# The Messenger



April 3, 2019

## Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019—9am Procession of Palm Branches "Walk with Jesus" Children & Family Holy Week Event—10:30am

> Maundy Thursday Servíce Agape Feast—7:00pm

Good Fríday Prayer Servíce April 19, 2019—Noon

EASTER Sunday, April 21, 2019 Service of Worship—9:00am Continental Breakfast—10:00am Sunday School—10:15am



Maundy Thursday Agape Feast Thursday, April 18th 7:00pm



## **FUSION DINNER CHURCH**

## SATURDAY, APRIL 13 6:00PM

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.

### Childcare is available

**RSVP to Rev. Casey** 



An EASTER EVENT for FAMILIES Sun., April 14th—10:30am All families with children, grandchildren, and youth are invited to participate in our first ever "Walk with Jesus" event during Sunday School. Our Holy Week adventure will take us on an interactive journey through Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, the Garden of Gethsemane, Good Friday, and Easter. Come experience these important Bible stories in new ways.

Sunday, April 14th — 10:30am





## Brunch, carnival games and a memorial butterfly release!

## Sunday, April 14th 1:00-3:30pm John Paul II High School 900 Coit Road Plano, TX 75075

**FCCG will be hosting a game at the carnival.** Kids are welcome to attend and participate.

JOH Grief Support Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing group grief support to children, adolescents, and their parents or adult caregivers who have lost a loved one.

Our own Kerri Newman is the Chief Program Officer for Journey of Hope.



## Journey of Hope Dinner

FCCG will be hosting this dinner. Our members are asked to contribute funds or donations of paper products. Please bring plates, plasticware, and cups to Rev. Casey.









## **Disciples Women Upcoming Events and News**

**Sunday, April 14; 4:00** – Meet & Greet for Don McKenzie at Juliette Fowler; it will be a cookie reception, so **please bring cookies** with you or leave them at the church that morning. Meet at the church at 3:00 for carpool rides that will leave at 3:15.

**April 26-28** – Area retreat at Athens; applications and fees are now due. Applications can be found on the North Texas Area website here: <u>http://www.ntaccsw.org/2019\_Registration\_forms.pdf</u>

**Sunday, May 5; 3:00** – North TX Area Assembly at East Dallas Christian Church; Larry Ross is preaching the sermon and it will be his last before his official retirement. This service is always inspirational. It's wonderful to see people we know in the area again. We will be providing cookies for this, also. Please bring them to the church that morning or with you to the event.

**Saturday, May 11; 10:00** - Installation of new officers and salad luncheon; bring your Blessing Boxes donations. If you prefer, write a check to Disciples Women and we will send one check. Blessing Boxes are ways we count our blessings all year with coins and then share with worldwide missions through DWM.

**Saturday, May 18; 10:00** - Area meeting at FCC Plano; lunch is \$7 and we will collect that at the church and make the reservations for our group; see Shirley Miller.



## In Sympathy

We give our sympathy to Martha Ferrell & Joanna Jewett upon the passing of longtime FCCG member,

## Bryant Wesley "Wes" Ferrell,

who passed away Thursday, March 21st.

We congratulate **Terry & April Ivie** on receiving the Hero Award at the 2019 Men & Ladies of Honor Gala. The Men and Ladies of Honor organization is dedicated to changing at-risk kids into world-changers, and creating passionate followers of Christ with a structured two-year leadership development program.



Now in its 13th year, in multiple states and six countries all over the world, the Men of Honor and Ladies of Honor programs are transforming community and



campus culture with training and mentoring in godly character and purposeful living for boys and girls ages 11-17. Learn more at <u>http://</u> <u>www.honorministries.org/</u>

Sunday, April 14, 2019 4:00 PM Juliette Fowler Retirement Community 1234 Abrams Rd. Dallas, TX 75214 (214)827-0813

Meet and Greet Party for one of our very special church members, **Rev. Don** 

**McKenzie.** He has been a pillar in our church, a preacher of FCCG, and a liaison for Juliette Fowler Retirement Community.

Rev. McKenzie is going to be a current resident at Juliette Fowler. He will move in to this residence on April 1, 2019.

Our church will have a basket located in the Fellowship Hall for cards to be dropped off for Don. We will carry all the cards over to his Meet & Greet party.

Jack Barger will play the piano during the Meet and Greet hour. Punch and light refreshments will be served. Please, we ask everyone that can to plan on attending Rev. Don McKenzie 's Meet & Greet party on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 4:00 pm.

