

# The Messenger



August 30, 2017

## MOMENT'S REFLECTION

*"If one member suffers, all suffer together . . ."* -1 Corinthians 12:26



You've undoubtedly seen the pictures of great human need coming from the Texas Gulf Coast since Hurricane Harvey hit. As the flood waters rise, the sense of urgency, even desperation, mounts. I've spent the last couple of days scanning new coverage, watching in horror as nursing home residents sat chest high in water waiting for rescue, and then watching with gratitude as ordinary citizens mobilized to go into harm's way to rescue those stranded, using whatever means they had including trucks and boats and rafts to save lives.

The reality is, the depth of human need in southeast Texas is greater than any single thing we can do. And yet the challenge is, when confronted with such need, we must do something. Last night, a news reporter interviewed a supervisor in charge of organizing Houston's George R. Brown Convention Center into a so-called "mega-shelter." He was asked: "What do you need?" And he answered simply: "We need volunteers and money." Perhaps you have the means and the call to go and volunteer. If not, perhaps you will consider giving to help those who are and who will be serving on the front-line.

Below are some ways that you can help:

1. **GIVE TO WEEK OF COMPASSION.** WOC is our denomination's agency which responds to human need in every corner of the world. By giving to WOC, you are helping them help those in need in southeast Texas. You may give online by going to: <https://docgeneralassembly.webconnex.com/weekofcompassion>
2. **GIVE TO OUR CHURCH'S SPECIAL OUTREACH OFFERING (September 3).**

Our church will take a special Week of Compassion Offering for those affected by Hurricane Harvey this Sunday, September 3rd. Envelopes marked "Hurricane Harvey/WOC" will be placed in each pew. During our Pastoral Prayer time Sunday, the offering will be collected. The offering will be sent to WOC to assist in the relief effort.

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### 3. GIVE RELIEF SUPPLIES. Three items, specifically are needed. They include:

(1) Emergency Cleanup Bucket Kits, (2) Hygiene Kits, and (3) Non-perishable Food Kits. Items to put in each kit item are listed in detail below.

#### 1. Emergency Cleanup Buckets

- One five-gallon bucket with re-sealable lid (If bucket has been used, clean well but do not use if it has held chemicals of any kind.)
- Four scouring pads
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush
- Eighteen reusable cleaning towels (e.g. Easy Wipes)
- One 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-28 oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-16 oz. bottle of household cleaner that can be mixed with water (no spray bottles)
- One package of 48-50 clothespins
- Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- Five dust masks
- Two pairs non-surgical latex gloves
- One pair work gloves, cotton with leather palm or all leather
- 24-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll and removed from carton
- One 6-9 oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent

*All cleaning items must be new - all liquid items must be capped and securely tightened. Place all items into the bucket, making sure they are packed securely to avoid damage during shipment. Snap the lid on tight and seal with packing tape.*

#### 2. Hygiene Kits

- One hand towel measuring approximately 15"x 28" to 16"x 32" (no fingertip, bath, dish towel or micro-fiber)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One finger nail or toe nail clipper removed from the package
- One bath size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Ten standard size Band-aids
- One tube of toothpaste

*All items need to fit inside a one-gallon plastic zipper closure bag. Remove the excess air from the bag and seal before boxing. Do not add any extra items.*

**Take your kits to First Christian Church, at 7301 Miller Road in Rowlett. FCC Rowlett will collect cleanup bucket kits as well as separate items to go into the extra buckets they already have on hand to make up additional cleanup bucket kits. Call the church to coordinate delivery of your items: 972-475-3559.**

**Other locations to take your kits include First Christian Church, at 901 S Collins Street in Arlington; call the church to coordinate delivery of your items: 817-277-2634. Central Christian Church, at 4711 Westside Drive in Dallas will collect cleanup bucket kits and items to put into the bucket kits; call the church to coordinate delivery of your items: 214-526-7291.**

**NO clothing and NO food that needs preparation will be accepted. (People without secure homes or working utilities have no need of these at this time.)**

#### 3. Non-perishable, ready-to-consume food and bottled water

**—Dan**

*In addition to the ways the church is cooperating with the area to provide monetary offerings, and clean-up and hygiene kits, FCCG member **David Dodd** will be traveling to Houston next Wednesday, September 6th to deliver donations of food, water and clothing to assist affected families in a Disciples church in the area.*

## HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

Please bring your donations to the church (Fellowship Hall) by Sunday, September 3rd, or contact David Dodd for more details. Clothing should be new, and food items non-perishable.

### Families & Professionals



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

Fusion, our Families & Professionals small group gatherings, will begin meeting again in September. If you are interested in being a part of one of these groups that meets monthly, please sign up with Rev. Casey.

**GOOD SAMS Needs Donations of  
Plastic Utensil Packets**  
*for Meals  
for the Homeless*



## COMMUNICATION CENTER

As you may have noticed, the mail cubbie slots that were in the Avenue A foyer have been removed. A new **COMMUNICATION CENTER** has been created in the small hallway between the Chapel and the Custodian's office. The supplies needed for the new Center were purchased using funds donated in honor of **Billy Hodge**. Billy was a valuable member of the Fellowship Ministry team and we miss him. You are invited to come by and take a look at this new space.



