

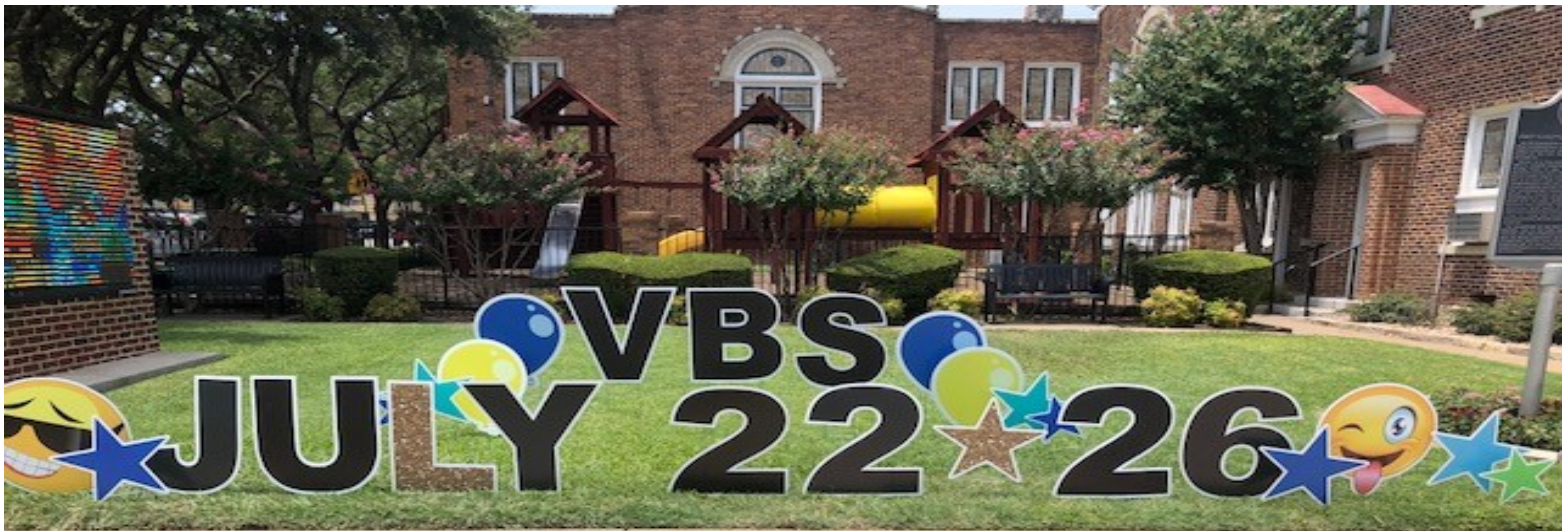
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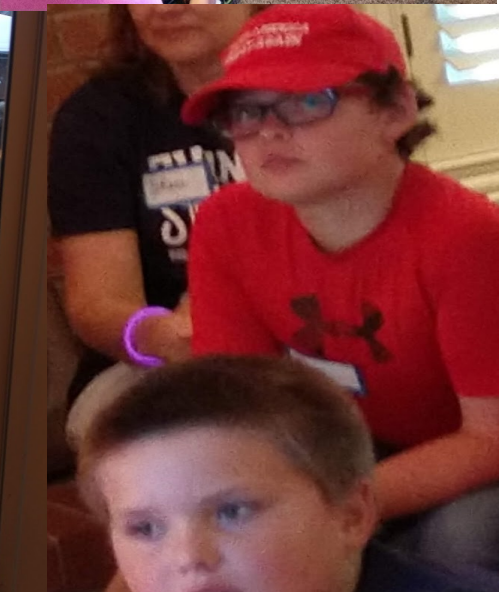
July 25, 2018



V B S
is off to a
great start!



Photos from the Recent Elder and Youth Cookout



Moment's Reflection

"When you pass through the waters, I'll be with you." -Isaiah 43:2

I made a promise to myself at this year's Vacation Bible School. Rather than talk about and analyze the program details, I'd focus on the kids. This focus helped me remember something I used to know. Children need comfort. More than anything else, they need comfort. They need to know that they are loved—that the grownups in their lives care about them.



