

The Messenger



September 21, 2016

Moment's Reflection

"There are some persons whose great gift, in a dark age, is simply to maintain a candlelight of humanity and so to guarantee that darkness should not have the final word." – Robert Ellsberg



In my most recent report to the Board I write:

"Sometimes I think we take our church's robust ministry for granted. We forget that every effort, every commitment, every impulse to give or serve, matters. We forget that we can't do what we do for Christ's sake, unless we all commit to this ministry. The Church's only source of power is the Holy Spirit, not human effort. If we disconnect from that power source, we grow weak and lose heart. The way we stay connected to that power is through prayer."

And so this week, I invite you to pray the following prayer, written by Joyce Rupp and prayed by me many times through the years:

"Spark of God, Spirit of Life!

I remember and celebrate your dwelling within me.

Divine Fire, you never waver in your faithful presence.

Amid seasons of life, you are my inner illumination.

Ever-present Light, the spark of your inspiration has been with me in every moment of my life, always available to lead and guide me.

Eternal Joy, the dancing flames of your joy are reflected in my happiness and in the many ways that I delight in life.

Spirit of God, your fiery presence gives me passion for what is vital and deserving of my enthusiasm.

Blazing Love, the radiant glow of your compassion fills me with awareness, kindness, and understanding.

Purifying Flame, your refining fire transforms me as I experience life's sorrow, pain and discouragement.

Radiant Presence, your steady flame of unconditional love kindles my faithful and enduring relationships.

Luminous One, you breathed love into to me at my birthing and your love will be with me as I breathe my last.

Thank you for being a shining Spark of Life within me."

-Dan

Consecration Sunday

September 25, 2016

See next page for "2017 Generosity Commitment / Time & Talent Card"



CONSECRATION SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCH

Sunday, September 25, 2016

After Sunday School, in Fellowship Hall

Bring Your Favorite Dish to Share

First Christian Church Garland (Disciples of Christ)

2017 Generosity Commitment

Answering Christ's call to help those in need

I (we), _____ now prayerfully pledge the following gifts of time and talents to Christ's ministry through First Christian Church in 2017:

Chancel Choir		Youth Sponsor		Evangelism Ministry	
Children's Choirs		Vacation Bible School		Publicity Ministry	
Handbell Choir		Quilting Group		Stewardship Ministry	
Disciples Women		Property Ministry		Safe Church Ministry	
CMF		Fellowship Ministry		Membership Ministry	
Sunday School Class Teacher		Outreach Ministry		Worship Ministry	
Care Group <input type="checkbox"/> Food Preparation <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital Calling <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Calling		Education Ministry		Personnel	
Adult Mission Trip		CSH Ministry			

(Please place your initials next to your choices)

I (we), _____ now prayerfully pledge the following financial gifts to Christ's ministry through First Christian Church in 2017:

\$ _____ per week
 \$ _____ per month
 \$ _____ per year

General Fund Support

Supports the ongoing operation of the church and its ministries, including property, fellowship, outreach, education, membership, worship, evangelism, publicity and stewardship.

In addition to my support for the church's ongoing ministries in 2017, I would like to contribute to the support of the church's future generations by donating to the following permanent endowment fund(s).

Walton Wallace Endowment Fund	\$ _____	(please send more info about this fund) _____
Pendleton / Wallace Facilities Endowment Fund	\$ _____	(please send more info about this fund) _____
Yarborough Family Enrichment Endowment	\$ _____	(please send more info about this fund) _____
General Endowment Fund	\$ _____	(please send more info about this fund) _____

Please mail/email to: **Stacey Garretson**
Clopton and Company
 610 Main Street
 Garland, TX 75040
stacey@cloptoncpa.com

If not mailing or emailing, please bring to the church on September 25, 2016 to place in the Commitment Basket at the end of the service for delivery to our accountant on Monday, September 26th.

First Christian Church Garland

Fall Festival!

Saturday, October 29, 2016 5:00pm-7:00pm



**MOPS meets at the church on
Sunday, September 25th, 5:00pm-7:00pm**

(childcare available)

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY—GIVING



Since the first of August, DWM has given ...

