

# The Messenger

September 23, 2015



## CONSECRATION SUNDAY

### MESSAGES

*Worship Schedule for Consecration Sunday, September 27, 2015*

*8:30am*

*Coffee Fellowship*

*9:00am—10:00am*

*Sunday School*

*10:15am—11:15am*

*Worship Service*

*11:30am*

*Potluck Lunch in Fellowship Hall*

**REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR  
FAVORITE DISH FOR THE POTLUCK  
LUNCH**



# children's sabbath

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th

As defined by its sponsor, the Children's Defense Fund, the *National Observance of Children's Sabbaths Celebration* is a way for faith communities to celebrate children as sacred gifts of the Divine, and provides the opportunity for houses of worship to renew and live out their moral responsibility to care, protect and advocate for all children.

This celebration is a part of a broader children's movement that aims to unite communities and religious congregations of all faiths across the nation in shared concern for children and a

common commitment to improving their lives and working for justice on their behalf. In that respect, each action is bigger, more powerful and more inspiring than the efforts of any one celebration

As you have surely witnessed on the news and through the various sources of media, many parts of the world are in the midst of turmoil and unrest. This has led to a refugee crises across our nation. As these crises' continue, there is a great need and a wonderful opportunity for us to be the Church by helping to fulfill some of the most basic needs of families and children that find themselves in the midst of this chaos.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has been requested to resettle 8% of ALL refugees who enter the U.S. thru Church World Service offices. Disciples have assisted in resettling more than 40,000 refugees through Church World Service since the end of World War II. To do that, we partner with our 34 CWS refugee affiliate offices all around the U.S. Dallas, TX is one of the locations of the CWS refugee resettlement offices.

Disciples have especially worked recently with refugee's cultures from Iraq, Burma, Afghanistan, Somalia, Bhutan, Syria, and the Congo. Most of these refugees are seeking safety, security and asylum from violence, war, persecution and extreme poverty.

This year, in celebration of Children's Sabbath, we are providing a simple and tangible way for you to help some of these refugee children and families in need.

***In celebration of Children's Sabbath and in coordination with Disciples Home Missions, we will be collecting items for Hospitality School Kits. These kits will be provided to the numerous refugee children that are seeking to find some semblance of normalcy as they are integrated into schools after their arrival.***

***Please bring your school kit donations with you to worship on Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a time to present your donations during the Children's Sermon in worship. The following items should be new. We will accept donations in bulk or put together in kits as suggested below:***

- Backpack
- 2 notebooks
- 100 sheets paper
- 2 bottles glue
- 2 packages crayons
- 2 pair scissors
- 4 pencils, 4 pens



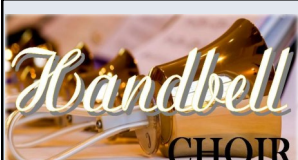




**CHANCEL CHOIR** rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings at 7pm. Contact Stan McGill if you are interested in joining.



**Children's Choirs Rehearsals on Sunday Evenings** — **Youth Choir** (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and up) meets from 4:00-5:00pm. **Children's Choir** (4 yrs old through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade) meets from 5:30pm-7pm. Contact Tammy Holcomb for more information.



**HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSALS** are held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm. Contact Virginia McBee for more information.

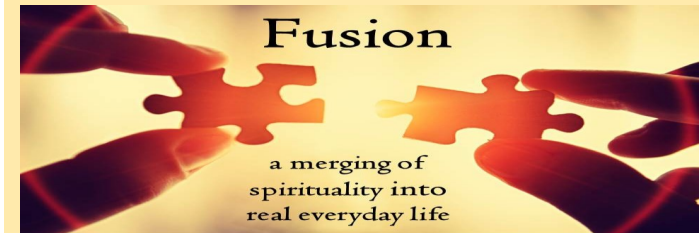
**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)**

Our MOPS group meets from 5:00pm-7:00pm on the second and fourth Sundays most months. Next meeting is Sunday, September 27th. Always feel free to refer a mommy friend!



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

**Saturday, October 10th, 9:00am-2:00pm at FCCG.** ALL women are invited, so come join us and feel free to bring along your girlfriends. See Rev. Casey for registration forms and more info.



**FUSION**—a great opportunity for you to **CONNECT** with God and one another during the week. These gatherings provide a non-threatening way to bring along your friends. It has expanded to three different opportunities:

**FUSION1**- This gathering is for ALL adults (male, female, married, single, kid-less, with-child...). This group meets the **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of each month at a designated location in the community. Next gathering will be

October 7th, 6:30-9:00pm. Childcare is available at the church with prior RSVP.