Some of the children carry visible reminders of the comfort they need. A doll, a blanket, a favorite article of clothing. One of my favorites is the precious child who comes each evening with a cloth dragon-fly tucked under her arm. She has a name for her dragon-fly. She won't always carry her comfort doll. But I don't want her to grow up too fast. I want her, and all the children, to carry the things of comfort as long as needed.

I remember the things I carried as a child, the little items of comfort. A small stuffed horse. A soft blue blanket. A night-light my mother brought with us when our family travelled. Now as an adult, an older man, it embarrasses me to recall these comfort things I carried. I don't know when I finally "out-grew" these things.

But I wonder: do we ever really outgrow the need for child-like comfort? As we grow older we learn to ask for and receive comfort in different ways. As adults we don't carry blankets, dragon-flies, and night-lights. We mask our need for comfort in much more adult ways. But deep down I think we still want comfort, still need it.

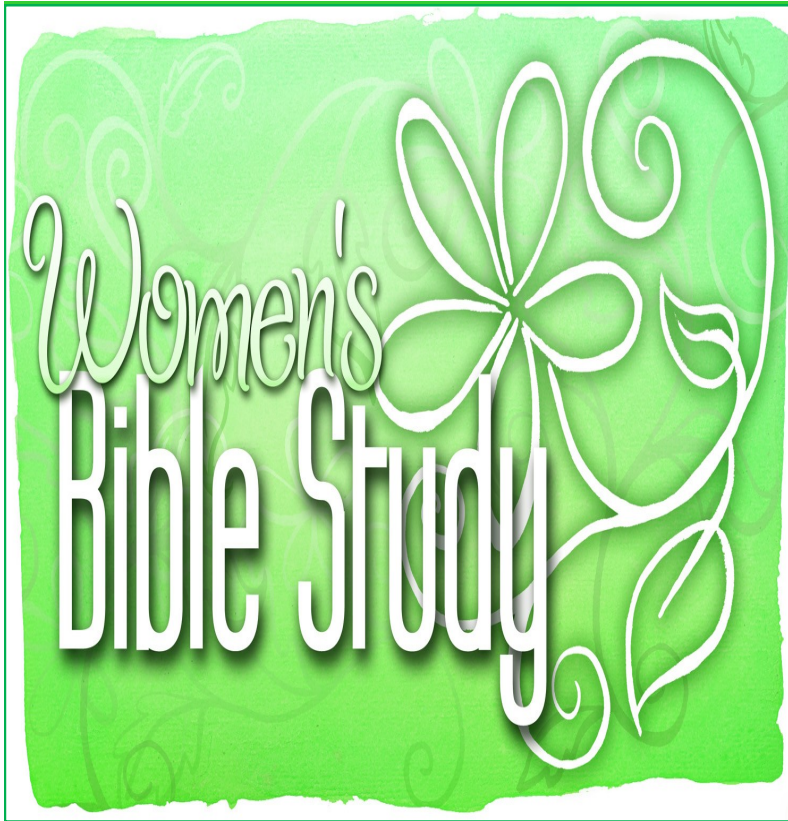
Perhaps its not coincidence that this year's VBS Bible verse about comfort speaks as much to us grown-ups as it does the children. Each evening of this year's Vacation Bible School we've sung songs, told Bible stories, acted out skits, to rehearse a single Bible verse.

"When you pass through the waters, I'll be with you." (Isaiah 43:2)

It's a comfort passage. Those words were first spoken to a nation of adults who were going through a fearful time. They were living in a strange place. All the comforts of home had been taken from them. The prophet Isaiah reminds them: "Don't be afraid. Don't ever be afraid. God promises to be with you no matter what."

As a child I needed to hear those words. As an adult, I still need to hear them. I suspect I'm not the only one. **-Dan**

Families & Professionals News



Families & Professionals WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets each Wednesday, 6:30pm
at Rev. Casey's home —
3419 Tulip Lane, Rowlett 75089.
Sheri Dacon and Rev. Casey will lead
this summer Women's Bible Study.
Snacks and drinks provided. Feel
free to bring additional food/dinner.

