

# The Messenger

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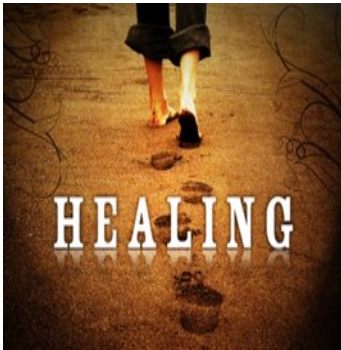
## Notice of Special Meeting

As announced this past Sunday in the worship service, there will be a short **SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th**, immediately following the worship service, to vote on accepting **Judy Grasham** to fill the Vice Chairman position for the remainder of 2015.

### MOMENT'S REFLECTION

*"Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed."* -Prophet's prayer, Jeremiah 17:14

A year ago, **The Atlantic Monthly** ran a cover story on parenting children in the 21<sup>st</sup> century (April 2014). The kid on the front page was wrapped in pillows, with helmet, shin and elbow protectors and accompanied by a parent. The caption insinuated a question: "Is this enough protection?" And the answer, of course, is "No. No amount of protection can spare any child life's inevitable injuries." I think the same is true for each of us: "Hurts are a part of all our lives. We experience them no matter how hard we work to insulate ourselves."



There are other kinds of injuries, of course—emotional, mental and spiritual. No matter their origin or cause, I'm convinced that one of the greatest challenges to living a whole life is ironically learning to accept these inevitable injuries (rather than crying against their unfairness), and then working constructively to work through them to positive resolution.

John Baker offers a hopeful process of healing, teaching that the road to healing involves making 8 life-giving choices. "Hurts, hang-ups and habits don't develop overnight," he writes. Most of them develop slowly, over many years, but at some point they bring our lives to a grinding halt. Below I list the eight "healing choices." If you want to learn more about the process, I recommend reading Baker's book, **Life's Healing Choices**. I think the process has merit for individuals, families, even churches.

1. **Admitting Need**—the Reality Choice
2. **Getting Help**—the Hope Choice
3. **Letting Go**—the Commitment Choice
4. **Coming Clean**—the Housecleaning Choice
5. **Making Changes**—the Transformation Choice
6. **Repairing Relationships**—the Relationship Choice
7. **Maintaining Momentum**—the Growth Choice
8. **Recycling Pain**—the Sharing Choice

I believe scripture teaches that God offers us the gift of healing. Steps 1 and 2 begin with praying the prophet's prayer, "Heal me, O Lord." Steps 3-8 continue with the enabling power of the Holy Spirit. **-Dan**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th**

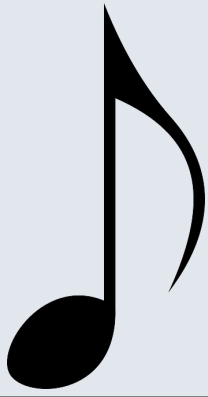
This year, in celebration of Children's Sabbath, we are providing a simple and tangible way for you to help refugee children and families in need.

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 are held on Sunday Evenings — **Youth Choir** (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and up) meets from 4:00pm-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)**

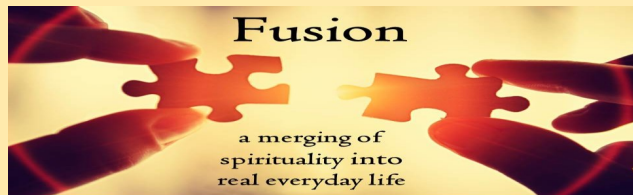
Our MOPS group meets from 5:00pm-7:00pm on the second and fourth Sundays most months. Next meeting is Sunday, October 11th. Always feel free to refer a mommy friend!



**Women's Mind, Body & Spirit Renewal Retreat Day**  
**Saturday, October 10th, 9:00am-2:00pm at FCCG**

(childcare available)

**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 is this evening (Wednesday, October 7th), 6:30-9:00pm at **Fuzzy's** in Rowlett. 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.

**Each Sunday thru November 29th**  
**10:15am-12:15pm**  
**In the Deacon's Room**  
 (childcare available)

**Rev. Casey is leading the class with Dr. Dan assisting.** Because the weekly class begins at 10:15am and runs through 12:15pm, we will be in class (along with our spouses, Andrew and Jenny) as you leave Sunday school through Sunday, November 29.

# Fall Festival & Trunk-r-Treat!

OCTOBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
5-7pm

BRING Bounce House  
FRIENDS FOOD  
& FAMILY CANDY  
GAMES Costumes  
BINGO Face Painting



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**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 HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, December 5th

5:00pm-9:00pm

*\*Benefits Youth Mission Trip\**

holiday  
Craft Fair

## FALL BIBLE STUDY

### “Excellence: Learning to Run With the Horses”

Four Sunday Evenings Beginning October 11-November 8, 6:00pm-7:00pm (Cole Parlor);  
Dr. Dan Leading.

This 4-week study will be a meditation on the life of the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah encountered difficulty in being faithful to God. He was ready to give up. But God challenged him: *“If you have raced with men on foot, and they have worn you out, how will you compete with horses? If you stumble in safe country, how will you manage in the thickets by the Jordan?”* (Jeremiah 12:5). This is a study to **answer the question**: “How can we live life courageously so as to run with the horses?”

**October 11**—Pleading Inadequacy (Jeremiah 1:4-16)

**October 18**—Shaped By God (Jeremiah 18:1-18)

**\*October 25—Fall Festival (No Study)**

**November 1**—Honest Prayer (Jeremiah 15:10-21)

**November 8**—Making the Best of It (Jeremiah 29:1-14)



### CALENDAR REMINDERS

**OCT**

**11**

There will be a **Worship Ministry Meeting** on Sunday, October 11 from 11:30am to 12:30pm in the Chapel.

**OCT**

**12**

There will be a **Cabinet Meeting** on Monday, October 12 at 6:45 pm in the Parlor.

**OCT**

**17**

There will be a **Men's Breakfast** on Saturday, October 17 at 8:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### Circle of Fellowship

Tommie Potts  
Virginia Yohe

#### Cup of Life

Robbie Collister  
Nicole Moore

#### God's Messengers

Sam Blake  
Charles Terry

#### Hands of Faith

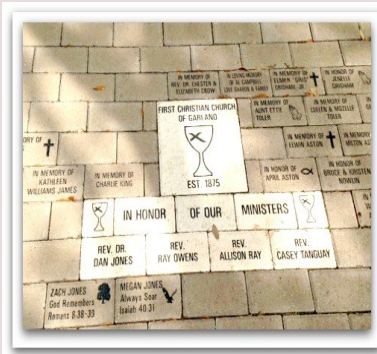
Gary Carroll  
David Worden

#### The Grapevine

Judi Archibald  
Keith Biffle  
Joyce Witt Boyd  
Dylan Godwin  
Lynda Simpson  
Tracey Williams

#### Elders-On-Call for October:

Melody Biffle (214.334.8250)  
Matt Prestenberg (214.535.1709)



### BUY A BRICK

Contact Kathleen Yant;  
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972.496.0534  
or  
Eva McKannan  
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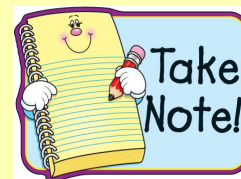
*Good Samaritans Needs  
Donations of Hygiene Kits  
for the Homeless of Garland*

#### **Need Travel Size Items**

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

*\*Donation Box in Fellowship Hall\**

Pastor Allison will be away from the Church October 2nd through October 11th for the joyous occasions of her wedding and honeymoon.



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