

The Messenger

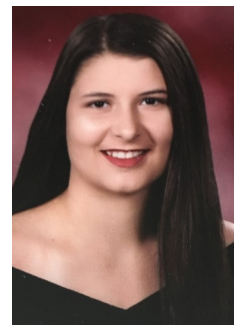


May 2, 2018

Celebrating This Year's Graduating Seniors

Service of blessing in worship this Sunday,
with reception to follow.

FAYTHE NICOLE ARMSTRONG will graduate from Wylie High School on Saturday, May 26, 2018. She will continue to follow her dreams and attend Collin College in Plano. She will major in dance and earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. Proud parents are Douglas and Denise Armstrong; proud grandparents are Glenda and Dennis Lee.



SAVANNAH CALDWELL will be graduating from Naaman Forest High School. She was a Class Officer 2014-2016; Sterling Stars Drill Team 2015—2018, Jr. Lieutenant 2016-2017; First Lieutenant 2017-2018. Savannah will attend The University of Texas at Dallas. She has been accepted into the Bachelor of Science and Physiology Program. Proud parents are Kevin and Bobbie Caldwell; proud grandparents are Dennis and Glenda Lee.



KYLE DACON is the oldest son of Eric and Sheri Dacon. He is a senior at Garland High School and will graduate in June with a Performing Arts endorsement.

At school, Kyle has been a member of the football team for four years, and was a varsity letterman his junior and senior years. He has participated in Piano Lab for four years and has been a member of the Celebration show choir band for four years. He is a member of A Cappella Choir, Jazz Band, IB Theory, and Texas Future Music Educators. Kyle was voted "Most Talented" of his senior class. In addition, he has served as the piano accompanist for the Garland Children's Chorus for the 2017-18 school year.

Kyle is actively involved in church activities as well. He participates in the worship team and youth choir at First Baptist Garland, and has been on mission trips with both First Baptist and First Christian Church. He is honored this year to be the recipient of First Christian Church's Harold and Martha Rusk scholarship, and has also received scholarships from the GISD Retired Personnel Association and the Duck Creek Masonic Lodge. A talented musician, Kyle will attend St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota this fall. He is the recipient of St. Olaf's Cassler Scholarship and plans to major in Piano Performance. He will also be a member of the St. Olaf football team.

Kyle is excited about his future and grateful to God for the opportunity to continue his education in the area of music. His greatest desire is to share his love for music with others and in so doing, to bring glory to God.





Sunday thru

Thursday

July 22-26

5:30-8:00 pm

Moment's Reflection

"And remember, I am with you always . . ." -Matthew 28:20

I have some advice for this year's graduating seniors.



I've accumulated a lot of degrees in my life, but I didn't learn what I want to tell you in a classroom. I learned it by living and taking time to reflect on the life I've lived. While I don't discount the extraordinary value of formal learning, most of what I know to be true about life has come to me by way of prayerful reflection.

Five words of counsel, I give to you.

One, this is just the beginning! I know your graduation will be all about what you've accomplished. About endings, and goodbyes. But this is a season of commencement in your life. It's good to take time to celebrate accomplishments. It's even better to look forward to what is yet to come. So, cherish the past, learn how to be in the moment. But always and ever look forward.

Two, plans change, and that's a good thing! It's good to be certain about what you want to do. Without such determination, you might

never have the courage to take the next step. But along the way, the plans you thought were cast in stone almost always change. Don't be afraid of that. This is what makes life so serendipitously wonderful. You begin with one idea in mind. Along the way, you discover new paths and these new paths, ones you could never have imagined, are almost always richer than the ones with which you began.

Three, you'll receive everything you need, but not all of what you want. Praise God for this blessing. The satisfaction of your needs is what will give you joy. Selfish insistence for those things you want will almost always lead to trouble. The truth is, God knows you're not wise enough (ever!) to tell the difference between your needs and wants. God gives you what you need.

Four, wonderful things will happen to you, and you probably won't know it when they do. What I value most—the people, the places, the moments—happened while I was busy looking at something else. It's only in looking back, in taking stock of where I've been, that I've appreciated how rich my life has been.

Five, God has his hand in everything. You may be tempted to forget that. In your moments of self-importance, you may be fooled in believing that your accomplishments are the result of how smart or capable you are. You may even think that you've been extraordinarily lucky. But the meaning of your life will never only be the product of either great talent or extraordinarily luck. It will always be a work of God—the silent, unseen weaver of goodness who orchestrates the moments of your life.

-Dan, May 2018

There is a place for you at our table...



