

# The Messenger



March 15, 2017

## MOMENT'S REFLECTION

*"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed."*

-1 Corinthians 12:1

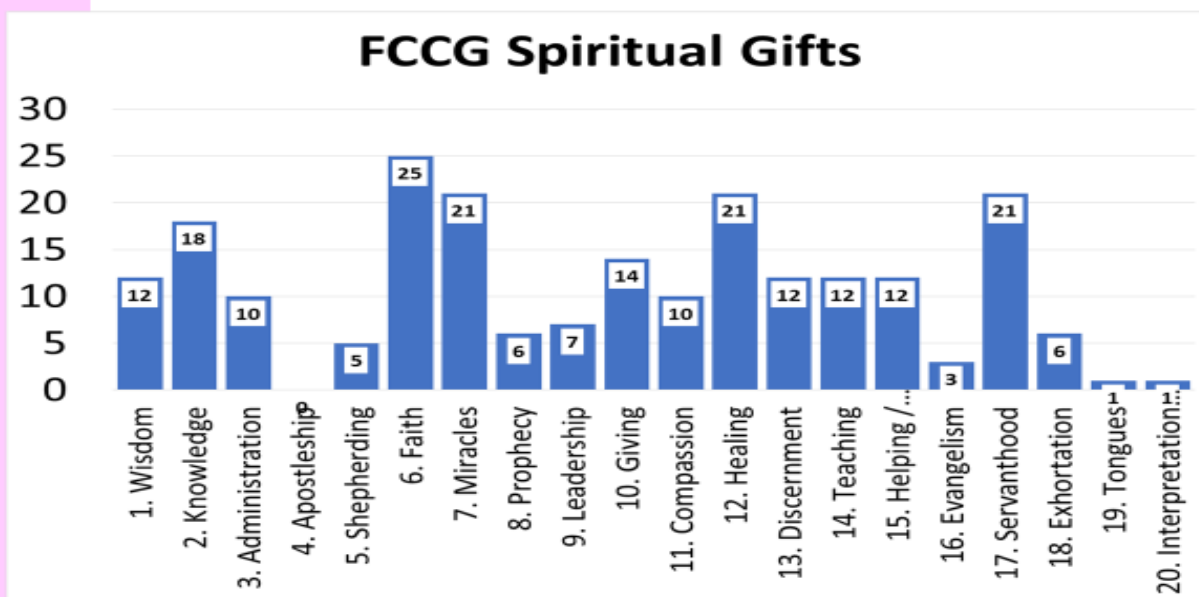
Many thanks to those of you who made a commitment of time to learn and study spiritual gifts the past three weeks. My goal in teaching the class was two-fold. One, I wanted to help you understand the meaning and nature of spiritual gifts (they are gifts given to us by God for the work of God's Kingdom). And two, I wanted to give you an opportunity to identify your spiritual gifts so that you could work with others in our Church and beyond to engage the work of Jesus Christ.

The good news is simply this: we will feel the Lord's pleasure, and find our greatest fulfillment, when we use our God-given spiritual gifts to serve the needs of Christ's Church.

The graphic below illustrates the distribution of spiritual gifts represented by those who participated in the class. Although your individual set of gifts may differ from the classes' overall highest scores, the chart indicates that our church has a strong nucleus of people with the gifts of faith, healing, miracles (think of this gift as a heightened capacity to see the designs of God in the world), servanthood and knowledge. The next important step is to discern how God wishes you/us to use our collective gifts to serve God's Kingdom purposes.

I'll give additional information in future newsletters that will help guide you in the process of discernment. After a period of continued learning and discernment, my hope and prayer is that you will begin to find practical, concrete ways to use your gifts to serve.

### 1 Spiritual Gifts Recap – Class Attendees Summary



-Dan, Lent 2017



**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 third prayer station **“I Am The Light Of The World,”** will be set up in the **Deacons Room this Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup>.** Listen on Sunday mornings during worship to find out where each new prayer station will be located.



