

The Messenger

September 11, 2019



Moment's Reflection

"And God said to Noah, 'Make yourself an ark . . .'" -Genesis 6:14

The picture below was taken Monday morning, September 2, during our community's annual Labor Day parade. Through the diligent work of many folk, our church was able to complete the project in time for children in our community to enjoy a good time of play.

Noah is pictured in the photo. We appreciate him (aka, Pat McKannan), coming to preside to over the opening day!



I'm proud of the efforts of so many hardworking members in our church who, through the very hot summer months, tore down the old playground, cleared the ground and carefully built the new Noah's Ark playground. You'll see more photos of that work inside this newsletter.

I'm also proud that our Playground will be dedicated, Sunday, October 20, as a Community Play-area.

As the Bible story tells (Genesis 6-9), Noah's ark was a place of safety and life and community in a very scary time. In the Ark, Noah and his family rode out the great storm of life. We want the Ark to be a similar place of safety, life, and community for all the neighborhood kids who face their own fearsome storms. We want it to stand as a symbol of how God saves those who need God's help. -Dan



Let's Play!
Our new Noah's Ark playground is here and installed. This is a community playground, and it's already a hit with the kiddos. **We will have a dedication ceremony on October 20th, after Children's Sabbath.** Thanks for everyone who donated their time, money, and effort to get this project done!

Disciples Women Ministry

DWM has begun again! Our first meetings took place September 9th and 10th. Our study this year will be based on Norman Vincent Peale's book *Stay Alive All Your Life*. We have a busy, interesting year planned. All women of the church are encouraged to join us.



Our next meetings:

Morning Circle

Monday, October 7th, 9:30am
FCCG Fellowship Hall

Evening Circle

Tuesday, October 8th, 6:45pm
Main Street Café
(Childcare Available)



We had an incredible start to the 2019-2020 NTA DWM year at Jim Street Christian Church in Waxahachie! Thanks to the ladies of Jim Street and FCC Waxahachie for being such wonderful hostesses.



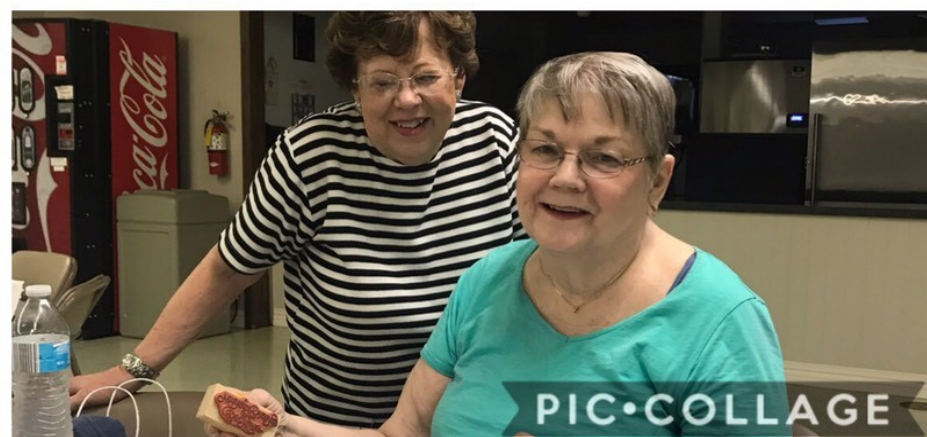
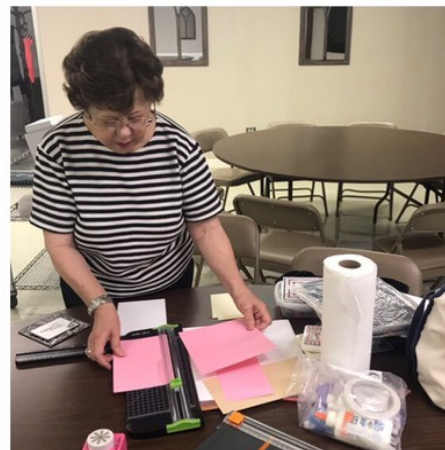
Outreach to Community

School Supply Success!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our school supply drive this year.



