

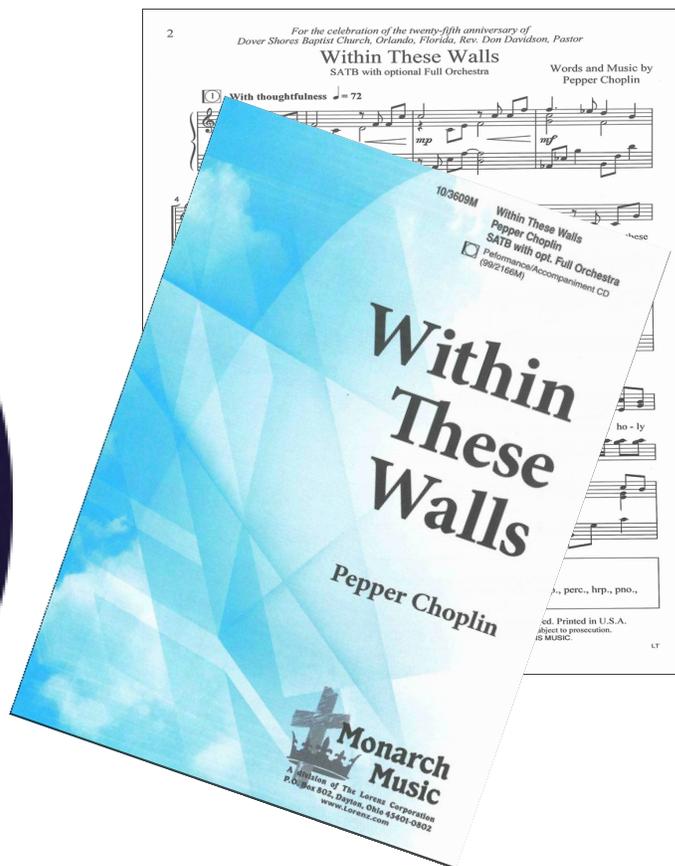


April 11, 2018

Pepper Choplin

In Concert
with the
Chancel Choir

Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 9am



Moment's Reflection

"When his disciples saw it, they said 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?'"
- Luke 9:54

Where did that come from? Harsh words like that? Were James and John in a bad mood? Luke says Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. Along the way he and the disciples went through a Samaritan village. But the people there wouldn't receive him. Jesus was willing to let it go. James and John weren't. They were ready to unleash Armageddon. I have a feeling those words, that willingness to act in hostility, had taken root long before that moment in a Samaritan village.

A friend of mine, a person of color, said he walked into a store a few months ago. He was waiting in line, and a customer, a white person, cut in front of him. My friend is an extraordinarily patient person, but he says he felt a rush of anger towards that rude customer he didn't know he had in him. On the way home he kept asking himself, "Where did that come from?"

After considerable reflection, he thinks he knows. For years, he's grown up in small, southern towns. He's been the recipient of what he calls "micro-aggressions." Hundreds of them. Little puts downs. Patronizing dismissals. Negative characterizations. His parents always told him to turn the other cheek. As a matter of survival, they taught him to be silent, not to react. But the cumulative effect of a lifetime of these little insults has eaten away at him. That moment in the store, with the rude white customer cutting in front of him, triggered a pent-up lifetime of having been put down. He said, "I realized later that I'd spent a lifetime harboring this idea, this impression, rightly or not, that white people feel entitled. That they don't see people like me. Or if they do, they don't respect people like me. I suppose," he confessed, "that even though I never said it aloud, the corrosive effect of that thought worked on my soul."

One of my colleagues writes a weekly blog. In one of his recent blogs he included a quote that struck me in an especially powerful way. I don't know exactly who first wrote these words, but I know from a life of experience that they're true.

"Watch your thoughts, they become words.

Watch your words, they become actions.

Watch your actions, they become habits.

Watch your habits, they become character.

Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny."

So where did that come from? If James and John had thought about it, they would've known.

The seeming impulse to fire-bomb a Samaritan village was rooted in a long-held thought that Samaritans were bad people. Watch your thoughts. They are the seeds of action.

-Dan, Eastertide 2018





Christian Senior Helpers
NEEDS VOLUNTEERS to help with yard clean-up and gutter repairs on Saturday, April 14th. Contact Don Smith at 214.535.6004 for further info.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS
Pam and Randy Preskitt,
 who joined FCCG on Sunday, April 8, 2018.



Collecting BOX TOPS
for Shorehaven Elementary

Shorehaven Elementary is raising funds to enter a choir competition, and in support of them, we are collecting **BOX TOPS**. There is bin set up in the Donation Center for BOX TOPS. Collection deadline is April 30th. Contact Sharon Campbell for more info.



