

The Messenger



February 21, 2018



Week of Compassion

**Two more Sundays to give to WEEK OF COMPASSION—
Feb 25th and Mar 4th.**

Collected Last Year \$6,689.00; Collected Year-to-Date 2018 \$710.13

MOMENT'S REFLECTION

"And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" -Luke 4:23

We often cite Jesus' great commission when we speak of the need for world mission. At the end of all he had to teach, Jesus tells his disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." The scope of his ministry was deep and wide. He was anything but provincial. He seems to care about Samaritans and Jews. Syrians and Galileans.

And yet, much as we like to tell the stories of Jesus crossing boundaries to help those outside his own territory, the Gospels say that much of the help Jesus gave was to people who lived in his own backyard. He died south, in the province of Judea. And once or twice he ventured up north to the Province of Syria. But when he did mission and ministry, he stayed home mostly. In fact, we guess Jesus never travelled more than 100 miles in any direction from his birthplace.



Houston

I bring all this up to suggest that serving Christ is neither exclusively a local thing nor a world thing. It is both. Serving in Jesus' name includes helping people, whose names we may never know, whose skin is a different color, in far-flung provinces. But it is equally concerned to help human need close to home. Both are necessary.

Week of Compassion is faithful to this vision of Jesus. Go to Week of Compassion website, scroll the menu at the top and find the word "ACTION." Click on that word and you'll find an option that reads, "Map of responses." (Go to: <http://www.weekofcompassion.org/responses/>)

Zoom out and see the near and far reach of the support you give to Week of Compassion. The money you give to WOC serves needs as far as the Middle East. But they also serve needs as close as Houston—maybe even a person or family whose names you know, in a neighborhood you've been to. In fact, the record says

that over the past years, WOC has helped 24 specific needs in the state of Texas.

Jesus would be pleased. Near and far. Local and world-wide. This is the same Outreach vision Jesus had. **-Dan, Lent 2018**

Special Lenten Study—*"Lord Teach Us to Pray"*

On Sundays during Lent (Feb 18—March 25), Dr. Dan Jones and Rev. Casey Tanguay will lead a special Lenten study during the Sunday School Hour—in the Sanctuary. Everyone is invited to participate. Each study is self-contained, so you can attend any or all sessions and still gain an understanding of the material.





Save the date and extend some invitations!

We are trying a new format for our **Fusion Small Groups**. Fusion is “a merging of spirituality into real everyday life”. It’s a time to share our lives with one another while sharing a delicious meal.

We'd love for you to join us on **Saturday, March 3rd at 6:30pm at the church.**

Childcare will be available for all ages and dinner will be served for all (if you have any special dietary needs let me know). RSVP's would be helpful so I know how much food to prepare.

Hope to see you there! Feel free to contact me with any questions.

