednesday evening, work Thursday, Friday, Saturday and return home Saturday evening.
- All ages are welcome to attend. All children/youth under 18 years must have an adult or adult sponsor attend with them.
- Costs will be about \$150/person. Scholarships available. Don't let money be a reason for not participating!
- Connect FW "empowers people to put faith into action in ways that are relational, sustainable and dignity-giving through justice and service". We will be working to connect with, serve and learn more about children experiencing poverty in Fort Worth. Time will be spent serving, learning from experts (both experts in the field and people who are deeply invested in the lives of these kids and the neighborhood), praying, and dreaming about how we can continue to live out faith in action after this trip.
- Talk to Rev. Casey if you are interested in attending or helping out.



**TORNADO RECOVERY WORK DAYS**

**March 17-18**

**Sign up with Rev. Casey**

**SPRING QUILT SALE**

**Sunday, March 26th**

**in Fellowship Hall**

**(during Coffee Fellowship)**



# PRAYER REQUESTS

### Circle of Fellowship

Martha Ferrell  
Tricia Harrison

### God's Messengers

Pat Spradley

### Hands of Faith

Gary Carroll

### Shepherds

Billie Donaghey

### The Grapevine

Joyce Witt Boyd  
Bettye Davenport

## DISCIPLES MEN's 70th Tri-Area Men's Retreat

Disciples Crossing in Athens, TX

**May 19-May 21, 2017**

Scripture and Theme: John 15:1-17 "Connections for a Cause"

Keynote Speakers:

*Rev. Dr. Larry Ross, North Texas Area Minister*

*Rev. Jordan Byrd, Pastor, First Christian Church, Palestine, TX*

Registration forms in the church office.



**DISCIPLES  
MEN**

### 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.**

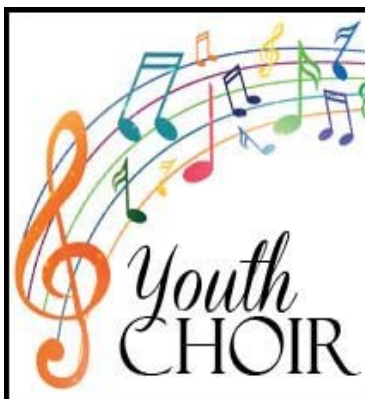


### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

(4 yrs-3rd grade)

Rehearsals on Sunday  
evenings, 5:30pm-6:30pm.

Contact Tammy Holcomb.



### YOUTH CHOIR

(3rd grade and up)

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

Contact

Judy Grasham.

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