Fusion DINNER CHURCH

Saturday, July 28th, 6:30-10:00pm. We will gather 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, celebrating Jesus' presence among us and growing in our faith with one another. RSVP to Rev. Casey Tanguay. **(childcare available)**

Fusion: a merging of spirituality into real
everyday life

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





Circle of Fellowship

Wes Ferrell
Bill Fowler

Fishers of Families

Olis Lewis

God's Messengers

Pat Spradley

Hands of Faith

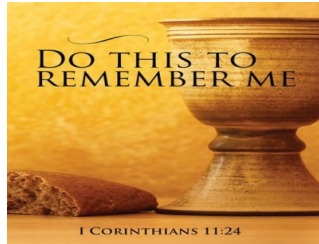
David Worden

Shepherds

Debbie Fetzer
John Harrison

The Grapevine

Carroll Barnes
Joyce Witt Boyd



HOME GROUP 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



**School Supplies
DONATIONS NEEDED**

Our sponsor school, **Shorehaven Elementary**, is in need of specific school supplies—Back packs (generic) **serious need for dry erase markers** (black and various colors), **composition books, glue and plastic pencil boxes.** Wipes, Kleenex, gallon and quart size zip lock baggies.

And, there is a new opportunity for giving—**iKandy Foundation**: accepting all types of school supplies. For more info, visit iKandy's website:

www.ikandyfoundation.com

The iKandy Foundation's mission is to provide empowerment, resources and leadership opportunities to our next generation of leaders, from all walks of life to believe, to achieve and to succeed.

PLEASE BRING ALL DONATIONS TO THE DONATION CENTER BY AUG 5TH

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Also, **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** at our sponsor school, **Shorehaven Elementary**. Contact Sharon Campbell if you can help.



FCCG MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, August 4; 8:30am (Fellowship Hall)

Contact: Julian Olalde
jolalde@farmersagent.com



- ◆ The revised FCCG By-Laws have been unanimously approved by the Board and the Congregation. If you would like a copy of the revised By-Laws, please contact the Church Office
- ◆ The Board approved the Nominating Committee's composition of **Jo Brister (Chair); Jack Barger, Ben Brister, Diana Callaway, Ben Hill, Betty McCreary, Daisy Nowlin, and Rick Roeger**. If you would like to suggest a candidate for an elder, deacon, trustee and/or honorary position, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members.

Dear Church Member,

This year, First Christian Church Garland will be celebrating its 143rd anniversary. As it is with many things that endure the test of time, there is great beauty to protect and preserve, along with a host of things to replace, repair or refurbish. Over the past several months, great strides have been made to beautify the church, both inside and out, due in large part to the time, talent and generosity of church members. However, there are still areas needing critical attention. To this end, we are apprising you of those needs in the form of a **Wish List Campaign**. If you would like to contribute to the following projects, any and all donations will be appreciated.

The most **URGENT** needs are:

Air Conditioning: We need to replace older units with new units rather than continuing to make costly repairs.

Roof: We are investigating the possibility of installing a pitched roof over the existing flat roof to prevent leaks caused by standing water.

Fire Detection & Safety: It is imperative the church has the appropriate fire detection and safety equipment and can pass fire code.

Less urgent needs are:

Flooring: The carpet along the 2nd floor and the 1st floor (north side of the Sanctuary) hallways as well as in Room 201 and the Robe Rooms needs to be replaced.

New Pew Cushions: Many of the 71 pew cushions are worn and have become stained over the years.

Update to the Youth Wing: The furniture and décor in the Youth Wing is in need of a serious facelift to attract young members.

