

The Messenger

July 15, 2015



Vacation Bible School

July 26th -July 30th, 5:00pm-8:15pm daily
For children age 4 through 5th grade.

Register online at www.fccgarland.org

VBS WORKSHOPS - We Need Your Help!

Assistance needed for VBS preparation—set and prop making, decorations. No special training/skills required. Come share your time and talent. Workshops scheduled from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Activity Center on the following dates:

TODAY, July 15th

Sun., July 19th

Wed., July 22nd (childcare available)

On July 25th at 9:00am, we will be transforming the church into SonSpark Labs. We usually finish around 3:00, so feel free to come and go or stay as long as you can.

VBS VOLUNTEERS TRAINING

VBS Training on Saturday, July 18th from 9:00am-10:00am, in the Parlor. Contact Sharon Campbell if you are unable to attend.

VBS DONATIONS NEEDED

The following items are needed for VBS props. A collection box is in the Fellowship Hall. Our deadline is July 22nd.

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| 6 empty Kleenex boxes | 40 ping pong balls |
| 16 uninflated balloons | 1 beach ball |
| 2 rolls of toilet paper | 4 small foam balls |
| 1 funnel | 1 empty water bottle |
| 2 tall cylinders | 1 dishwashing liquid |
| 1 roll paper towels | |

These items will be borrowed and returned:

- 1 large clear container (aquarium, plastic bin, etc.)
- 30 mousetraps
- 1 Bowling ball
- 1 small Inflatable wading pool
- 1 leaf blower



SNEAKER SUNDAY

July 19th

The big day approaches, and it's time to start buying children's shoes, socks and underwear for **Sneaker Sunday!** Every summer, FCCG members pool their resources in a light-hearted competition to see who can collect the most shoes, socks and underwear for donation to local charities. Sunday school classes from young adult down are asked to collect socks and underwear, and all adult classes are asked to collect sneakers. There will be one winner for each section. Please have all items in your classrooms prior to worship on July 19th. Adults and children all over Garland are in need of safe, comfortable walking shoes, especially as the new school year approaches - AND YOU CAN HELP. Even a single pair of socks can help to ease the burden of these families in need. The winning Sunday school class from each section will be rewarded with a breakfast to die for. Happy shopping!



A Message from Pastor Allison

Now that we are roughly halfway through the summer, the youth and I want to take a quick minute to thank the congregation for all of your love and support! This year, we were able to send 17 youth and 3 adults to church camp at Disciples Crossing. We also sent 12 youth and 5 adults to Oklahoma City on mission trip. Through your generosity, these youth were able to connect with God and their fellow believers. Additionally, they were able to reach out into the community and share God's love.

None of our trips are possible without your prayers, well-wishes, and financial support. In worship this August, we are going to focus on our children and youth. Our children and youth are going to be active participants in worship as a way to share what they have learned over the past year. Below you can see the focus of each Sunday in August. Youth are also going to visit different Sunday School classes to share their summer experiences more in-depth with you, the congregation.

Please take some time to pray over our youth and youth program as we start the new year. Your continued generosity in all things helps our youth program grow and thrive.

August 2nd – VBS Sunday

August 9th – Sponsor Recognition Sunday

August 16th – Youth Mission Sunday

August 23rd – Promotion Sunday

August 30th – Pastor Allison preaches



Come Ring With Us!

Saturday, July 18th, 10am-Noon



If you have ever considered ringing in the bell choir, now is the time! Come and join us for a fun **2-hour workshop** on Saturday, July 18th at 10am-noon in the Bell Choir Practice Room, with lunch to follow in Fellowship Hall. You will learn how to ring a bell, how to spot your notes in the music, and what it means when the ringer thumps the bell on the table! If you find that you have a knack for it, one of our bell choir members will spend some time with you this summer so that you are ready to rock those bells in September when the Fall session starts. If interested please sign up in the Fellowship Hall so we can set a place at the bell table for you. Come one, come all, and let's ring those bells!

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).

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 / Youth
MOVIE NIGHT - in Christianity 101**

August 5th, 7:00pm — *The Lego Movie*



CHANCEL CHOIR

Chancel Choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 9th at 7pm. If you are interested in joining, email

Stan McGill at

Stan.mcgill1@gmail.com

CSH Elderly Housing Rehab



The next work day for this project will be **August 8th**, so mark your calendars. We will meet at the church at 7:00am.

There's a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

**MEN'S
BREAKFAST**



July 18th 8am-9am Fellowship Hall

PRAYER REQUESTS

Hands of Faith

Gary Carroll

The Grapevine

Keith Biffle

Joyce Witt Boyd

Dylan Godwin

Lynda Simpson

Dewayne McCreary

Tracey Williams



To purchase
CDs of the
Joseph



Martin Music Service, see
Stan McGill. CDs are \$5.

BUY A BRICK

Contact Kathleen Yant;

kyant1@aol.com;

972.496.0534 or Eva McKannan;

patevamck@verizon.net;

972.414.1737



**Gals Small Group
This Evening**



Wednesday,
July 15th
6:30-9:00pm at
Emily Henderson's
Home

**Elders-On-Call for
July:**



Kathleen Yant
972.496.0534

Eve Sutton
214.418.8511



CPR-CERTIFIED?

If you presently hold a
CPR certification, please advise the
Church Office. A list is being
compiled of all CPR-certified
members. Thank you.

Staff Schedules

Dan Jones will be on vacation Monday, July 6 through Sunday, July 19, returning to the office Monday, July 20. Please contact Ray or another staff member with all pastoral needs while Dan is on vacation.

Allison Ray will be attending the General Assembly of the Christian Church in Columbus, OH July 18-22.

Casey Tanguay began an 8-week maternity leave on June 12 and will not resume a regular work schedule until August 9.

CPR, First Aid, and AED Training

ATTENTION

FCCG will host two CPR, First Aid, and AED training sessions. Sign up now in the church office. Two dates are available:

August 15th 9:30am-12:00pm Rm. 201

September 26th 9:30am-12:00pm Rm. 201

You only need to attend one of the classes. The minimum class size for these sessions is 15 people and the maximum class size is 20 people. The cost is \$35 per person to attend. Funds have been set aside for anyone who needs assistance. Contact Steve Sutton (214.893.1709) for more information.

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