We have a new “dinner church” format for **Fusion** and you’re invited to join us! We gather monthly at the church for lively discussion centered around a delicious meal. Following the example of the early church, we share our lives and faith around filled tables. These festive dinner parties are one way that we celebrate Jesus’ presence among us and how we grow in our faith with one another.

Our next **Fusion** DINNER CHURCH will be Saturday, May 5, 6:30-10:00pm. Childcare is available. Contact Rev. Casey to RSVP or for more information.

Fusion: a merging of spirituality into real everyday life



**Disciples Women’s Ministry
Year-End Luncheon**

FCCG’s DWM will celebrate the end of a wonderful year with a luncheon on **Saturday, May 5 at 10am (Fellowship Hall)**. Please bring a salad or covered dish to share. 2018-2019 Officers will be installed at the luncheon.

**MEN’S
BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, May 5 at 8:30am
(Fellowship Hall)**



**North Texas Area
2018 AREA ASSEMBLY**

Guest Preacher:
Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum
Sunday, May 6, 2018; 3pm
at Northway Christian Church, Dallas



**North Texas Area
2018 Tri-Area
Men’s Retreat**

Keynote Speaker: *David Dusek*,
Founder and Executive Director of
Rough Cut Men Ministries
May 18-20, 2018 at Disciples Crossing (Athens)

BROOKHAVEN HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

Come and hear the Brookhaven Handbell Ensemble in concert.

May 5, 2018 * 10:30am

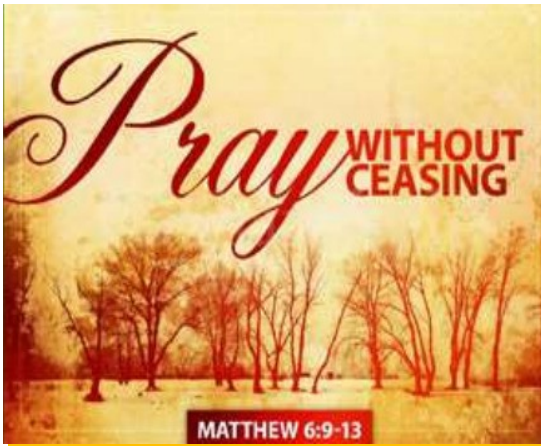
**Juliette Fowler Communities, 1234 Abrams Road
and**

May 6, 2018 * 3:00pm at Biblical Art Center, 7500 Park Lane

Come and support **Tammy Holcomb** and **Judy Grasham** as they ring in these concerts. Tammy is full-time member of the bell choir and Judy is helping out for these two concert dates.

Please call Tammy 469-855-8065 for more information and we’ll see you there!





Circle of Fellowship

Wes Ferrell
Eulah Stiles

God's Messengers

Ken Hancock
The Grapevine
Carroll Barnes
Joyce Witt Boyd

Hands of Faith

Charlie Houston
Dennis Lee

Music at FCCG

CHANCEL CHOIR

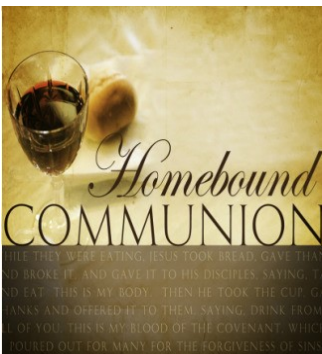
Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 7-8pm
Contact Stan McGill

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

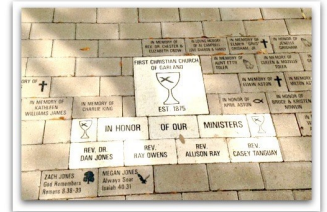


HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Served on the first Sunday of each month by an Elder. If you would like to be served, please contact the church office.

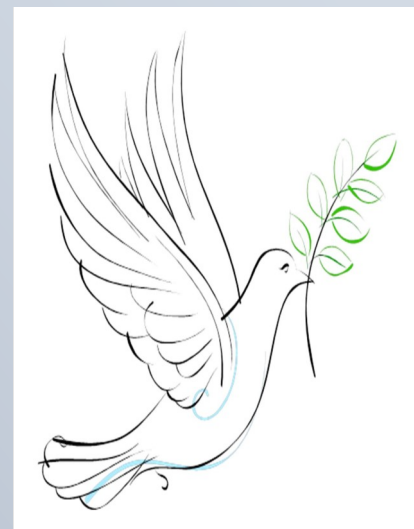
Buy A Brick

Contact Kathleen Yant;
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972.496.0534 or
Eva McKannan;
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YOUTH GROUP

Meets on Sundays,
5:00-7:00pm
(at the church)



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