-Rev. Casey Tanguay

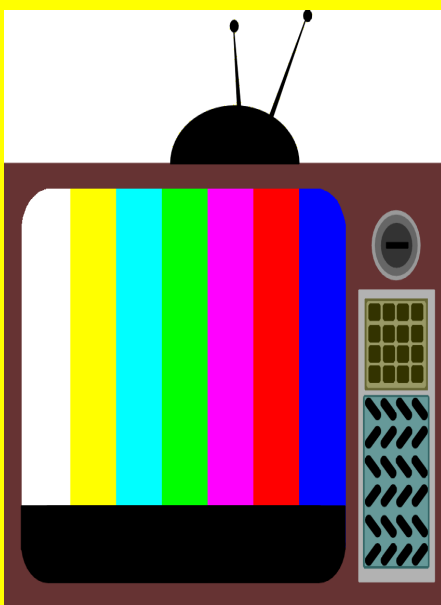
DWM March Circle Meetings

Morning Circle

Monday, March 5th at 9:30am

Evening Circle

Tuesday, March 6th at 6:45pm



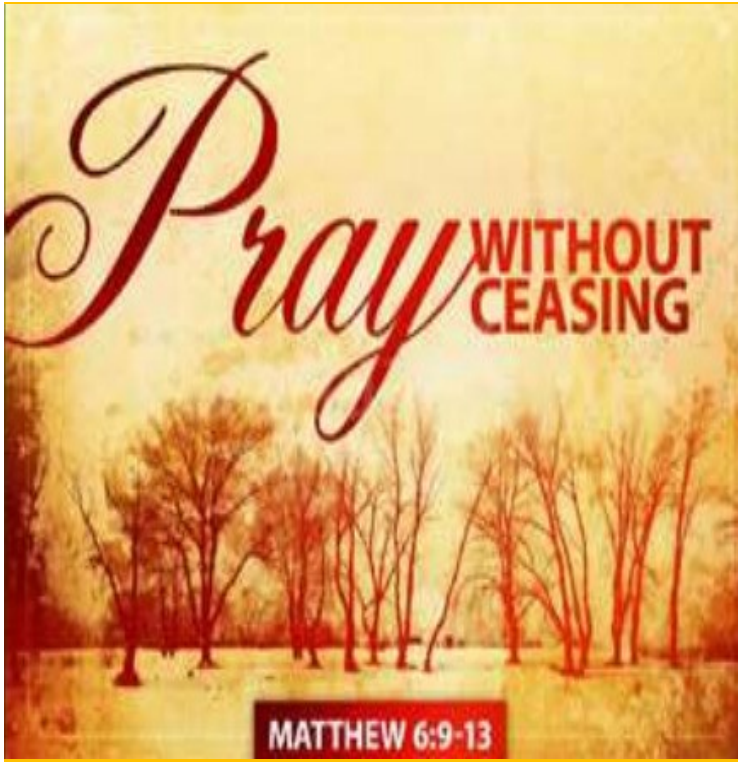
FELLOWSHIP HALL TV

The TV in the Fellowship Hall is available for use during various functions and events. Key capabilities are:

- Ability to display slideshows or videos for things such as weddings, funerals or other type of events using a USB flash drive.
- Ability to display PowerPoint presentations using a laptop connection for meetings and/or events.

Ability to show movies using a laptop with a DVD player.

To schedule the TV, please contact the church office. You will be given instructions on how to use the TV for your specific need. Also available will be instructions for how to convert your slideshow or video into an acceptable format for display. To avoid last minute confusion *always* test your media at least one day prior to the event. For questions regarding the TV, please contact Don Smith.



Circle of Fellowship

Bill Fowler

Shepherds

Helen Smith
Pat Spradley

Fishers of Families

Harry Aston
Olis Lewis
Judy Shwartz

The Grapevine

Joyce Witt Boyd



Music at FCCG

CHANCEL CHOIR

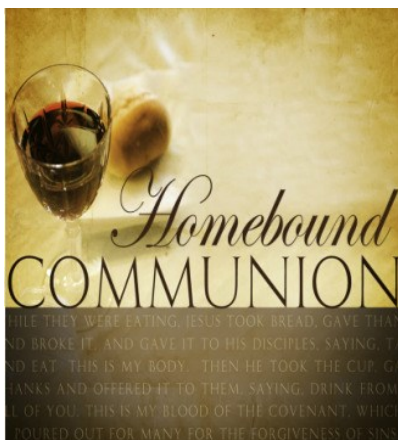
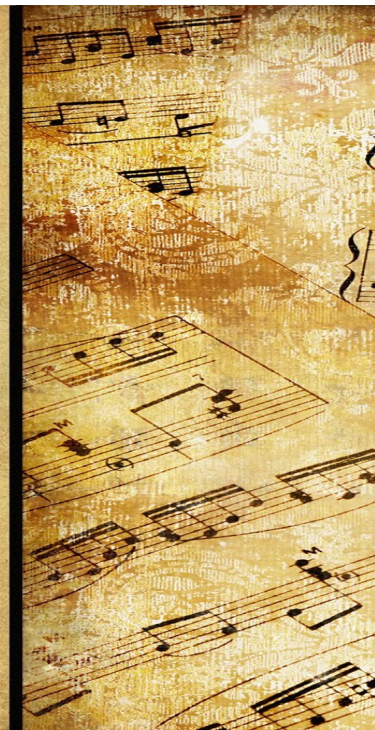
*Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 7-8pm
Contact Stan McGill*

HANDBELL CHOIR

*Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00pm
Contact Virginia McBee*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

*Rehearsals on Sundays, 4:00-5:00pm
Contact Sheri Dacon*



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; 972.496.0534 or Eva McKannan; patevamck@verizon.net; 972.414.1737