**The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 4** in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

## FUNDRAISER

### **for New Donation Center Supplies**

Bid on one of the floral arrangements in Fellowship Hall (bid sheets are in front of each arrangement). Bids start at \$35 and *all proceeds* will go toward materials for the new **DONATION CENTER** — bins, rolling carts, etc.





Circle of Fellowship

Cindy Kyle

God's Messengers

Donna Blake  
Juanita Brock  
Nancy Pinka  
JoAnne Terry

Shepherds

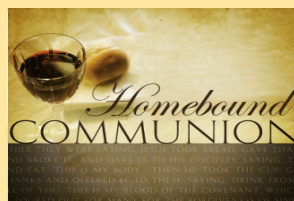
Jack Barger  
Jentre Campbell  
Tammy Holcomb  
Pat Spradley

The Grapevine

Joyce Witt Boyd  
Bettye Davenport

**NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?**

**Sign up in Fellowship Hall and someone will contact you.**



**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



*MUSIC AT FCCG*

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

*Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 7-8pm*

*Contact Stan McGill*

**REHEARSALS WILL RESUME WEDNESDAY, SEPT 6th AT 7pm**

**HANDBELL CHOIR**

*Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00pm*

*Contact Virginia McBee*

**YOUTH CHOIR**

*Rehearsals on Sundays, 4-5pm*

*Contact Judy Grasham*

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

*Rehearsals on Sundays, 5:30-6:30pm*

*Contact Tammy Holcomb*

**FCCG DONATION CENTER**

We are proud to announce that a new location has been designated for the storage of donated items. The new Donation Center is located between the Ruth Mix Classroom and the Nursery in the entry/exit hallway.

Six large bins are provided for those items that are collected over a period of time, such as magazines, and five containers are provided for donation drives sponsored by a specific Ministry, such as the current School Supplies drive sponsored by DWM. All of the new storage containers have changeable signage that allows the church to maximize this space according to the needs of specific donation drives. Brenda Keel, church administrator, will be able to create new signs as needed. Just let her know what you need.

Sponsors for the new Donation Center are Families & Professionals Ministry, Youth Ministry, Disciples of Women Ministry and Outreach Ministry. We invite you to come by, take a look at the new space and drop off a pencil or two for the current School Supplies drive.





**Dave Ramsey**  
**"The Legacy Journey"**  
**Sunday September 10—Sunday**  
**October 22, 10:20-11:50am**

The Legacy Journey by Dave Ramsey is a 7-week study that teaches how to truly live and leave a legacy for generations to come.



**NEED VOLUNTEER(s)** living in North Garland/Firewheel area to pick up donuts on Sunday mornings (for Coffee Fellowship) at *Bon Ton Doughnuts*, 1225 Beltline Rd. #14, Garland 75040. Donuts need to be at the church between 8:00am-8:30am on Sunday mornings.

*Contact Cyndy Smith if you can help.*

**Christianity 101** Sunday School Class will resume meeting on Sunday, September 10th; studying the book of *Amos*.



**MOPS Kick-Off Meeting**  
 will be Sunday,  
 September 10th, 5:30-  
 7:00pm in Room 203.

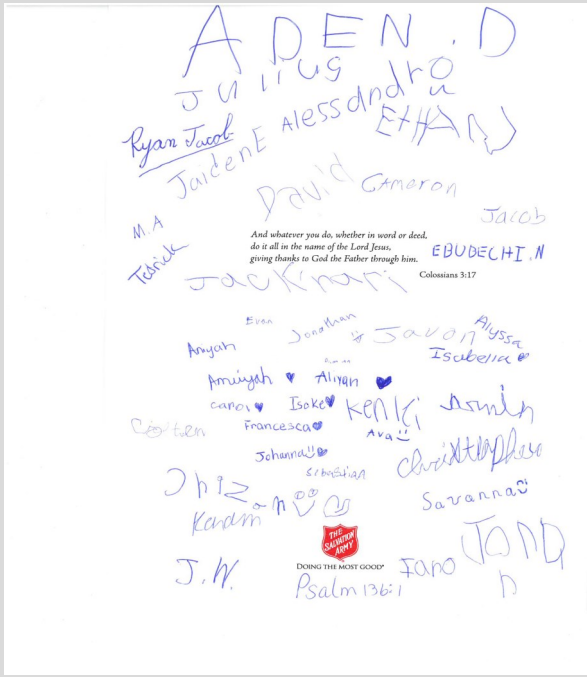
**Disciples Women's Ministry**  
**September Circle Meetings**

**Morning Circle:** Monday, September 11th @ 9:30am

**Evening Circle:** Tuesday, September 12th @ 6:45pm



# We give thanks



**THANKS** to everyone who donated sneakers, shoes, etc. for the Salvation Army and New Beginnings—they were truly overwhelmed!

Here's a note from the Salvation Army kids who benefited from the donations.

**Wow! Fellowship Hall looks great!**  
**THANKS** to all those who made it possible.



There are people who claim to be Christians, and there are people who live a Christian life. It is my belief that the people of First Christian Church in Garland live a Christian life, and I have been blessed to be a part of this church. "THANK YOU" can hardly express my gratitude for all of the prayers, love, caring and food I have received from my friends and perfect strangers. A quote comes to mind: "If I can't do great things, I can do small things in a great way."

You, my friends, have truly been a blessing to me and my husband, Kenneth. Y'all feel like family.

With love,  
 Joyce Witt and Kenneth Boyd

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