

The Messenger



October 11, 2017

MOMENT'S REFLECTION"

Rejoice with those who rejoice . . . weep with those who weep." -Romans 12:15

My childhood and youth were predictably routine. I had predictable fears in childhood, turbulent moments in adolescence. And yet, I lived in a house, with a mother and father who loved each other. There was food in the refrigerator. I had my own bedroom and bed. I chose the clothes I wanted to wear.

I didn't get into any serious trouble. I didn't take drugs. Commit a crime. Was never suspended from school. Fact is, even if I was inclined to do something deviant, I probably wouldn't have succeeded. I was held accountable for even minor ethical infractions. I got in trouble once because a neighbor told my dad that he saw me and another boy throwing snowballs.

I lived in a town of 20,000 people, comprised of mostly white, middle class Americans, a large majority of whom were either Catholic or Mormon. The nuns lived in an abbey across the street from the church parsonage I grew up in. The Mormons had prayer around the flag at sunrise. What kind of trouble could possibly happen in a town like that?

I don't think that world exists anymore. In fact, I'm not sure it even existed back when I was a kid. Reality is only what we think it is. I didn't grow up in a place, a time, in a community where we thought children lived imperiled lives. So, that reality didn't exist. And yet, truth? It did, and it does. So, as we gather to observe Children's Sabbath Sunday this week, we remember to remember that a world of suffering exists around us—that whether we see or hear the cries of our nation's children, their needs are very real.

-Dan, Children's Sabbath 2017



MOMENTS IN AMERICA FOR ALL CHILDREN

Every 2 seconds	Public school student suspended*
Every 9 seconds	High school student drops out*
Every 20 seconds	Baby born to an unmarried mother
Every 24 seconds	Child is arrested
Every 27 seconds	Public school student corporally punished*
Every 34 seconds	Baby born into poverty
Every 45 seconds	Child confirmed abused or neglected
Every 57 seconds	Baby born without health insurance
Every 67 seconds	Baby born into extreme poverty
Every 2 minutes	Baby born to teen mother
Every 4 minutes	Child arrested for drug offense
Every 9 minutes	Child arrested for violent offense
Every 23 minutes	Baby dies before first birthday
Every 69 minutes	Child or teen dies from accident
Every 3 hours and 28 minutes	Child or teen killed by firearm
Every 4 hours	Child or teen commits suicide
Every 6 hours	Child killed by abuse or neglect
Every 11 hours	Mother dies from complications of childbirth or pregnancy

**Based on 180 school days a year*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for **Trunk-or-Treat**



Many opportunities to participate! All church involvement is encouraged!

WHAT—**TRUNK-or-TREAT**, Bounce House, hot dogs, popcorn

WHEN—Saturday, October 28, from 5:00 to 7:00pm

WHERE—Activity Center Parking Lot

WHO—EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Needed—Candy donations; deliver to Donation Center prior to October 28th

Needed—A minimum of five (5) cars from each adult Sunday school class to pass out candy; minimum of fifteen (15) cars total to make this a success

Needed—Bounce House supervision and assistance for children. A minimum of one adult per thirty-minute shift. Bounce House will be located on the Activity Center vacant lot lawn

Needed—Food service assistance; a minimum of five (5) adults per hour to serve hot dogs, popcorn, chips, and drinks. Food service will be located inside the Activity Center garage

Needed—Cooks; a minimum of two adults to cook hot dogs in FCCG kitchen; this would be done prior to 5:00pm starting time

****NOTE: We will cancel if rain is forecasted on Friday, Oct 27th, in order to avoid rental charges. We will not re-schedule.**

Contact Stephanie Gordon if you can help.

FCCG Supports SHOREHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

In a community benefit effort, the Church has [again] supported **SHOREHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** with a donation of school supplies, and, we recently provided lunch for the Shorehaven teachers. However, **Shorehaven still needs volunteers**—people to assist the teachers, help in the library and office and other duties. If you would like to volunteer, please access the GISD website (www.garlandisd.net) to complete the volunteer application). Thanks for your support.

**Families & Professionals**

Fusion: *a merging of spirituality into real everyday life*

Fusion (our Families & Professionals small group gatherings)—meeting monthly. If you are interested in being a part of one of these groups, please sign up with Rev. Casey.



GOOD SAMS Needs Donations of

Plastic Utensil Packets

for Meals for the Homeless. Leave donations in
Donation Center.

CHURCH BOARD

The Nominating Committee for 2018 board positions consists of:

Shirley Miller—Chair; Kate Walker; Don Smith; Jo Brister; Bruce Nowlin; Judy Grasham;
and Sondra Martin

Nominations for the following board positions are now open—Deacons, Elders, and Trustee. Nominating forms are available in the narthex, Fellowship Hall and the Church Office. **The deadline for submitting nominations is Sunday, October 22, 2017.**



Office Hours for Church Staff

*Just a reminder about the
office hours of the church
staff—*

Brenda Keel, the church secretary, is in the office on Mondays, and Wednesdays through Fridays, from 9am to 2pm (**out on Tuesdays**).

If you need to contact **David Ware**, the Youth Director, he is available on Wednesdays, from 11am-5pm via phone/text (#325.725.5307) or email (davidcware@yahoo.com), **or**, in the office on Wednesdays from 11am-2:30pm, and at the church on Sundays for worship/Sunday school, and evening youth activities.

Dr. Dan Jones is off on Fridays, and **Rev. Casey Tanguay** is off on Thursdays, in addition to being out of the office intermittently for Pastoral Care.