March 25th
Worship Service at 9am

PALM SUNDAY



Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, March 25th at 11:30am



Maundy Thursday Agape Feast

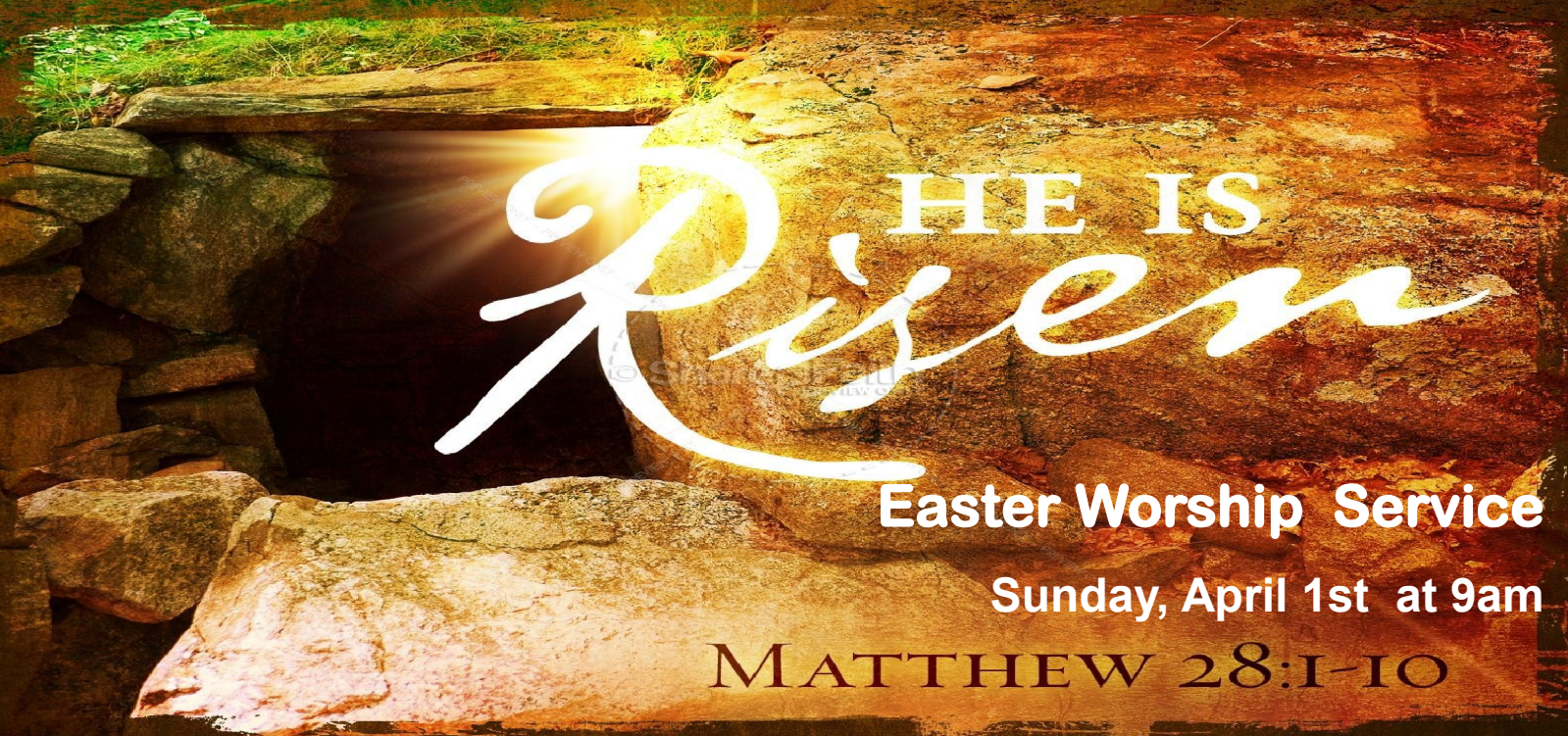
Thursday, March 29th * 6:30pm



**GOOD
FRIDAY**

Prayer Service

**Friday, March 30th
at Noon**



**HE IS
*Risen***

Easter Worship Service

Sunday, April 1st at 9am

MATTHEW 28:1-10



A special board meeting was convened on Sunday, November 26, 2017, at which meeting the board voted to extend the Board Reformation Process into the new year.