Students and Shorehaven Counselor, Anita Roland, receiving First Christian Church School Supply donations from Sharon Campbell and Brenda Crosthwaite.



Midnight Stampers Craft Group meets Thursdays

Did you know there are Paper Crafters that meet Thursdays at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall? The Midnight Stampers enjoy a fun, relaxing craft time. If you are interested, contact Linda Harrison 972-533-4016. Everyone is welcome!

NEW MEMBERS



New Member Spotlight

Fun Facts

Barbara Meil

Where was your childhood home?

I grew up in San Francisco, California. Left at age 18 when I got married.

Do you think life is harder now or easier than when you were young?

Life is harder today due to crime and the economy. I would go back to 1940-50 's when I was young and innocent, when kids played outside.

What were the happiest times of your childhood?

My summers with my Aunt Nonie. She lived in Seattle, Washington and my times spent with her were wonderful. Left me with precious memories.

What was the best job you ever had? The worst?

I really enjoyed the years that I spent working as the Corporate Accounting Executive for the Hyatt Hotel Corporation. I have always enjoyed whatever job I have had over the years.

What person has had the biggest impact on your life?

By far it would be my Aunt Nonie. She taught me the importance of living a good, happy life.

Who makes you laugh the hardest?

I definitely got my sense of humor from my dad. He taught me the value of finding something to laugh about when times get tough, and to always be able to laugh at myself.

What played into your decision to make FCCG your church home?

First thing to attract me was the church building. It reminded me of a little country church. When I visited, everyone was so nice and welcoming, made me feel at home.

Evangelistic Outreach to Neighborhood

Meet & Greet at City Square Lofts

On Saturday, September 7th, several FCCG members enjoyed a Meet & Greet at City Square Lofts, the newest apartment complex across the street from our church. There was coffee and donuts shared with the apartment residents, as well as an invitation given to visit our services. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship. A special THANK YOU for the Families & Professionals group for their work putting this event together.



Outreach to Community

Journey of Hope

On several occasions, we have gone out to provide dinner for Journey of Hope. Journey of Hope 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 to death.

They were kind enough to send us a thank-you note, which you may read below.

We have committed to providing dinner for the support groups on October 24th. Talk to Jason Collard for more information.

If you are unable to help with your time and talents, you can also help by providing monetary donations or donations of supplies for the families.

There is a bin in the church's donation center near the nursery. Talk to Sondra Perry if you'd like more information.

WISH LIST:

- Lemonade powdered drink mix
- Heavy duty dinner plates
- Plastic cups 16-18 oz
- Plastic Forks (dinner strength)
- Napkins



July 24, 2019

Dear Dan,

On behalf of Journey of Hope, I would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$745.39 on June 19, 2019 in support of the families we serve. Your commitment to support some of the most vulnerable children in our community is sincerely appreciated.

Last year, you helped us provide 870 children and family members in North Texas find hope and healing and develop resilience as they learned to mourn the death of a loved one. Please know how grateful we are for your continued belief in the value of what we do!

Sincerely,

Lara Korba
Chief Executive Officer

*Thank you! We so appreciate
the support of FCC!*

Men's Breakfast
Sat., October 5th
8:30am



If you would like to donate the flower arrangements for the worship service, there is an order form in the front office that will need to be completed and submitted.

****NEW—You may also submit a flower order form online at <http://www.fccgarland.org/flowers>*

Stewardship Campaign 2020



Live Generously

TAKE HOLD OF THE LIFE THAT REALLY IS LIFE
1TIMOTHY 6:18-19

Our Stewardship Campaign has begun. Watch for an email or letter from the church with a Time & Talent and Pledge card. You can email them to stacey@cloptoncpa.com

or fill it out online at www.fccgarland.org/stewardship2020.

Stewardship Sunday is September 29th. We'll join together for a Congregational Luncheon that day after Sunday School.

Consecration Sunday Stewardship Potluck Luncheon

September 29, 2019

11:30 am



In celebration of Consecration Sunday, you are all invited to attend and participate in a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall following Sunday School class.

