

# The Messenger

June 3, 2015



## Moment's Reflection

*"At every turn in the road a new illumining is needed to find the way and a new kindling is needed to follow that way."* -John S. Dunne, quoted in "Praying Our Goodbyes"



It's such a silly thing. Compared to all the truer matters of life and death, this can't possibly rank among a matter of any great consequence. David Letterman retired from the Late Show May 20<sup>th</sup> and I was so ridiculously sad that it embarrassed me. I told a good friend and he said, "Dan, seriously, you need to get a life." Yes. Probably.

I realize now that the ending of his show was a symbol of something else. David Letterman began his late night reign February 1, 1982. I was just a 24-year old then, not even a year into seminary. My adult career hadn't even yet begun. But through all the 33 years of his late night run, I finished

seminary, was ordained, took my first church, celebrated a first child, and then a second, moved here, moved there, celebrated Jenny's later-in-life graduation from college and the beginning of her teaching career, faced cancer in our family, fought cancer, sat at a hospital bed just a few blocks from the Ed Sullivan theatre and said goodbye to a son who had cancer, watched my young daughter grow up and leave home, graduate from college and come home with a guy she'd met. During all those years I passed from young adulthood, to middle age, to something a little north of that. I mean to say that David Letterman has been the constant comedic backdrop through all my adult life.

Obviously I don't know David Letterman. I only know the public persona. And I certainly don't hold him up as any paragon of virtue. His indiscretions are well publicized. But I resonated with his irreverent style of humor. Letterman never took serious people seriously, and there's a particular grace and wisdom in that, even if the serious people in life don't know that fun is being poked at them.

When he announced last fall that he was retiring in May, I planned to write him a letter. I wanted to tell him about the time our son was mute following brain surgery and the only thing he responded to was a David Letterman top ten list. Ten things you probably don't know about Mr. Peanut. His mother is half cashew. His first name is Keith. Silly stuff like that. But Zach laughed at it all, and that's how we knew he was still there with us.

I could tell you other stories like that—about how his humor played a healing role in my life. Not because he tried to be healing, but because laughter is the glue that holds all of life together. In this life there's plenty to contend with. It's through laughter that we learn to see beauty and experience hope, despite all the things with which we contend.

They'll have a new, younger, host next fall. I suspect I'll like him, too. But Letterman's retirement reminds me that time marches on. Nothing lasts forever. Faces change. Faces need to change. Institutions restructure. They have to change to remain vital. And the only way we learn to live well and long within this world of constant change is by learning to pray our goodbyes with thankfulness for what has been, and hope for what is yet to come. **-Dan**

## DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!

**Good Samaritans** is in dire need of food and toiletries for the homeless population of Garland. Many of them lost everything with all the recent rain/flooding and the stock at Good Samaritan is running extremely low (or is gone). For the next couple of weeks we will be collecting donations to help them out. Donations can be dropped off at the church during business hours. They will take almost anything but the list below provides some suggestions of the primary needs.



### Primary Donations Needed:

*Protein/Energy Bars*

*Canned Protein (tuna, spam, vienna sausage, etc.)*

*Pop-top Canned Meals (ravioli, soup, etc.)*

*Fruit Cups*

*Socks*

*Underwear*

*Washcloths*

*Deodorant*

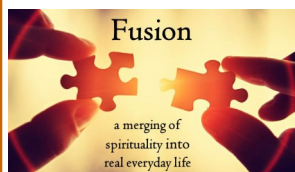
*Travel Size Toiletries*

*Mosquito Spray*



Families & Professionals and Youth **Hawaiian Falls Event**

Sunday, June 7th, 1:00pm-4:00pm — \$20



**Fusion Gathering** is the 1st Wednesday of each month. June gathering is Wednesday, June 3rd, 6:30pm-9:00pm at *Dos Banderas*. Childcare available with RSVP by Monday, June 1st

