

The Messenger

February 5, 2020



RUSK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT FEBRUARY 23

Once again this year, we will host the Rusk Family Memorial service on Sunday, February 23rd at 10:00am. This year's concert is titled "In This Hour" and will feature the music of Heather Sorenson an internationally known composer, arranger, and songwriter. Initially recognized for her skill as a pianist, she is now widely known for her choral, piano, and orchestral works. Heather has performed multiple times at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and Constitution Hall, and her works are performed regularly at competitions, concerts, recitals, and churches worldwide.

Diversity is the characteristic that makes Heather somewhat of an anomaly in the industry: she easily maneuvers both the traditional and contemporary genres of Christian music, often combining the two for a unique blend that has become her artistic fingerprint. Attendees will hear our Chancel Choir perform several of Sorenson's pieces during the concert.

In addition to the musical event, First Christian Church Garland will also award the annual Rusk Memorial Scholarship to two lucky Garland ISD high school seniors. To qualify for the scholarship, students must be a GISD band, choir, orchestra, or art student in the top 25% of their class. They will also have to declare a music major when they attend college in the fall. Each recipient will receive \$1,000 for the 2020-2021 academic year, and must maintain a 3.0 grade point average while enrolled in at least 12 hours of coursework.

We hope you can attend to witness the talent of our Chancel Choir and the growing talent of our local Garland ISD students. **Make sure you are aware of the change in the service time—the Rusk Service begins at 10:00am.**



"In This Hour"

*Sun., February 23rd
10:00am**

**Please note that the
service time change*

Disciples Women Ministry

Thanks to the hosts from Monica Park Christian Church for their hospitality!

Over 80 high energy, multi-generational Disciples women and children turned out and completed service projects at six stations at the North Texas Area DWM gathering on Saturday morning, February 1st. Children and adults made lap blankets and packets for the homeless and high-need children in waiting rooms. They also created "Socks for the Soul" and valentines for both veterans and Juliette Fowler residents.

Our next meetings:

Morning Circle
Monday, March 2nd 9:30am
FCCG Fellowship Hall

Evening Circle
Tuesday, March 3rd 6:45pm
FCCG Fellowship Hall
(Childcare Available)



Disciples Men

This past Saturday, February 1st, the men of First Christian Church Garland hosted the Area Disciples Men during their monthly breakfast. The program was given by Rev. Dan Jones.

Our next meeting:

Men's Breakfast
Sunday, March 7
8:30am



Second Annual Chili Cookoff & Bingo Fundraiser

Last year's chili cookoff was legendary, and we're having another go this year. Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 1st at 11:30am after Sunday School. We'll have prizes for best chili and best decorated table. Chili is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

In addition to the culinary competition, we'll also be playing bingo. Our youth will sell bingo cards, so bring a few extra bucks to join in on the fun. All proceeds will go to the youth mission trip.




Worship

Worshipping Jesus together may be the single most important thing we do. It plays an indispensable role in rekindling our spiritual fire, and keeping it burning. Worshipping in a community of faith brings together God's word, communion, prayer, and fellowship. This combination makes for the greatest means of God's ongoing grace in the Christian life.



Evangelistic Outreach

FCCG will be sponsoring Journey of Hope again in 2020. It is a very important project supporting children who have experienced tragedies in their lives. These children have lost a family member and need support in dealing with their tragic loss.



Journey of Hope
GRIEF SUPPORT CENTER, INC.

We will be providing a meal to these children and family members on these dates:

- Tuesday - March 10th**
- Tuesday - May 26th**
- Tuesday - August 11th**
- Tuesday - October 13th**

Watch for the Power Point on the screen in the Fellowship Hall with more information. We will have a sign up sheet requesting a few volunteers to serve this meal closer to each event. Your time needed will be about 3 hours. Please consider helping with these events, you will feel so rewarded in helping these children. Childcare will also be provided if needed.

New Members

Fun Facts—Mike Allen

Where was your childhood home?

Chattanooga, Tennessee

What are your fondest childhood memories?

Playing pinochle with the family.

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

Easier

What was the best job you ever had? What made it the best?

An actor in the Rock City Chattanooga, Haunted Caverns. It was a lot of fun because the people coming through enjoyed being scared.

If you were left with only 2 food items to eat the rest of your life, what would they be and why?

Sliced brisket sandwiches with a baked potato all the way!

Who in your life has had the biggest impact as an adult?

My wife Pam. She is the love of my life and my partner.

Who makes you laugh the hardest and why?

My sons. They are both intelligent and have sharp wits.

What factors played the most in your decision to make First Christian Church Garland your church home?

We felt welcomed from the very first time that we visited.



Fun Facts—Pam Allen

Where was your childhood home?

Dallas, Texas

What are your fondest childhood memories?

Church Camp in Athens, Texas

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

Easier, I have more independence

What was the best job you ever had? What made it the best?

Operations Control Manager for Southland Life Insurance Company. I was able to implement many improvements that helped the system users and IT development staff.

If you were left with only 2 food items to eat the rest of your life, what would they be and why?

OK, not real healthy, but it would be cheeseburgers and fries

Who in your life has had the biggest impact as an adult?

My Spousal Unit – He was an answer to prayers and has made me a better person in many ways.

Who makes you laugh the hardest and why?

My sons. They are both smart and funny.

What factors played the most in your decision to make First Christian Church Garland your church home?

We felt at home the first time we visited. There are several congregation members that I knew from camp experiences and previous church families.



**ASH
WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 26**

**PANCAKE DINNER
6:00PM**

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
7:00PM**

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In Sympathy

*We give our sympathy to Deann Hancock and the family of
Gene Newman,
who passed away on Tuesday, January 14th.
A memorial service took place at FCCG on Wednesday,
January 29th.*

FCCG Fundraiser
Monday, Feb. 17th
4:00pm – 9:00pm

Dos Banderas
will donate a percentage
of the sales to our
FCCG Youth fund



Dos Banderas Restaurant
614 Main Street
Garland, Texas 75040



View our
livestream
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morning on
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Youth Corner



First Youth Meeting 2020

Youth and sponsors gathered for dinner before some fun games and individual gatherings.

JYF had game time and started on Valentine's Day preparation while Chi Rho studied New Beginnings (out with the old and in with the new).

CYF made plans for youth fundraisers for upcoming months and had great life discussions with Pastor Dan.

Upcoming Youth Events



Sunday, February 16 – Youth Pizza & Games 5 to 7 pm at the Dacon home.

Sunday, March 1 – At 11:30 am there will be an all church chili cookoff hosted by our men's ministry. An All-Youth bingo fundraiser will follow. All youth are asked to be present and help with this fundraiser.

Sunday, March 8—Mission trip deposit of \$100 per person due.

Sunday, May 3 - All Youth Fundraiser for Mission Trip – 5 to 7 pm, Dinner, Talent Show, and Raffle.

June 29-July 3—Chi Rho and CYF Mission Trip to Memphis, TN. Watch for additional information coming soon.



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Youth Corner



Youth Fundraiser continues Feb 9th

John 15:12

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

Pictured here, our youth took turns helping JYF prepare for the Valentine's Day sales. In between making cards, the groups had bonding time by playing games. Youth will hold their Valentine & Bake Sale again on February 9th. Funds raised will benefit the youth mission trip to Memphis, TN.



*Youth Bake Sale & Valentine's Day Sale
February 2nd & February 9th
Proceeds go to mission trip expenses*



PRAYER CONCERNS

Circle of Fellowship

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Rita Brand

Ben Brister

Hands of Faith

Glenda Lee

Morris Womack

The Grapevine

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PASTORAL CONCERNS LINE



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



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