

The Messenger

October 3, 2018



MOMENT'S REFLECTION

“Return to me the joy of your salvation.” -Psalm 51:12

As a pastor, I hear a lot of stories about people, good people, who for a variety of reasons have lost the joy of living. Sometimes in listening to their stories I think the circumstances of life really have made joy more difficult for them.

Other times, I hear Christians tell me that the walk of faith isn't as much fun as it used to be. They tell me that all the activities that used to bring so much joy don't provide the same energy boost.



I think they want me to give them an elixir, some magic bullet, that will heal what ails them. It's never that easy, of course. Even more disconcerting, some people try to find joy in all the wrong ways.

I believe the wisdom of what Paul taught. Writing to the Philippians, he said, “I have learned to be content with whatever I have.” Paul teaches that contentment, just as discontentment, is a learned behavior. As such, our feelings about life can be managed.

But I've learned something else about finding joy. It's not something you can buy.

I wanted to show you the picture of some of our men in the parking lot fixing fish last Sunday. I want to say “thank you” to them, and to the rest of the kitchen crew who helped them. But even more, I want you to look and learn from them. Their work teaches us something about finding joy in life—3 rules of a joy-filled life:

1. Giving of oneself is always more gratifying than waiting to receive.
2. Fishing is fun! But getting the limit isn't the best thing about fishing. The fun, these men told me Sunday, is in the joy of spending time catching and cooking and sharing.
3. And finally, a job well done, even when such work tires us to the bone, is its own greatest reward and the deepest source of joy!

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Here is the truth about finding joy. Our deepest joy is found in learning to live a joy-full life. A significant part of a joyful life amounts to giving oneself, serving others, being as concerned about another's happiness as you are your own. Viktor Frankl once put it simply: “Happiness cannot be pursued. It must ensue, and it only does so as the unintended side effect of one's dedication to a cause greater than oneself.” Thank you FCCG Fisher Men (and Women)!

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY SERVICE — OCTOBER 7

On this Sunday, we join with Christians worldwide to celebrate what Paul once wrote:

“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.”

-1 Corinthians 10:17



Good Samaritans of Garland

Feeding · Helping · Serving

Care Kits for the Homeless

Fellow FCC Church Members: The DWM has decided to help the homeless in our community by providing much needed toiletries. We decided to open this opportunity to the entire church. The toiletries should be travel sizes. Socks usually come in packages of 6, so these can be used for 6 Care Kits. So as you shop for your family at the grocery store, drug store, Wal-Mart, etc.---head to the toiletries section and pick a few items each week. There will be a specially marked box in the donation room. These Care Kits will be donated to Good Samaritans in Garland.

Below is a list of items needed:

- Razors
- Shave cream
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Bar soap (small size)
- Shampoo
- Hand sanitizer
- Comb
- Nail clippers/ emory board
- Hand lotion
- Wet wipes
- 1 pair of tube socks
- 1 small packet of tissues
- Small packet of Tylenol



Children's SABBATH



CHILDREN'S SABBATH WORSHIP SERVICE PLANNED, OCTOBER 21

Our Church will join with churches in North America, Sunday, October 21, in celebrating and remembering the Church's call to remember and serve the needs of children. The service will include a Moment for Mission by Anita Roland, Counselor at Shorehaven Elementary, Garland. Our church partners with Shorehaven to provide supplies to some of the children there.

PARTY

Our church's pianist, **Sheri Dacon**, is celebrating her 50th birthday with a come-and-go birthday party at the Dacon home. The congregation is invited to enjoy finger foods, drinks, and cake of course!

October 13th 6:00pm-9:00pm Come and go!
6662 Barclay Ln Garland TX 75044



Connect Fort Worth Youth Retreat!!!

Our retreat weekend to Fort Worth is coming up quick! The dates are October 19-21, 2018. This is an ALL YOUTH (JYF and up) retreat to Fort Worth. There we will partner with Connect Fort Worth and do mission work, learn more about missions, and better learn how to help in our own community in Garland.

Sign up with David by October 10th.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Our annual Trunk or Treat event is coming up soon and we need your help.

We'll be accepting candy donations beginning October 7th through October 21st. We'll also have hot dogs, chips, and popcorn. Setup will begin at 4:00pm. More information to follow in the coming weeks.



TRUNK or TREAT

5:00-6:30PM  **SATURDAY OCTOBER 27**
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH GARLAND
ACTIVITY CTR PARKING LOT

Sunday, Oct. 6th
8:30am-10:30am

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Fusion Dinner Church

Sat, October 6th

6:30-9:00pm

RSVP with Rev. Casey by Friday.



Homebound Spotlight

Quentin and Rachel Scruggs

Personal Life:

Rachel was born in November of 1923 and Quentin was born in October 1919. Both were born at home. Rachel in her Grandparent's home.

Quentin: Rachel and I knew each other only 1 year before we got married.

Rachel: Quentin quit school due to the draft. He spent 4 years in the Army/Airforce. When Quentin got discharged we both worked at a hotel in Henderson, Texas. Quentin was the Manager and I worked as the desk clerk. We dated a couple of times.

Quentin: One evening I saw Rachel at the theater and I sent a friend to tell her I wanted to talk to her. I asked her to marry me that night. We were married December 14, 1920 in Nacogdoches, Texas. We have been married 72 years.

Rachel: We quit our hotel jobs and left Henderson and moved to Dallas. Quentin worked for Ben E. Keith. We had trouble finding a place to live because of all the service men that were coming back home from the war; housing was scarce. It was even hard to find furniture to put in a home, if you were able to find one available.

Quentin: We moved to Garland from Dallas, Texas and I begin working in Real Estate. Back then, it would cost you 35 cents to call Dallas from Garland. I bought a 40 ft. container and filled it with antiques. Shortly afterward, I had sold them all. This started my love for a career in antiques. I traveled overseas to places like England, France, Belgium and Denmark buying and selling antiques. We had 3 girls and after the children were grown and educated, Rachel went to work at the Safeway Division Office in the Claims Department. We enjoyed the things life provided us. We did a lot of traveling and took 7 cruises. Rachel enjoyed belonging to the Garden Club and served as their President.

Church Activities:

Quentin: I was very active in several opportunities at First Christian Church Garland. I am currently Elder Emeritus. I served on the Board and taught Sunday school.

Present:

Rachel: We have 2 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. They bring so much fun and joy to our lives. Our 3-year-old great grandchild, Alexandra, is a talker and has become the boss of the family. We enjoy living at our current residency very much.

Quentin: Rachel enjoys playing games a couple times a week. I enjoy playing Wii Bowling with friends; and once I am released by the doctor, I will continue with water aerobics. I feel very fortunate to be a member of First Christian Church Garland. We do miss seeing our friends from church. Many of our friends were in the Crusader and Cooper classes. I wish everyone could experience First Christian Church Garland.



Home Group Birthdays

Jaletta Cooley—Oct. 6

Jill Kirker— Oct. 11

Quentin Scruggs—Oct. 23 (99 years)

October

PRAYER CONCERNS

Circle of Fellowship

Martha Ferrell

Wes Ferrell

Sondra Perry

God's Messengers

Mike Harrison

Pat Spradley

Hands of Faith

Michael Armstrong

Jill Kirker

Shepherds

John Harrison

Lee MacDonald

The Grapevine

Joyce Witt Boyd

Jennifer Cass

Bettye Davenport

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