The Wish List Campaign sprang from the generosity of church members expressing an interest in providing financial assistance to support our church's greatest building needs. Because we believe that many others may also wish to support these needs, the Wish List Campaign was created. If you feel you are blessed with a beautiful building in which to worship or where you have worshipped and would like to see it maintained for the enjoyment of future generations, please consider making a donation to the Wish List Campaign. You may mail a contribution directly to Clopton & Company, LLC, ATTN: Stacey Garretson, 610 Main Street, Garland, TX 75040. If you would like to make a gift with shares of stock, there has been an account established for this type of transaction. Please contact Senior Trustee, John Harrison at 972-533-0069 or via email werfamily99@aol.com for information regarding a stock sale. **While your support to the Campaign will be greatly appreciated, please remember that your gift should be in addition to your usual giving to the church's General Fund.**

In the 8th chapter of 1 Kings, David's son, Solomon, presides over the dedication of Israel's first Temple. In his prayer of dedication, King Solomon is grateful to God for all the sacred occasions of life that will be celebrated in the Temple—worship and blessings, comings and goings. When he is finished praying, God responds: *"I have heard your prayer . . . I have consecrated this house that you have built and put my name there forever."* (1 Kings 9:3) Like Solomon, we too pray with gratitude to God for all the sacred occasions that have been and ever will be celebrated in our "House of God." As such, we give with gladness to keep this place in good repair because we know that God has also "put his name here," now and for all generations to come.



Thank you for your generosity,
The Wish List Campaign Committee

FCCG Home Group News

Wes Ferrell

Personal Life:

I was born August 18, 1921 in Cash County, Texas. I was raised on a farm in a three-room house, in Lyndon, Texas, Route 2, without any of life's luxuries that we enjoy today. Our family attended the Baptist church. I started school in New Colony and graduated at 17 years old. Early on I learned the value of money from my hardworking father who was a tenant farmer. He was very good with money and raised 3 boys. My mother had a 9th grade education and that was all the education that was available to her at that time. I earned a scholarship to what is now called East Texas Baptist University. I made the Honor Society my first year. I especially enjoyed studying English Grammar and Speech Construction.



After school, I joined the Merchant Marines and sailed on the USS WW Mills from Texas to Pennsylvania. In 1941 I joined the Marine Corp. During my time serving on Iwo Jima in the South Pacific I had an experience where the Lord intervened to save my life. Our division was at the waters edge and ready to move on a counter-attack. As I started moving deeper into the waters edge into enemy territory, I approached a concrete bunker. I approached cautiously, assisted by my Radio Operator. I looked into the bunker but saw no one. I moved 40-50 yards away from the bunker, when I heard an explosion behind me. I turned to see the bunker had been hit by a grenade. A Marine walked toward me and said "Lieutenant, didn't you see that Jap in the bunker? He was just about to fire his weapon at you." I knew that God was looking over me at that very time.

I met Martha Cole while we were both working for the FBI in the spring of 1951. We were married December 25 of the same year. We were blessed with 4 children. After two years with the FBI, I went to work for HL Hunt Law Firm. I worked for HL Hunt for 34 years serving as head of two different departments; Title Records and Oil and Gas. I was also head of the Legal Department.

Church Activities:

I remain a member of the Cooper Sunday class at First Christian Church Garland. I have served 2 terms as Deacon and 3 terms as Elder. I was honored to receive Elder Emeritus status. Martha and I were members of the original Sunshine class prior to the name change to Cooper. I have also served as Sunday School teacher.

Present:

I am currently residing at Silver Creek of Garland, 1246 Colonel Dr. Garland 75043. In my lifetime I have been blessed beyond measure. I know that these blessing have come from God. My message to my friends and family is to always love, have mercy and walk in humility with God. Faithfulness must come from the heart.

-Wes



*Happy Birthday
Home Group Members*

July

Denny Lee



**DWM FAMILY
EVENT**
**ICE CREAM
SOCIAL
and
LINE DANCING**
**Sunday, August
5th at 5pm**



SNEAKER SUNDAY
Sunday, August 5th

Adult Sunday School Classes will collect new sneakers, and Youth Sunday School Classes will collect new underwear and sox. Will the Cooper Class win the AMAZING BREAKFAST again?
Please have all of your donations turned in by Sunday, August 5th

VACATION Dan Jones will be on vacation Monday, July 30th through Tuesday, August 7th. During Dan's absence, please contact Rev. Casey Tanguay for any pastoral needs.

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