

The Messenger

November 14, 2018



THANKSGIVING EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

DWM BAKE SALE & RAFFLE

Starting at 8:00am

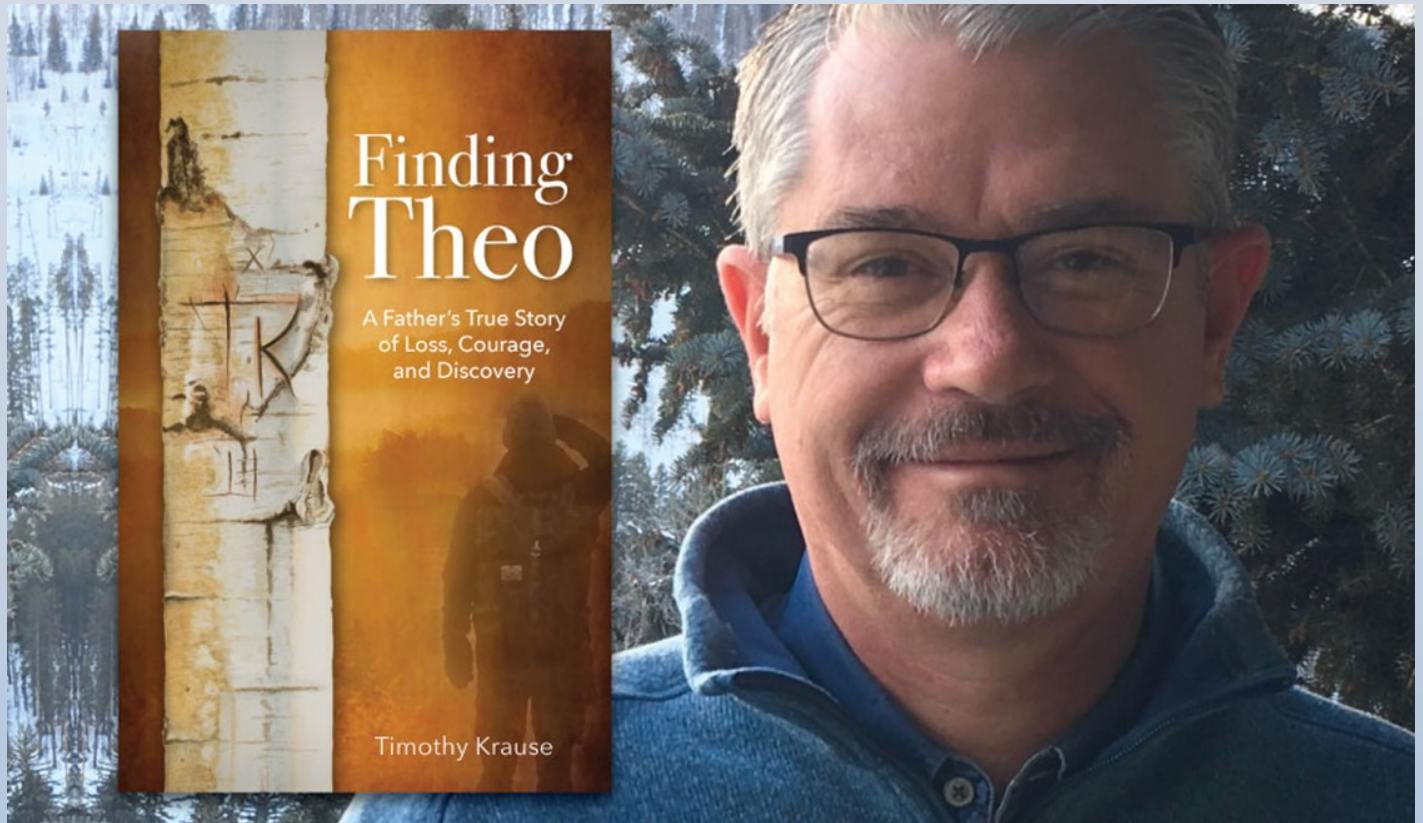
THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

**Starting at 11:30am,
after Sunday School**

**GARLAND CHILDRENS
CHORUS**

**Performance at 6:00pm,
with reception to follow**

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH GARLAND WELCOMES TIMOTHY KRAUSE, AUTHOR OF *FINDING THEO*



December 9, 2018

Sunday School Hour

Please come meet Timothy Krause and learn of his son, Theo's remarkable journey to recovery from a life-changing experience. A story of faith, hope, love, courage, and determination—a true testament to the human spirit. *Finding Theo* restores faith in the goodness of people and something bigger than all of us.

You can find the book at <https://www.amazon.com/Finding-Theo-Fathers-Courage-Discovery/dp/1945507926> or contact Stan McGill.

Family ADVENTure

A time for families to prepare for the season of Advent together.

Sunday Dec. 2

During Sunday School 10:15-11:15am

In Fellowship Hall

Crafts - Advent Wreath - Bible Story

FCC Rowlett Reindeer Project Angel Tree

We're partnering up with FCC Rowlett's Reindeer Project, which provides local children in the Garland ISD with a really great Christmas.

Angels are available this Sunday, November 18th on the Angel Tree located in Fellowship Hall. **Gifts are due back by Sunday, December 2nd.**

The Reindeer Project
Angel
Tree



Please contact Brenda Crosthwaite with any questions.

Mike's Kids

Mike's Kids is an annual program that is supported by the North Texas Area of Disciples Christian Churches, the Christian Men's Fellowship, and Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries. This program supports children and adults who have been abandoned or forced out of their homeland to a new country for political or

religious reasons. Mike's Kids accepts donations of gently used or new clothing, new underwear and socks, gently used or new toys, non-perishable food. **We are focusing on collecting combs and brushes.**

Donations can be dropped off in the "Mike's Kids" box in fellowship hall until Sunday December 9th.