### Guys and Gals Small Groups



**Guys Small Group** meets Wednesday, June 10th, 6:30-9:00pm at Andrew Tanguay's home

**Gals Small Group** meets Wednesday, June 17th, 6:30-9:00pm at Allie Traylor's home



Families & Professionals / Youth **MOVIE NIGHTS** - in Christianity 101

June 10th, 7:00pm — **Big Hero 6**

July 8th, 7:00pm — **Tangled**

August 5th — **The Lego Movie**



Families & Professionals / Youth

**BINGO NIGHT**

Wednesday, June 24th

7:00pm

in Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy a good ole' fun night of Bingo! Bring your family, friends, and some snacks to share. Everyone has a chance to win some exciting prizes!

## Summer Camp Attendees!

Please pray for our youth and adults as they head off to camp this summer:

**CYF Conference** – Rev. Allison Ray, Monica Martinez, Logan Williams, Erich Womack, Catherine Lines

**Chi Rho** – Branson Wasson

**JYF** – Mike Whalin, Larry Kirker, Mattie Halleen, JuJu Houston, Daisy Nowlin, Nicolas Dyson, Brynna Olade



## SNACKS FOR MISSION TRIP



If you would like to donate individually wrapped snacks to our 17 youth and adults going to Oklahoma City from June 28th—July 4th, please place them in the bin in Fellowship Hall. We would love things like granola bars, snack pack chips, fruit snacks. We are not asking for water or Gatorade this year.

## Families & Professionals and Youth *Frisco Rough Riders Event*

Sunday, July 5th, 6:05pm First Pitch  
Meet at Church at 4:45pm to carpool

ONLY \$5 for ticket, which includes  
souvenir

**RSVP BY JUNE 14th** to Rev. Casey or  
Rev. Allison



## *Women's Mind, Body & Spirit Renewal Day Retreat*

Saturday, June 13, 9:30am-2:00pm at FCCG  
\$25 (includes continental breakfast and lunch) \*scholarships available\*  
For more information, contact Rev. Casey Tanguay

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### Circle of Fellowship

Virginia Stone

#### Fishers of Families

Blondell Lewis

#### Hands of Faith

Gary Carroll

Mary Carroll

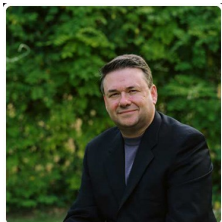
Tammy Wolfe

#### The Grapevine

Dylan Godwin

Lynda Simpson

Tracey Williams



### AVAILABLE

*CDs of the Joseph  
Martin Music Service*



**CDs of the Joseph Martin Music Service will be available for purchase during the month of June. The CDs will be in Fellowship Hall during coffee time; the cost is \$5 per CD.**

Dearest FCCG,

We cannot thank all of you enough for the amazing ways you have welcomed, loved and support our family since our arrival. We were overwhelmed by your generosity this past week from the lovely Baby Shower that was provided for us. The material gifts and cards were greatly appreciated and will definitely be put to good use, but we are even more grateful for the Christian community of love that has so openly embraced us as family. We can't wait to introduce our baby girl Eliza to this amazing family of faith!



Much Thanks!  
*Casey, Andrew, Asher and Baby Eliza Tanguay*

### Elders-On-Call for June:

Melody Biffle

214.334.8250

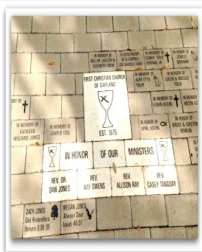
Debra Goheen

972.523.0056



### **BUY A BRICK A Great Gift Idea**

Contact Kathleen Yant; [kyant1@aol.com](mailto:kyant1@aol.com);  
972.496.0534 or Eva McKannan;  
[patevamck@verizon.net](mailto:patevamck@verizon.net); 972.414.1737



### **CSH Elderly Housing Rehab Project**

**Saturday, June 20th at 9:00am  
Sign-Up Sheet in  
Fellowship Hall**

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