A NOTE ABOUT DELIVERIES TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

If you place an order to be delivered to the Church Office, please call Brenda Keel to let her know you are expecting a package. Bear in mind that because of the limited hours the church office is open, delivery might be delayed, or returned to the delivery facility.

Thank you for your cooperation.

PRAYER requests

Circle of Fellowship

Cindy Kyle
Virginia Yohe

Fishers of Families

K.C. Lanier

God's Messengers

Juanita Brock
Nancy Pinka

Shepherds

Jack Barger
Pat Spradley

The Grapevine

Joyce Witt Boyd
Bettye Davenport
Linda Godbey

NEED A RIDE TO CHURCH?

**Sign up in Fellowship Hall and
someone will contact you.**

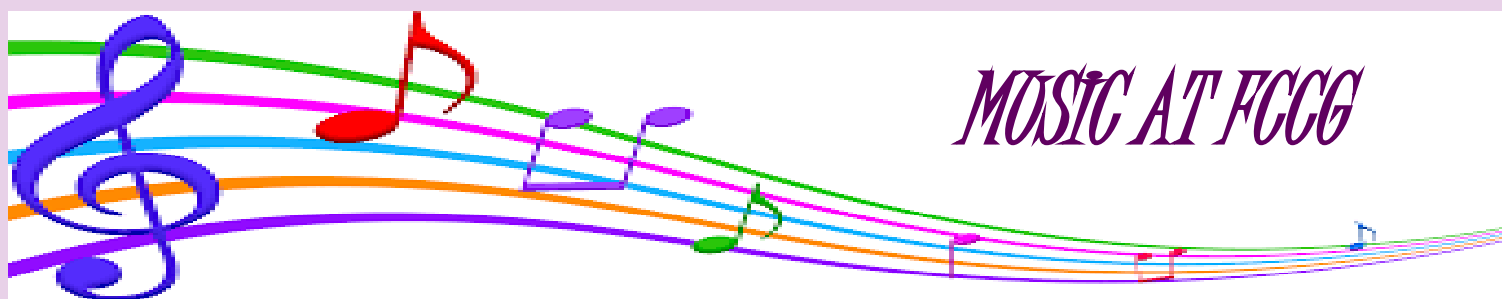
Buy A Brick

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



HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Served on the first Sunday of each month by an Elder. If
you would like to be served, please contact
the church office.



CHANCEL CHOIR

*Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 7-8pm
Contact Stan McGill*

YOUTH CHOIR

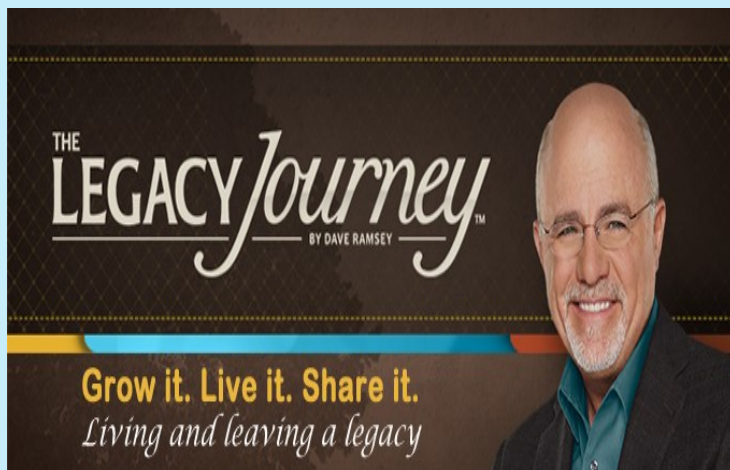
*Rehearsals on Sundays, 4:00-5:00pm
Contact Judy Grasham*

HANDBELL CHOIR

*Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00pm
Contact Virginia McBee*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

*Rehearsals on Sundays, 4:00-5:00pm
Contact Sheri Dacon*



Dave Ramsey "The Legacy Journey" continues . . .

**Each Sunday, thru Oct 22nd,
10:20-11:50am in Room 213**

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU for your generous support of Good Sam in the recent food drive. We collected several hundred pounds of much needed food items for those in need within our community. I recently visited Good Sam and the feeling I had when I entered the house was one of organized "warm Christian welcome". Smiling people were patiently waiting to be helped and were so happy to have a place to go to for their needs to be met.

FCC Garland is planning on providing eight Thanksgiving dinner boxes to Good Sam for those in need to enjoy a delicious and nutritious Thanksgiving lunch together the week of Thanksgiving. Each box feeds 8 - 10 people.

Outreach will be handing out **Thanksgiving Bags** provided by Good Sam later this month. Each bag will contain a list of requested food items for purchase to be included in the bag upon its return. The contents of this filled bag will be a complete Thanksgiving meal that Good Sam will be able to pass out to families within our community. FCC Garland will be helping to fill 40 bags for Good Sam to pass out.

**Brenda Crosthwaite
Outreach Ministry Chair**



☐ If you choose **not** to include a \$15 gift card in your bag, **CHECK THE BOX** and the Outreach Ministry will include the gift card for you.



MOPS next meeting is Sunday,
October 22nd, 5:30-7:00pm
in Room 203

Pay What You Can!



**Sale will be on Sunday, October 15, 2017,
during Coffee Fellowship.**



**Sunday,
October 22nd**

Be present in worship on
Sunday, October 22 for a
special guest speaker—
our own resident Potter
Man, ***Eric Grasham***.

**“Like clay in the
hand of the
potter, so are you
in my hand”**

Jeremiah 18:6, NIV

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