Southwest
Good Samaritan
Ministries

Travel-size for hygiene kits:

- Combs and brushes
- Men's razors/shave cream
- Kleenex and white men's handkerchiefs (bulk purchase)
- Medium-sized (not variety packs) Band-Aids
- men's (untinted) and women's (tinted) lip balm
- Backpacks [no string packs, must hold clothing, small cover, food, paperwork, water bottle, hygiene kit, and diapers (if needed) for two days of travel]

[For this year, we have an abundance of toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, shampoo, hair conditioner, both travel and full-sized. Please hold on to these for next year.]

Clean clothing, new or gently used:

- Jackets (zip up hoodies) and coats, S-M-L men's and women's (many people are headed 'up north') Children's jackets, sized 2-14, boys and girls
- T-shirts (short- and long-sleeved). all ages, Men's S-M-L, Women's XS-S-M-L
- Boys/men jeans, 24-34 waist
- Girl's and women's leggings, mostly S/M, a few L/XL [to fit over detention release ankle bracelets] One-size knit hats, scarves, gloves, adults and children

Other:

Toddler and children picture books, beginning English words, Spanish-English dictionaries, journals, word finds in Spanish (or simple English), maps of US, all-ages coloring books, pre-sharpened pencils, working pens, pre-sharpened 8-color pencils (please, no crayons), small toys with no loose parts- vehicles, stuffed animals, cuddlies for babies (be sure to clean/disinfect before donating)

[Dollar store 'finds' are great, but so are gently-used and outgrown items. Some will be gifts. Others will help relieve boredom along 2-day bus journeys to new homes.]

Local families love the toys, games, clothing, kitchen and household goods (like crock pots), small rugs, comforters, towels, clock radios, and decorations you send. We do not have anyone to do repairs to clothes or household goods. Gently used running shoes are a treasure for teens.

New only:

- Underwear S-M-L (no XL+), Men, Women, & Children
- Mid-calf or tube sock, Men's S-M (no L+) (bulk purchase at 12 pair for \$5.99)
- Stretch belts for boys/men, 26-34 waist (bulk purchase, 80 per week)
- Shoe strings, black, brown, or white (bulk purchase: 120 pair a week)

[Asylum seekers are released with no belts or shoelaces. They are taken when they are processed into detention because of previous suicide attempts in detention. They are not returned.]

ADVENT EVENTS

Festival of Carols

9:00am Worship Service—December 2nd

Family ADVENTure

10:15am during Sunday School—December 2nd

Children's Christmas Pageant

6:00pm in the Sanctuary—December 9th
(Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall)

Chancel Choir's Christmas Cantata

"Carols of the Season"

9:00am Worship Service—December 16th

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Services at 6:00pm and 11:00pm



Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries Mission Trip



Rev. Casey Tanguay is planning on responding to a great need in the Brownsville area by going on a brief mission trip with Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries December 2nd -7th.

There is a growing number of asylum seekers and refugees from numerous countries that find themselves stuck on both sides of the international border. They are waiting to be legally processed by the United States and/or Mexico to apply for asylum. Several of our mission partners have found themselves overwhelmed with the need.

In mid-October, Mexican Immigration began delivering asylum seekers to shelter at Casa Bugambilia in Matamoros, Mexico until they can be processed at the border. Casa Bugambilia is a community center that provides shelter and quality medical care for ill and abandoned persons in the colonias on the outskirts of Matamoros. The clinic can typically only accommodate up to 25 people. Recently up to 107 people from 14 different countries (Cameroon, Eritrea, Guinea, Venezuela, El Salvador, Columbia, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Cuba- just to name a few) were being housed and cared for at Casa Bugambilia.

In addition to those that have been fortunate enough to stay at Casa Bugambilia, there are many more asylum seekers that find themselves “camping” on the bridge as they await their entrance to apply for asylum. This includes many families, women and children. Most of them are fleeing their homes out of fear from violence and various threats to their lives. They are not simply seeking a better economic opportunity but are desperate for refuge and safety.

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While many of these individuals are well-educated and held prestigious jobs in their home countries, they now find themselves at the mercy of strangers to have their basic needs provided. Many faithful people and organizations have been attempting to meet some of these basic needs through providing warm meals, clothes (especially warm ones for the cold weather), blankets, toiletries, etc. Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries continues to try to faithfully respond to these needs.

Rev. Casey will be spending her time distributing food, clothing, toiletries, providing medical care, and offering a ministry of presence and prayer. **Talk to Rev. Casey if you are interested in joining her on this mission adventure. Even if you are unable to go physically help, you can still help through prayer and donations.**

Financial donations can be sent to the church with line item “SWGSM” or can be made directly online:
 Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries <http://swgsm.org/take-action/donate-now/>
 Juntos Servimos: Casa Bugambilia <http://www.juntoservimos.org/donate/>

Material items can be donated in the Mike’s Kids box in Fellowship Hall. The most needed items at this time are: combs/brushes, women’s hygiene products, coats, jackets, sweaters, new underwear, stretch belts, shoe strings

All of the donations given to Mike’s Kids will be transported to Southwest Good Samaritan ministries to be used and distributed to those that will greatly appreciate the gifts.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Circle of Fellowship

Martha Ferrell

Wes Ferrell

Erlinda Martinez

Hands of Faith

Michael Armstrong

The Grapevine

Jennifer Cass

Bettye Davenport

Fishers of Families

David Brand

Doug Cooley

Jaletta Cooley

Shepherds

Helen Smith

God's Messengers

Sam Blake

Pat Spradley

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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