Types of food that will be needed:

Meat – to include casseroles containing meat

Sides – such as potatoes, pasta or rice

Vegetables – such as green beans, corn, or peas

Salads – all kinds are welcomed

Desserts – need to be sweet and tasty

Bread, condiments and drinks will be provided by Stewardship Ministry. Bring your food items to the kitchen on your way into church Sunday morning. We'll keep them warm or cold and "safe" from cookie tasters that may come along.

Let's get
cooking

Fellowship Ministry will be assisting Stewardship in the planning and organization of this event. If you have questions, ideas or concerns, please contact Don & Cyndy Smith at 214-535-6004 or 972-495-0031.

YOUTH AND SPONSORS @ JYF CONNECT THIS WEEKEND!



Three of Junior Age Youth will be attending a service project event this weekend, Friday-Sunday, September 13-15, including **Maddy Olalde, Ann Marie Price and Addison Walker**. Our youth will be sponsored by Rebecca Fetzer and Renee Godwin. They will be joined by other JYF'ers from the surrounding areas.

The event is hosted by Ridglea Christian Church in Fort Worth. The theme of the event is, "Put Your Faith into Action." The youth will choose which area of outreach they wish to learn about, including: Hunger, Homelessness, Children, Bridges (Immigrants and Refugees), or a topic they wish to design in collaboration with Connect Fort Worth Director, Allison Lanza. Through the day, Saturday, they will do hands-on work in their area of interest. As they work, they'll reflect

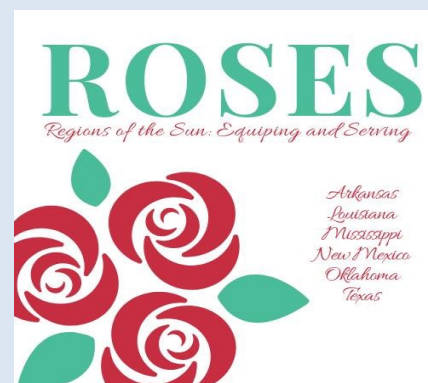
on: "Who is impacted?" "What is going on here?" "So What? (Why does this human need matter to me as a Christian?) and finally, "Now What?" (Knowing what I know, what can I do? What should I do?)

The youth will attend worship and Sunday school at Ridglea Christian Sunday morning before returning home early Sunday afternoon. You may find more about Connect Fort Worth program at: <https://www.facebook.com/Connectfortworth/>

Please pray our children and sponsors' safety coming and going. And pray that God will use this experience to shape their understanding of Christian faith.

MEMBERS ATTENDING WOMEN'S REGIONAL EVENT THIS WEEKEND!

Shirley Miller and Sondra Perry will be attending a Disciples Women Event in Tulsa this weekend. R.O.S.E.S (aka, "Regions of the Sun: Equipping and Serving"), will gather women from Disciples churches in Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi, to worship and reflect on the theme, "Empowering Women for God's Call." The event begins with worship Friday evening, featuring Disciples of Christ General Minister and President, Rev. Teresa Owens. You may find more about the event at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/roses-womens-event-tickets-62955056268>



Please pray for Shirley and Sondra as they travel.

NOTE: If you are attending or know of others who are planning to attend a church-sponsored event and would like to have the congregation know and pray for you, please give information to Office Admin Assistant,

L. Madrid, at officeadmin@fccgarland.org.

Youth Corner

David Ware Farewell

On Sunday, August 25th, we said goodbye to our Youth Pastor, David Ware, with a special Farewell Liturgy and a reception in his honor. He's done great work with the youth here at FCCG and we will miss his contribution to our church family and community.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Circle of Fellowship

Denise Armstrong
Carrie Simpson

Fishers of Families

Dwight Brand

God's Messengers

Ophelia & Ken Hancock

Hands of Faith

Gerry Cooper
Dennis Lee
Glenda Lee

Shepherds

Billirene Donaghey
Ralph Richardson

The Grapevine

Carroll Barnes
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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