

The Messenger

July 29, 2015



MOMENT'S REFLECTION

“Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.” -Proverbs 22:6



I was talking to a good friend yesterday. He said that his 11-year old daughter is changing. “Not quite as agreeable with everything her mother and I say these days.”

“Yes,” I said. “It seems to happen that way as they get older.” I wanted to stay, “Well, just wait a few more years until she gets to be a teenager. Then, let’s talk.” But I didn’t. No parent needs an old-timer like me telling them how it’s going to be. Part of the fun of parenting is watching with wonder and awe as your child grows and matures. And I didn’t tell him because every kid is different. Some 11-year olds grow to be the most agreeable teenagers any teacher or parent has ever seen. My friend’s daughter might be one of those.

Yet still, I think I know some of how the years ahead will go. My friend’s 11-year old daughter, no matter how good of parents he and his wife are, will begin to have a mind of her own. She’ll increasingly challenge their decisions, their wisdom. There will be moments of great contention. There will be days when her mother and dad will stand back and behold, “My goodness! Where has our sweet little daughter gone? If you know, please bring her back!”

But not to worry. Over the years, through the changing seasons of graduation, first jobs, marriage, and children of their own, the little ones upon whom we have lavished great love, the finest parenting. The little ones whom we have taken by the hand and brought to church, and Sunday school and Children’s Moments. The ones we dressed up as little angels in the Christmas pageant and read Bible stories to. Though they may leave for a while, they’ll eventually come home to that first teaching. They almost always do. The seeds of faith have been planted in them. Those seeds may seem to go dormant, but they’ll always be there. And in time they’ll bear fruit. I believe this.

This week, many of our church’s finest workers are privileged to host over 50 little ones at this year’s VBS event. We can only guess what they see, what they feel, what they hear. We’re telling them, best we can, the stories of Jesus. We’re cultivating in them the seeds of Christian faith. What we do compliments what you’ve already done at home. We ask that Christ’s Spirit use your work at home, the work we do here this week, that all our children will grow to become Christian believers.

We can’t know when and how that might happen. There may be days ahead when it will seem that we didn’t tell the Story well enough. But over a lifetime I’m hopeful that the stories of Jesus will rise up in them to guide their lives. Today, we plant the seeds. **-Dan**

with Sympathy

We give our sympathy to Ray and Laurie Owens and family, upon the loss of Ray's mother, **Mary Owens**, who passed away today, July 29, 2015.



Friends, our Children's Choir is growing! Over the past few years, our Children's Choir leaders have done such a great job that the children want to stay in Children's Choir even when they have technically aged out of it. Because of the passion of our children, we are splitting the Children's Choir in two. We will now have a Children's Choir and a Youth Choir. This split will enable to our leaders to create more age appropriate lessons. They can teach songs but also notes, reading music, and more as the children grow up. We will have a slight adjustment in the Sunday evening schedule to accommodate our two Choirs. Youth Choir (3rd Grade and up) will meet from 4-5pm before continuing with the normal youth schedule. Children's Choir (4 yrs old through 2nd grade) will meet from 5:30-7pm. Children's Choir will also spend some time playing either on the playground or in the classroom. We invite all children and youth to think about joining one of the choirs this year. Tammy Holcomb and Judy Grasham have worked very hard to pick out great lessons and songs. Eric Dacon and Janie Goheen are also going to help lead our groups. **Kick-off of the Choirs is September 13th and they practice any Sunday we have youth group!** -Pastor Allison



CHANCEL CHOIR rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 9th at 7pm. If you are interested in joining, email Stan McGill at Stan.mcgill1@gmail.com



Handbell Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 26th at 6:00pm; contact Virginia McBee for more info. vmcbee0453@aol.com



JOIN US for a very special
VBS Sunday Fellowship
Sunday, August 2nd
 featuring our VBS participants.

We will follow a revised worship schedule:

Sunday School: 9:00am-10:00am

VBS Sunday Worship Service: 10:00am-11:00am

All-Church VBS Lunch: 11:00am-1:00pm

VBS participants will need to arrive at the church at 9:30am for practice.

VBS Take-Down



We need as many volunteers as we can get to tear down the **SonSpark Labs VBS**. We will begin immediately following the VBS Luncheon on Sunday, August 2nd; we will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

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



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.

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

August 5th, 7:00pm — *The Lego Movie*



PRAYER REQUESTS

Hands of Faith

Gary Carroll

The Grapevine

Terry Barnes

Keith Biffle

Dylan Godwin

Lynda Simpson

Tracey Williams



To purchase
CDs of the
Joseph



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



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.

Elders-On-Call for July:

Kathleen Yant
972.496.0534

Eve Sutton
214.418.8511



Join the Crusader's Class each Sunday morning to hear our resident Parrot-head perform.



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 and 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.



Pledged Offering Recap

	7/26/2015	YTD
Budgeted	\$9,140	\$274,190
Received	\$6,445	\$239,426
Overage/(Shortage)	(\$2,695)	(\$34,765)



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Contact Kathleen Yant;
kyant1@aol.com;
972.496.0534 or Eva McKannan;
patevamck@verizon.net;
972.414.1737

Ordination of David Halleen

First Christian Church Disciples of Christ and Christian church Disciples of Christ in the Southwest request the honor of your presence at the Ordination of **David Paul Halleen** on Sunday, August 9th at 3:00pm at First Christian Church Garland Reception to follow in the Fellowship Hall



CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, August 9th

Immediately following the Worship Service (in the Sanctuary)—to approve the Board's recommendation to direct the Trustee's to lease the Activity Center.

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