

# The Messenger

March 18, 2015



## BOARD ACTIONS – MARCH 9, 2015

The Board passed two action items in March.

**Steve Sutton (Safe Church Committee Chair)** requested the Board approve the purchase of and training for 3 AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators). Funds for 2 of the AEDs have already been provided from the existing AED fund (\$625), the existing James Axe Memorial Fund (\$1,235) and gifts from various members of the church. The Board approved acquisition of the third AED as funds are collected from members interested in this project. Please be sure to thank Steve for his enormous investment of time in this project to date to make our church a safer place to worship. Steve has provided the letter below explaining the project and the responsibility of the church membership in adopting this life saving program.

**Bill Bliss (Property Chair)** requested the Board approve \$5,400 payment from the Allard Fund to Seltzer & Associates to provide a preliminary design and cost estimate for the renovation of the interior of the Avenue A entry to the church, the Fellowship Hall and the exterior signage at the Avenue A entry. The Board reviewed the updated survey results which indicated near 89% interest in the renovation of the Fellowship Hall and 76% interest in renovation of the Ave A interior entry. The Board also reviewed all survey comments related to the renovation. After discussion the Board passed the motion. Bill will form a task force to work with the design and cost for the project. If you would like to be a part this task force please contact Bill. Once the task force approves a final design and cost, the congregation will have an opportunity to review the design/costs and make comments to the task force. After discussing congregational comments, the task force will make adjustments to the design/cost as they deem appropriate and make a final recommendation to the Board, hopefully at the May Board meeting.

### Attention:

### The Membership of First Christian Church Garland

The Safe Church Committee (David Dodd, Steve Sutton, Bill Dunn, Cara Cooper, Rebecca Fetzer, Kristen Nowlin) was tasked to explore Automated External Defibrillators (AED) and placement in our church building. We met with a local vendor who demonstrated the various features of three highly recommended public access devices (e.g., Zoll AED Plus, Medtronic LifePak CR Plus, and Philips HeartStart FRx). The units were examined for operational ease of use, CPR modules and verbal prompts or commands, durability, automatic versus semi-automatic modes, adult-child-infant compliant, and any distinguishing features that separated them apart. We determined that the Philips HeartStart FRx offered the desired goals for lay operation and public use. Proper signage, wall-mounted cabinet, infant-child key (child under 8 years age or less than 55 pounds), transportation case, physician oversight, CPR kits, and other features were included in the program.

The findings of the committee were presented at the Official Church Board Meeting on Monday, March 9 by Steve Sutton. After an introduction of AED use in a public setting, the technology, various issues such as Policy and Procedure, Physician Supervision, Maintenance, Monitoring and Checklist, Education-Training-Simple Algorithm, the Official Board approved the following:

Safe Church Committee Recommendations:

- Educate Church Staff / Official Board / Membership / To AED Commitment.
- Acquire AED.
- Train & Educate AED Team Members.
- Develop Policy & Procedure Guidelines.
- Develop AED / CPR Algorithm.
- Install Devices.
- Launch Program.

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**Board Approval:**

Proceed with purchase of two AED units and continue fund raising if it is determined that three devices are the desired quantity along with permission to place on location at FCCG after Board / Trustee / Congregation approval.

Commence Training & Education.

Develop Policy & Procedure Guidelines for use approved by Board/Administrative Staff/Membership.

Develop a Simplified Algorithm.

Follow up Trustee / Board / Congregation Approval to Implement / Distribute advertising materials regarding addition of AED into our ministry at appropriate time interval(s) and implement into use after meeting the above criteria.

**We have presently raised \$4,160.00 toward the purchase of three units through private donation, existing AED Fund, James Axe Fund/Elmer Grisham Fund. The actual cost for the three AED's is \$5,422.00, leaving a deficit of \$1,262.00.**

We hope to procure the remaining deficit privately. Anyone who wishes to contribute may do so by earmarking a personal contribution For: AED Fund. Ongoing costs will be line item budgeted for the future requirement to replace batteries (every 4 years) and outdated defibrillator pads (2 year shelf life) along with renewal of physician monitoring (every 3 years).

It is important to note that church and responder liability, safety, training, and education are critical elements to a successful AED program The Safe Church Committee will be working in a due diligent manner with the Church Staff, Trustees, Executive Committee, and church leadership to finalize a Policy and Procedure Guide to educate our membership exhaustively on the relevance of this important addition to our church ministry. Emergency preparedness and safe church are intertwined in an inseparable manner rendering one without the other useless in their respective endeavor. Please support this program and remember the following prayer (credit: *Good Samaritan Hospital Resource Guide for Congregations and Planning for Medical Emergencies*):

God has no body now on earth, but yours,

No hands but yours, No feet but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of God must look out on the world.

Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people.

Amen!

This prayer is ours that God would use any one of us as an emergency responder in a life-threatening circumstance as his instrument to improve potential for survival. We pray that no need ever arises for the use of an AED in our church, however, should it – we want to be highly prepared.

You are welcome to contact Safe Church Committee members, church leadership, or staff with any queries and we will follow up with you in an effort to satisfy any concerns.

Thank You!

Steve Sutton, Chair

## Task Force WHAT TO DO WITH THE ACTIVITY CENTER PROPERTY???

**A task force has been formed to determine just that—WITH YOUR HELP!**

If you have any ideas, please email them to [harryo11@msn.com](mailto:harryo11@msn.com) or put them in WRITING and send to FCC Garland, 115 S. Glenbrook, Garland 75040, or drop in the offering plate, or hand to one of the Task Force members listed below. All possibilities will be considered and two or three viable options will be presented to the Board. This process will take some time, and we can't start until we receive your thoughts, so please send them in! *Thanks.*

**Harry Aston, Chairman**

**Ben Brister**

**Paul Harper**

**Gene Newman**

**Bruce Nowlin**

**Bob Potts**

**Kate Walker**

**Kathleen Yant**

## Families & Professionals Lenten Series

### *Spiritual Disciplines: Creating Space for the Holy*

Led by Red. Casey

Wednesday Evenings through March 25th

6:30pm Brown Bag Dinner; 7:00-8:00pm Spiritual Discipline  
(childcare available)



## Disciples Crossing Summer Camp

It is time to start thinking about our summer plans! Disciples Crossing has officially released the dates and fees to attend camp this summer. Disciples Crossing offers camps for ages 4-99. You can find a description of all camps at [www.DisciplesCrossing.org](http://www.DisciplesCrossing.org) or on the



yellow bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Fee information can be found on the yellow bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. Please make note of the registration deadlines. They are firm deadlines.

### **Children, Youth & Young Adult Camps**

**JYF Camp** June 29-July 3

**Chi Rho Camp** June 22-27

**8'ers Youth Conference** July 5-11

**9'ers Youth Conference** June 15-20

**CYF Conference** June 15-20

### **New and Non-Traditional Camps**

**Adventure Camp (Grades 6-12)**: June 10-13

**Equestrian Camp (Grades 6-12)**: July 27-31

### **Intergenerational Camps**

#### **Grand Camp**

Session 1: May 29-31

Session 2: July 31-August 2

#### **Discovery Camp** June 5-7

#### **Family Camp**

Session 1: May 22-24

Session 2: August 7-9

**NTA DWM Quarterly Project** for Jan 18th-May 16 is ***This Side Up Family Center*** and ***Galaxy Counseling Center***. We are collecting donations of the following: \$1 Bingo prizes, cans of soda, bottled water, packaged snacks, toilet paper, paper towels, and new family board games. Anything you can give is appreciated. (Donation bins located in Fellowship Hall)



Youth still collecting individually wrapped candies. Youth will place the candies in eggs for the egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Collection box in Fellowship Hall.

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Featuring world-  
renowned composer  
**Joseph Martin** in  
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**April 12, 2015 at 9:00am**

*Underwritten by the  
Harold and Martha  
Rusk Fund*

**Lily Order Forms Available  
in the Church Office.  
Deadline for ordering is  
Sunday, March 29th.**



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Fishers of Families**

Dottie Harper  
Blondell Lewis

**Gods Messengers**

Syd McConnell

**Hands of Faith**

Jill Kirker

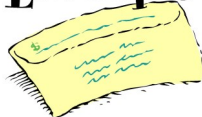
**Shepherds**

Laura Lemaster  
Lee MacDonald

**The Grapevine**

Judi Archibald  
Dylan Godwin  
Wade Godwin  
Ray Owens  
Lynda Simpson

**Offering  
Envelopes**



Offering Envelopes have been ordered and will  
be available in Fellowship Hall within the next  
couple of weeks.

*Pastor's Class*



Sunday,  
March 22,  
2015  
5:30—7:00pm

**ALL CHURCH  
MISSION TRIP**

*Apr 30—May 2, 2015*



**NTA General Assembly**

For more info go to: [www.ntaccsw.org](http://www.ntaccsw.org)

Early Registration Ends End of March

**Elders On-Call—March**

Sharon Campbell (214.557.2086)  
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