

The Messenger

November 26, 2014



Christmas is coming to FCCCG

The Christmas season is quickly approaching, and already there are big plans for celebration, fellowship, and giving. The Angel Tree is set up in the Fellowship Hall and you can make a child's Christmas brighter with your gift. The boxes for Mike's Kids are also in the Fellowship Hall, and your much-welcome donations will go to the poorest of the poor. More details on giving opportunities on page 2.

In addition to all the ways to give back, here are just a few of the events planned for the season.



The Bethlehem Evening News

On Sunday, December 7th, our own Children's Choir will present *The Bethlehem Evening News*. The program will be a contemporary newscast of the greatest story ever told, the birth of Jesus Christ. Come celebrate with us at 6:00pm to hear the story, shared by the excitement and enthusiasm of our youngest voices.

Christmas Cantata

During the 9:00am service on Sunday, December 14, we will enjoy a special time of worship and music featuring the Chancel Choir's Cantata performance. Please join us for a service filled with the joy of the season.



Need A Great Gift Idea? Purchase a Brick this Christmas!

Looking for a unique Christmas gift for someone special? Purchase and personalize a brick for your friend or loved one. The bricks will be displayed outside the FCCCG dedication ramp in honor or in memory of that special person in your life. For information about cost and personalization options, please contact Kathleen Yant (972.496.0534, kyant1@aol.com) or Eva McKannan (972.414.1737, patevamck@verizon.net)



BUY A BRICK



HOLIDAYS FOR THE HOMELESS

Accepting Christmas Gift Donations Thru Dec

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

Anything that can fit in a gallon Ziploc. Bag —

- Sunglasses
- Gloves
- Socks
- Hand Warmers
- Deck of Cards
- Puzzle Books
- Pen & pad
- Candy & Snacks



There are 48 Children on the Angel Tree who need help with Christmas gifts. The Angel Tree is in the Fellowship Hall. *Deadline for bringing gifts is December 7th. Contact Tricia Harrison for more info (trisha1550@aol.com).*

Participation in Angel Tree in partnership with Rowlett Christian Church

Mike's Kids

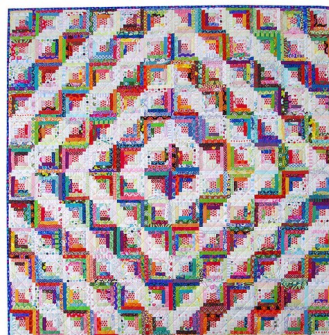
Helping the Poorest of the Poor

Mike's Kids supports children who have been abandoned or families that have been forced out of their homeland to a new country. As Christmas approaches, the North Texas Area Disciples of Christ Christian Churches begin filling boxes with new and gently used clothes and toys to be delivered to Los Fresnos, TX to be distributed to "the poorest of the poor" in the area and to an orphanage just across the border in Mexico. Needed items include:

- *New or gently used clothes and shoes (clean and usable)*
- *New or gently used toys (working, with all of the pieces)*
- *Bicycles*
- *Kitchen utensils*
- *Canned goods*

Donation boxes are in the Fellowship Hall

Toys Need to Be Delivered to the Church by December 7th



QUILTS

FOR SALE

The Quilting Ministry will be selling quilts on Sunday, Dec 7th in Fellowship Hall

Poinsettia Order Forms are available in Fellowship Hall and the Church Office. **Deadline for placing orders is Dec 14th, for delivery on Dec 20th.**



FCCG Welcomes New Members—

Harley & Emily Henderson and son, Cole

Sarah Gibson and daughter, Norah



The Church Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the day after.

2015 MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Needed: LEADER to coordinate our first adult mission trip! This position will be responsible for leading a task force to choose an adult mission opportunity for 2015 and coordinate the recruitment of participants and support for the mission trip. Please contact David Dodd (email: ddodd@irr.com) if interested in this exciting outreach opportunity!

Needed: LEADER to coordinate a task force for 2015 to assist in the establishment and coordination of potential ongoing local outreach/mission events related to providing assistance to the elderly in Garland with needed home repairs. Please contact David Dodd (email: ddodd@irr.com) if interested in this exciting outreach opportunity!



Disciples Women's Ministry December Meetings

The December Morning Circle will be Monday, December 1st at **10:00am**. REMINDER to Morning Circle to bring a salad to share for Christmas Luncheon.

The December Evening Circle will meet on December 2nd at **6:30pm**. The Circle will be held at Brenda Crothwaite's home, located at **514 Ridgegate Dr., Garland, TX 75040**. The Circle will share a Christmas Dinner. REMINDER to please bring food item(s) each Evening Circle Member signed up for and to anyone that was not present, please contact Brenda. (Childcare will be provided at Brenda's home; please contact Stephanie Gordon at 972.495.9638 and RSVP before Evening Circle).

NOTE: To all DWM Circles, please bring a stuffed animal(s) to be donated to the Fire/Police Department.

Our study program, "Women of the Bible: Seeking Justice," will continue with our fourth lesson on Esther and Vashti by Sandra Stofan. Please attend your Circle of choice and hear an inspiring lesson.

Blessings,
Your DWM Executive Board

Babysitting



Youth Babysitting

On **Dec 12th from 5:30pm-10pm**, our high school youth will provide babysitting for parents who wish to have a fun date or start Christmas Shopping! Children age 3 yrs-5th grade can participate. If you have a child younger than 3, please contact Pastor Allison to work out details. **We ask a \$5 donation per child and RSVP by December 7th. A snack supper will be provided.**

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH GARLAND—2015 Proposed Budget

General Fund

Amount

Receipts:

Pledged Receipts	\$335,140
Unpledged Receipts	\$130,000
Allard	\$923
Rentals for Building Use	\$8,600
Interest	\$600
Total Receipts	\$475,263

Expenses:

Personnel	\$328,033
Office	\$25,000
Building Operating Expenses	\$52,800
Utilities	\$46,800
Outreach Ministry	\$10,000
Education Ministry	\$5,100
Fellowship Ministry	\$3,000
Membership Ministry	\$350
Worship Ministry—Traditional Service	\$3,230
Worship Ministry—Contemporary Service	\$0
Evangelism Ministry	\$0
Publicity Ministry	\$450
Stewardship Ministry	\$500
Total Disbursements	\$475,263

Elder On-Call Schedule

In addition to its pastors, FCCG is blessed with a number of spiritual leaders, called Elders. If you have a pastoral need or emergency, do not hesitate to call a minister or an Elder.

November—	December—
Mark Anderson (214.868.5219)	Morris Womack (972.926.9900)
Melody Biffle (214.334.8250)	Bob Simpson (972.495.2948)



PRAYER REQUESTS

Circle of Fellowship

Marilyn Fowler

Fishers of Families

Blondell Lewis
Dottie Harper

God's Messengers

Syd McConnell

Hands of Faith

Morris Womack

Shepherds

Laura Lemaster
Lee MacDonald

The Grapevine

Judi Archibald
Dylan Godwin
Wade Godwin

Shepherds

Laura Lemaster
Lee MacDonald



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