- 4 boxes of craft items to Juliette Fowler
- 162 magazines and 10 books to Nicholson Memorial Library
- 2 boxes of school supplies to the North Texas Area counties
- 90 lbs. of food to Good Samaritans of Garland



Our next two service projects are ...

- September — North Texas Food Bank
- October — Household Needs Pantry for Juliette Fowler Residents

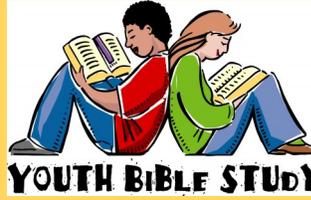
There are boxes under the stairs for anyone that wants to contribute. A list of items requested is posted on the boxes.

FCCG YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Sunday Evening Youth Activities

**5-7pm
At the Church**



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY THIS EVENING for High School and Young Adults.

Wednesday, September 21st, 6:30pm at the Houston's home.

Children's Choir CHILDREN'S CHOIR (4 yrs-3rd grade)
Rehearsals on Sunday evenings, 5:30pm-7:00pm.
Contact Tammy Holcomb for more information.

YOUTH CHOIR (3rd grade and up)
Rehearsals on Sunday evenings, 4:00-5:00pm.
Contact Judy Grasham for more information.

An Important Message About Childcare for FCCG Functions

Please note that childcare will routinely be scheduled for the following functions:

- Worship Service (Sunday morning)*
- Sunday School (Sunday morning)*
- Chancel and Handbell Choir Practice (Wednesday evenings)*
- MOPS (second and fourth Sunday evenings)*
- Board Meetings*

However, if you would like childcare for any other events, please **notify Stephanie Gordon** a minimum of **24 hours** prior to the event. Thank you for your cooperation.

Contact Stephanie via email at sandagordon1@verizon.net or via phone at 214.673.9059.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Circle of Fellowship

Wes Ferrell
Stan McGill

Cup of Life

Monica Pesina &
Ralph
Pat Spradley

Fishers of Families

Rachel Scruggs

God's Messengers

JoAnne Terry

Hands of Faith

Mike Whalin
David Worden

Shepherds

Lee MacDonald

The Grapevine

Terry Barnes
Melody Biffle
Joyce Witt Boyd
Bettye Davenport



**Southwest
Regional
Assembly**

Oct 29-30, 2016 at
Northway Christian Church, Dallas

“Faith WITH Works is ALIVE!”

Register online at — <http://ccsw.org/ra2016/>



CDs now available of the **Mary McDonald performance**. Cost is \$5 per CD; contact Stan McGill

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Limited number of CDs still available of **Joseph Martin performance**; cost is \$5 per CD; contact the church office.



The **DOVE'S COVENANT GROUP** began their 2016-2017 Meeting Schedule this morning, Wednesday, Sept 21st. The Dove's meet every Wednesday at 9:30am, in the Parlor.

Naaman Forest High School Sterling Stars

Erica Sanders Memorial Golf Tournament

Saturday, October 15th, 1:00pm Shotgun Start
\$100 per player

Duck Creek Golf Club
2800 Diamond Oaks Drive
Garland, TX 75040



For more info, contact Glenda Lee or pick up a flyer and registration form in the church office. **Registration deadline is October 3rd.**

FCCG DWM OCTOBER CIRCLE MEETINGS



Morning Circle

Monday, October 3rd at 9:30am
in Fellowship Hall

Evening Circle

Tuesday, October 4th at 6:45pm
in Fellowship Hall

Contact Cindy Kyle for more information

The background is dark with a warm orange and red glow. It features musical notes, a staff, and a large, stylized red and orange graphic that looks like a musical instrument or a decorative flourish.

SUPERB WALLPAPERS

Chancel Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 7pm. Contact Stan McGill for more information.

Handbell Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 6pm. Contact Virginia McBee for more information.



**DID YOU
KNOW...**

These positions are ELECTED OFFICES

These are VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

- Board Chair
- Board Vice-Chair
- Elder
- Deacon
- Junior Deacon
- Trustee
- Treasurer

- Education
- Evangelism
- Fellowship
- Membership
- Outreach
- Personnel
- Property
- Publicity
- Stewardship
- Worship
- Disciples Women
- Disciples Men

PICK YOUR PASSION AND SERVE!

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