Doug Harrison and Melody Biffle continue to work on a timeline for the reformation, and welcome your feedback, questions and concerns. They hope to have a recommendation regarding the reformation to present at the March board meeting, with a vote to follow in May, 2018.

For your information, here's a listing of the smaller representative board members, as well as the full board roster.

REPRESENTATIVE BOARD

Kathleen Yant, Board Chair
 Bill Dunn, Treasurer
 Bobbie Barger, Elder (going off in 2019)
 Denise Armstrong, Diaconate Chair
 Stephanie Gordon, Cabinet Representative (Education Ministry Chair)
 Cyndy Smith, Cabinet Representative (Fellowship Ministry Chair)
 Renee Godwin, Youth Sponsor
 Billie Bliss, Followers Class Representative
 Sondra Martin, Ruth Mix Class Representative
 Don Smith, Crusaders Class Representative
 Krystal Richardson, Christianity 101 Class Representative

Chris McMillan, Board Vice Chair
 Bob Simpson, Elder (going off in 2018)
 Morris Womack, Elder (going off in 2020)
 John Harrison, Senior Trustee
 J.T. Walker, Cabinet Representative (Property Ministry Chair)
 Diana Callaway, Children's Sunday School Representative
 Lee MacDonald, Elder Emeritas Representative
 Kim Whalin, Apostles Class Representative
 Virginia Stone, Cooper Class Representative
 Emily Henderson, Crossroads Class Representative

FULL BOARD

Ministers

Dr. Dan Jones, Senior Minister
 Rev. Casey Tanguay, Families & Professionals Minister
 David Ware, Minister to Youth

Ministry Chairs

Stephanie Gordon, Education
 Don & Cyndy Smith, Fellowship
 Diana Callaway, Fellowship
 Brenda Crosthwaite, Outreach
 J.T. Walker, Property
 Kim Schnitker, Worship
 Bobbie Barger, Elder Vice Chair
 Elaine Roeger, First Diaconate Vice Chair
 Shirley Miller, Disciples Women's Ministry

Elders

Eric Dacon, Elder Chair
 Bobbie Barger, Elder Vice Chair
 Debbie Fetzer
 Bob Simpson
 Nancy Worden
 Greg Camp
 Brownie Sherrill
 Dwight Brand
 Bruce Nowlin
 Amy Hill
 Don Smith
 Morris Womack

Safe Church Committee

Greg Camp, Chair

Officers

Kathleen Yant, Board Chair
 Chris McMillan, Board Vice Chair
 Bill Dunn, Treasurer
 Brenda Keel, Secretary (**non-voting**)

Pat Aston, Evangelism
 Bill & Dolores Smith, Fellowship
 Bobbie Barger, Membership
 Brenda Harper, Personnel
 Joanna Jewett, Stewardship
 Eric Dacon, Elder Chair
 Denise Armstrong, Diaconate Chair
 Kate Walker, Second Diaconate Vice Chair

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 Elaine Roger, First Vice Chair
 Kate Walker, Second Vice Chair
 Sarah Gibson
 Carol White
 Rebecca Fetzer
 Eva McKannan
 Rick Roeger
 Jo Lines
 Diana Callaway
 Amber McMillan
 Ben Hill
 Laurie McGill
 Patty Crow
 Sondra Martin
 Jeri Ross

Tammy Holcomb
 Emily Henderson
 Harley Henderson
 Tricia Harrison
 Julian Olalde
 Keith Biffle
 Cyndy Smith
 Brenda Crosthwaite
 Connie Tallant
 Debra Goheen
 Larry Johnson
 Tammy Metzger
 Faythe Armstrong
 Gene Newman
 Katie Beach
 J.T. Walker

Trustees

John Harrison
 Melody Biffle
 Matt Prestenberg



Collecting **BOX TOPS** for *Shorehaven Elementary*

Shorehaven Elementary is raising funds to enter a choir competition, and in support of them, we are collecting **BOX TOPS**. There is bin set up in the Donation Center for BOX TOPS. Collection deadline is April 30th. Contact Sharon Campbell for further details.

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Easter Lilies will be available
for purchase beginning
Sunday,



LOST & FOUND

The Church's **LOST & FOUND** articles have been relocated—to baskets inside the chest (between the grey chairs) in the sitting area of the Avenue A entry hall.



FCCG Quilters are in need of a couple more **sewing machines**. If you have one to donate, please contact **Eva Schneeberg**.

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