

The Messenger

October 17, 2018



MOMENT'S REFLECTION

Fra Angelico, the early Renaissance artist, paints one of the most indelible images we have of the emotion, and scope of All Saints. In the painting (c. 1423), entitled simply, "The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs," Angelico imagines a scene from heaven. In the words of the hymn, we catch a glimpse of "all the saints adoring Thee."

As lovely as Angelico's work is, the painting obscures the deeper significance of any Christian celebration of All Saints. As St. John of the Book of Revelation imagines, heaven is not an abode for the "saintly." It is for all who have believed in Jesus and kept the faith.



Some Christians, of course, seem to rise above the rest of us. They live particularly virtuous, magnanimous lives. Perhaps, as Angelico imagines, they really do strut the courts of heaven, with their heads encased in golden halos, their hands held in postures of prayer, now dressed in the garments of profound spirituality. They lived their lives so well, so graciously, so generously, that we really do adore them, remember them above all others.

But not all the saints of heaven lived such saintly lives, not even most of them. In fact, Scripture teaches that most saints are remarkable for their ordinariness. They are saints with dirt beneath their fingernails, backs hunched for having spent a life doing physical labor, their faces creased with worry, their records marked with times of obvious weakness. They have walked switch-back paths of faith. But they are saints, too.

The word "saint" comes from the Greek word "hagios"—a word that means not uncommon greatness, but the quality of a person who has given oneself to holy purposes, not perfectly, but as best one knows how. Such persons are holy not as Angelico imagines, but because God in God's great love and grace and mercy has understood the genuineness of their hearts and counted them as holy ones.

"After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count." -Rev. 7:9

This **All Saints, Sunday, November 4th**, please join me in remembering the great ones who have graduated from this life to the next. But then remember and celebrate the ordinary saints among us, too: those who live humble, quiet, lives of faithful resolve—who make not giant leaps, but a life of successive small steps. And then remember that you are one such saint of God, too. Be encouraged that faithfulness, not greatness, is what draws us to heaven. —Dan



Good Samaritans of Garland

Feeding · Helping · Serving

Thanksgiving Food Bags

Thanksgiving food bags for Good Samaritan will be available for pick up in the Fellowship Hall after church Sunday, October 21st. The Thanksgiving food bags will be available from Tricia Harrison. The bags are black this year and all have a label of contents needed for completing the bag. All food bags are due back by Sunday, November 4th. A sincere "Thank you" to each of you for providing a family in need within our community a nice Thanksgiving lunch.



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 WORSHIP SERVICE PLANNED, OCTOBER 21

Our Church will join with churches in North America on Sunday, October 21, to celebrate and remember the Church's call to 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.

SELECT YOUR DELEGATES!

CCSW Regional Assembly

Friday-Saturday, November 2-3, 2018

Central Christian Church, Austin, Texas

Our congregation is entitled to two voting representatives. Judy Ross has agreed to serve as one. We have a place for one more.

If you are interested in being a voting delegate from our church, contact Dan in the church office.

BETTER TOGETHER REGIONAL ASSEMBLY 2018



NOVEMBER 2 & 3 | AUSTIN, TX

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH



REGISTER AT CCSW.ORG/RA2018



THANK
YOU

Thank You to all of the fishermen, cooks, preparation & cleanup crews for a delicious fish fry, as well as to the generosity of church members for successful stewardship & wish list campaigns.

Stewardship Ministry & Wish List Committee

TRUNK OR TREAT

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

We'll be accepting candy donations through this Sunday, October 21st. We'll also have hot dogs, chips, popcorn, and cold drinks at the event. We also need volunteers to give out treats. Setup will begin at 4:00pm.



TRUNK or TREAT

5:00-

6:30PM

FIRST CHRISTIAN
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SATURDAY
OCTOBER

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Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** Our DWM is hosting the NTA DWM General Gathering, at FCCG. The cost of the meal will be \$7.00 payable on the 20th. Please RSVP to Shirley Miller if you are going to attend. She needs a head count to know how much food to prepare.

Our guest speaker will be Eric Grasham, our master potter, who will amaze us with his craftsmanship and spiritual lesson.

Also, **Journey of Hope** is in need of stuffed animals. The children are very appreciative of receiving their little animals. The staff truly welcomes our donations. Thank you for helping a child smile.

DWM Morning Circle Monday, Nov 5th
9:30am Fellowship Hall

DWM Evening Circle Tuesday, Nov 6th
6:45pm Main Street Café

Contact Shirley Miller for more info

Don't Forget!

There will be a congregational meeting after worship this Sunday, Oct. 21 to approve Board representatives, Trustees, Elders, and Diaconate for 2019.

In Sympathy

We give our sympathy to Kenneth Boyd upon the loss of his wife,

Joyce Witt Boyd,

who passed away

Monday, October 15.

Veteran's Day Service

Sunday Nov. 11th

We will recognize current and former veterans during the service.

Fusion Dinner Church

We find our community, faith, fun, and of course, yummy food around the table. There's a place saved just for you! Join us for our next Fusion Dinner Church **Saturday, November 10th at 6:30pm**. Feel free to pass along the invite to others! All are welcome to join us.

Childcare is available. More information to come about the Youth Gathering during Fusion.



Homebound Spotlight

Carroll & Terry Barnes

Carroll Barnes was born in Abilene, Texas and Terry Barnes was born in Canyon City, Colorado.

Carroll had an interesting experience his first day of school in 1st grade that started off his teaching career. (Next time you see him, ask him to tell you the story)

Carroll graduated from North Texas in 1963

with a major in Music Education and a minor in English. Carroll began his career as a music teacher at the elementary level in Ballinger, Texas. Terry's younger brother and sister were his students.

Terry and Carroll met in February of 1965 and in September 1965, Carroll took Terry to Commerce, Texas to perform in the All Senior Honor Choir 3-day competition. After Terry graduated, she worked in the high school library before going to beauty school. Carroll was then teaching in the high school. After dating for 8 months, they were married.

Carroll taught music at Perryton, TX and taught junior high for 5 years before moving to Lubbock. In July of 1974, he started teaching at South Garland HS and taught from 1974-1982. In 1975, the South Garland High School Show Boaters became exceptionally good after Carroll purchased sound equipment for them. In 1982-1997, Carroll was the director of fine arts for the GISD. In 1974-1975, Carroll also taught choir at Valwood Methodist Church.

In 1976, Carroll became the director of FCCG Chancel choir. Carroll left FCCG for a time, but when he returned he would stand in for Stan McGill whenever he was called upon.

Many people at FCCG do not know that Carroll would go early on Wednesday nights to clean up after the pigeons roosting on the front porch of the church. This kept our church entrance clean for everyone.

For several years, Carroll drove the church bus on many trips. He was responsible for driving 22 passengers on a trip to Luckenbach on one particular occasion. A great time was had by all. For many years, Carroll drove the youth to and from camps and took care of the vehicles.

Many do not know that Carroll and Terry rode motorcycles with the Gold Wing Road Riders Association. Carroll was the state director for 2 years, assistant for 2 years, and state treasurer for 4 years. Carroll has ridden in 48 states, plus the provinces of Canada and half of Mexico.



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

Erlinda Martinez

God's Messengers

Mike Harrison

Pat Spradley

Hands of Faith

Michael Armstrong

The Grapevine

Jennifer Cass

Bettye Davenport

PASTORAL CONCERNS LINE



469-573-1717

A dedicated phone number for your use in contacting a FCCG minister with your pastoral concerns.



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