**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 **BBY'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.**

# CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

for

*Easter Egg Hunt*

Donation Box in Fellowship Hall

## Easter Egg Hunt

**Sunday, April 9th at 11:30am**

**Ages 1 through 5th grade**

**Toddlers age 1-3 will hunt Easter eggs on the playground  
and**

**Children age 4 through 5th Grade will have an**

***Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt***

**\* An all-church lunch will follow the Easter Egg Hunt \***

## FCCG YOUTH GROUP

**MEETS Sunday, Mar 19th, 5-7pm**

JYF / Chi Rho *TOGETHER*

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

## EASTER LILY ORDER FORMS

will be available this Sunday, March 19th—in Fellowship Hall and as a bulletin insert. Deadline for ordering is April 10, 2017.



## A friendly reminder . . . from the Fellowship Ministry

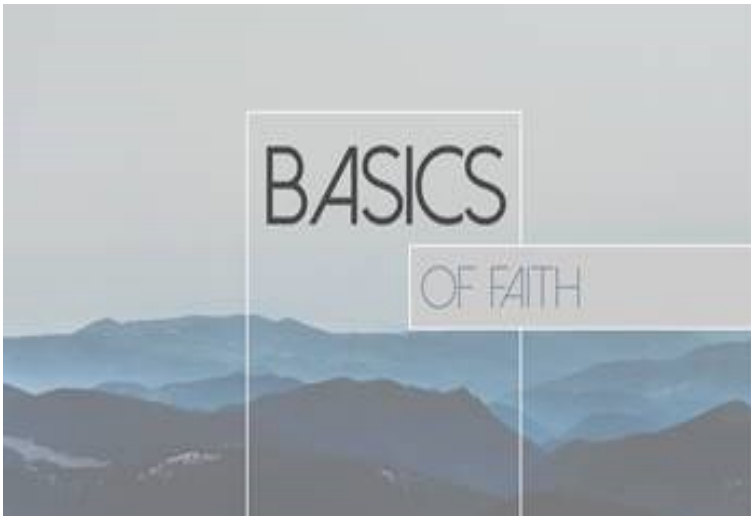
*The Sunday Morning Coffee Break* is one way we celebrate a sense of community and fellowship among all members of our church. Donations are important (and needed) for the success of this ministry. Thank you for giving generously to your Coffee/Donuts Ministry!



## Christian Learner Class Offering

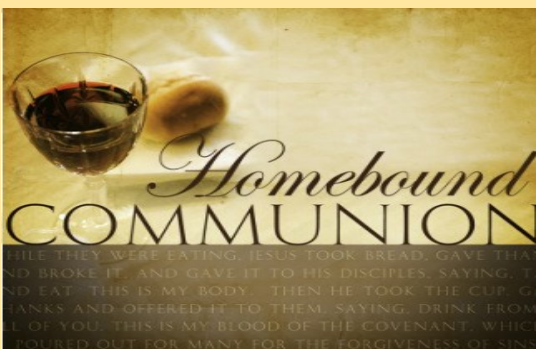
*(aka, Pastor's Class)*

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, in Room 217.



## 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.



## SPRING QUILT SALE

**Sunday, March 26th**  
**in Fellowship Hall**  
**(during Coffee Fellowship)**



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

# PRAYER REQUESTS

### Circle of Fellowship

Martha Ferrell  
Tricia Harrison

### Fishers of Families

Gail Greene

### God's Messengers

Pat Spradley

### Hands of Faith

Mike Whalin

### 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.**

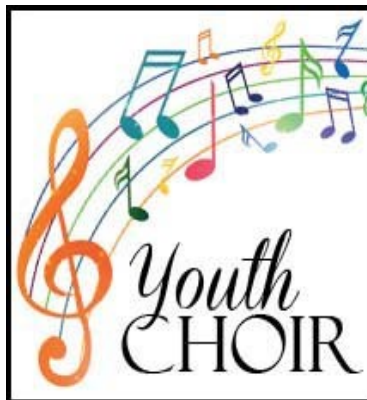
Contact Virginia McBee  
for more information.



### 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.

## 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.



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