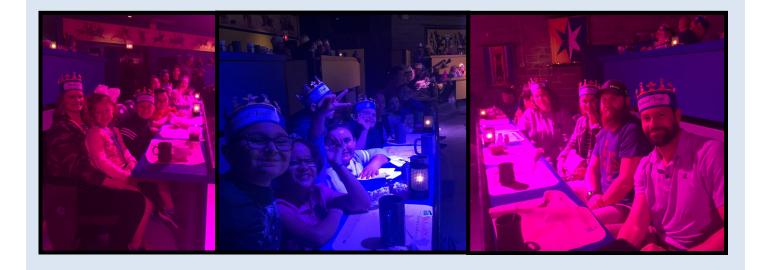


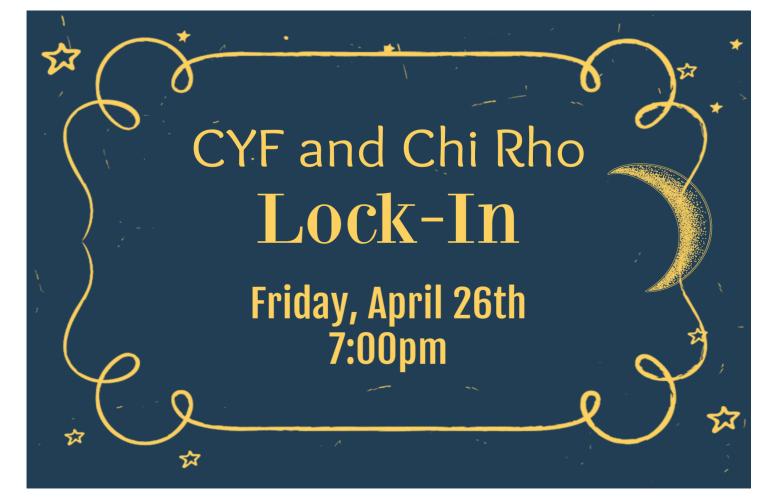
<u>Meet and</u> Greet Party!

## Youth Fun Outing: Medieval Times—Saturday, March 23rd

Medieval Times Trip was so much fun!

Background information for Medieval Times: About a year ago we, as a youth group, decided to go to Medieval Times for a lock-in. It was so awesome and fun that this year we decided to go back! We had a blast and the kids (and adults) loved every minute of it!







#### Sunday School

**CYF/Chi Rho** - Christian Action: Social Issues We are continuing our discussion and lectures over social issues and how Christians should approach them. We are beginning our study of racial issues as it pertains to the Bible, theology, church, and society. We will be delving into the Bible to see how race played a factor, how we can combat racial division in church and in society, and what we can do to help better race relations.

#### Verse: Romans 10:12 (NRSV)

"For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him."

#### JYF

In JYF, we are learning about Bible stories and biblical basics. It is very important for children (and adults) of any age to learn biblical basics. When we get to learn about the Bible at a young age, we open ourselves up to a whole new world of discovery about our creator and our savior Jesus Christ. And what better way to teach about the bible than through stories. Stories are a fun, exciting, and thoughtful way of spreading wisdom to others. In this class, JYF will learn stories from the Bible and gain wisdom.

#### **Evening Youth 5-7PM Sundays**

**CYF/Chi Rho** - Divine Creativity: Participating with God in Creation

We will be learning about God in the first way God presents God's self: as Creator. We know that in the beginning God created, but we do not think God ever stopped. God creates new ideas, justice, nature, peace, and God creates through people. How can we participate with God in creating beautiful things like God does? How can we be instruments of God in creating peace, justice, love, life, and other wonderful things? In this lesson series, we'll discuss creation and how we can participate. We will be having activities such as writing letters to our home group members, planting plants, arts and crafts, watching movies, and doing other creative things.

#### JYF

In JYF, we are learning biblical basics such as organization of the Bible. We are learning the order of the books of the Bible. Memorizing is always such a hard thing to do for anyone. We think it is very helpful for faith formation to be able to know the order of the books of the Bible. To better help the JYF kids to learn them, we are breaking the books into parts and then eventually working to recite them all at once. Right now we are able to recite Genesis to 2 Kings from memory. Please encourage our JYF kids as they continue to work on memorization.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Disciples Crossing Camp Promotion Sunday-April 7<sup>th</sup> Chi Rho/CYF Lock-in – April 26-27<sup>th</sup> Disciples Crossing Deadline – May 1<sup>st</sup> Dos Banderas Youth Fundraiser- May 6<sup>th</sup> 4-8pm Mission Trip June 23-29<sup>th</sup>

#### **Mission Trip News**

Our Mission Trip this year will be **June 23rd through June 29th**. We will be partnering with a fellow Disciple's organization called Disciple's Summer Mission for our mission trip this year. Our mission trip destination will be Springfield, Missouri. We are waiting with eager hands and hearts to find out what we will be doing there as plans are still underway with the organization. Please be in prayer for the lives that we may touch and for us as we venture there. Also, as we draw closer please help us as we try to gain funds through fundraisers.

#### Word from the Youth Minister

Dear Congregation,

We are looking for Sunday School classes, families, or individuals to **volunteer for Sunday Evening snack supper**. Snack Supper is a time from 5-5:30pm that we eat supper and fellowship with one another as youth and sponsors. We have many dates left on the calendar and we would appreciate your assistance. Please contact David Ware or Stephanie Gordon to sign up.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

Circle of Fellowship Denise Armstrong

Diane Howard

Hands of Faith Michael Armstrong Mike Whalin

**Shepherds** 

Billirene Donaghey Donnie Grisham

Lee MacDonald

Cup of Life Mary Helen Shelley

Fishers of Families Darlene Willard

God's Messengers Mike Harrison Pat Spradley Nina Wood **The Grapevine** Carroll Barnes Melody Biffle Lynda Simpson

## 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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