**FUSION GUYS**- The men gather the **SECOND WEDNESDAY** of each month, 6:30-9:00pm. They rotate meeting in one another's homes. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 14th, location TBD.

**FUSION GALS**- The women gather the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of each month, 7:00-9:00pm at the church. The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 21st. **Breaking Free**, a Beth Moore Bible Study series will continue. Talk to Rev. Casey if you are interested in participating in this study.



**RESCHEDULED TO October 4th at First Christian Church Garland**  
Sundays at 10:15am—12:15pm

**Cost:** Church Members—\$50; Non-Members—\$109 per couple

**STILL TIME TO SIGN UP—Contact Rev. Casey**



**THANK YOU!**

Twenty-one youth and adults attended **Group Dynamix** last Saturday for group building. **THANK YOU** for your financial support that made it a possibility! **-Pastor Allison**

**YOUTH MISSION SATURDAY**

October 3rd is our first Mission Saturday of the year for all youth (K-12). We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9am on October 3rd. Youth should wear clothes that can get messy and dirty. We will be painting the high school youth room and doing some light cleaning for the church. Sharon Campbell is the point person, as I will be away from the Church on this day.

**—Pastor Allison**



**FILMING OF THE LIVE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY** for the Children’s Program has been moved to **October 18th, immediately following Sunday School**. All children are invited to be a part of our live nativity filming. We have costumes for all! You are invited to bring your own costume if you have something that fits in the Nativity. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:20am on October 18th to get costumes. We will be done in an hour.

**- Pastor Allison**



**FCCG FALL FESTIVAL**

**Saturday, October 24th at 5pm**

**FCCG HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**

Saturday, December 5th

5:00pm-9:00pm

*\*Benefits Youth Mission Trip\**





**HEARTSAVER FIRST AID CPR AED**

Heartsaver®  
First Aid CPR AED

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This card certifies that the above individual has successfully completed the objectives and skills evaluations in accordance with the curriculum of the AHA Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED Program. Optional completed modules are those **NOT** marked out:

Child CPR AED      Infant CPR      Written test

Issue Date      Recommended Renewal Date

**REMINDER**

**CPR / AED / FIRST AID**

**TRAINING CLASS**

**Saturday, September 26th, 9:30am-noon**

**In Room 201**

*Good Samaritans Needs Donations  
of Hygiene Kits  
for the Homeless of Garland*

**Need Travel Size Items**

- Moist wipes
- Washcloths
- Razors/Shaving Cream
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
- Lotions



*\*Donation Box in Fellowship Hall\**

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TOGETHER WITH THEIR PARENTS

MELISSA SUSAN  
*and*  
RUSSELL JOHN ROEGER

REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE  
AT THEIR CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE  
SATURDAY THE 24TH OF OCTOBER, 2015  
AT FIVE-THIRTY IN THE EVENING  
ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST  
6900 WARD PARKWAY, KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

*reception immediately to follow  
California's  
4124 Pennsylvania Ave, KC, MO*



### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### Circle of Fellowship

Tommie Potts

#### Cup of Life

Robbie Collister

#### God's Messengers

Sam Blake

#### Hands of Faith

Gary Carroll

Glenda Lee

#### The Grapevine

Keith Biffle

Joyce Witt Boyd

Dylan Godwin

Lynda Simpson

Tracey Williams

#### Elders-On-Call for September:

**Judy Ross**

214.205.2280

**Sharon Campbell**

214.557.2086



#### Disciples Women October Circle Meetings

##### *Morning Circle:*

Monday, October 5th, 9:30am

##### *Evening Circle:*

Tuesday, October 6th, 6:45pm



Cindy Kyle, DWM President  
(cikyle7979@gmail.com)

#### ELDER MEETING AT FCCG

Sunday, September 27th, **12:30pm-1:30pm**

In the Parlor

### Disciples Crossing Work Weekend is THIS WEEKEND—September 25-27, 2015



Disciples Crossing is hosting a **Work Weekend** on September 25-27, 2015 and we would love to have your help.

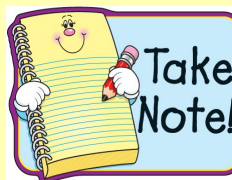
The weekend will be come and go, so stay as long as you can and we'll put you to work while you're here. Youth and

adult ministry groups are encouraged to come as a group, and individuals are also welcome. Projects will be available for all skill levels.

Housing will be complimentary and there is no cost to attend. A suggested donation of \$30 to cover the cost of meals is appreciated, but not required.

**To RSVP, call Tiff in the camp office at 903.675.3692**

Pastor Allison will be away from the Church



October 2nd through October 11th for the joyous occasions of her wedding and honeymoon.

world communion sUNDAY



**October 4th**

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