FCCG Quilters are in need of a couple more **sewing machines**. If you have one to donate, please contact **Eva Schneberg**.

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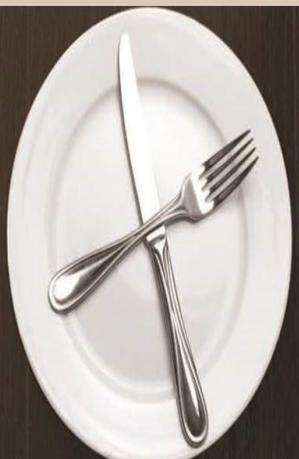
2018 AREA ASSEMBLY

Guest Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum*
 Sunday, May 6, 2018; 3pm at Northway Christian Church, Dallas

2018 TRI-AREA MEN'S RETREAT

Keynote Speaker: *David Dusek*, Founder and Executive Director of Rough Cut Men Ministries—May 18-20, 2018 at Disciples Crossing in Athens

There is a place for you at our table...



We have a new "dinner church" format for **Fusion** and you're invited to join us! We gather monthly at the church for lively discussion centered around a delicious meal. Following the example of the early church, we share our lives and faith around filled tables. These festive dinner parties are one way that we celebrate Jesus' presence among us and how we grow in our faith with one another.

Our next **Fusion DINNER CHURCH** will be Saturday, April 21st, 6:30-10:00pm. Childcare is available. Contact Rev. Casey to RSVP or for more information.

Fusion: a merging of spirituality into real everyday life



If you have a **2018 GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR** in your family, please notify **Stephanie Gordon** at **214.673.9059**.

Seniors will be recognized during the worship service on Sunday, May 6th.



JOURNEY OF HOPE, a local grief support center, where our very own **Kerri Newman** works, is hosting a special **Family Fest** on Sunday April 29th. They are really looking forward to this community-wide, family-friendly event! The Fest will include brunch catered by *Norma's Cafe*, carnival games, ventriloquist act, balloon artist, live bunnies, and a memorial butterfly release. The event is to benefit **Journey of Hope's** bereavement programs for children.

They need people to help lead the carnival games and we'd love to help, right?!

The event is on Sunday, April 29, 12:00-2:30 PM at John Paul II High School in Plano.

If you are willing to help please let Rev. Casey know! (casey@fccgarland.org)

Kids are welcome to attend with you and participate in all the fun!

<http://johgriefsupport.org/events/>




JOIN US FOR A **FAMILY BRUNCH** AND AFTERNOON OF **CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL GAMES** WITH A **MEMORIAL BUTTERFLY RELEASE!**

Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 12—2:30 PM

John Paul II High School, 900 Coit Road, Plano, TX 75075

Early bird prices: \$10 Kid Brunch \$15 Adult Brunch
\$20 Unlimited Games \$25 Memorial butterflies

GAMES	Brunch from	ACTIVITIES
FACE PAINTING		SILENT AUCTION
BALLOON ARTIST		LIVE BUNNIES
VENTRILQUIST		MEMORIAL BUTTERFLY RELEASE
		CRAFTS PRIZES!
SPECIAL VISIT BY HOPE THE BUTTERFLY		

Journey of Hope Grief Support Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Proceeds go to bereavement support program for families.

BROOKHAVEN HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

Come and hear the Brookhaven Handbell Ensemble in concert.

May 5, 2018 * 10:30am

Juliette Fowler Communities, 1234 Abrams Rd

and

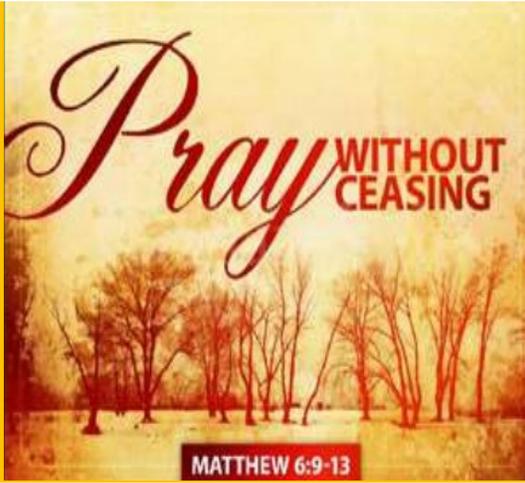
May 6, 2018 * 3:00pm

Biblical Art Center, 7500 Park Lane

Come and support **Tammy Holcomb** and **Judy Grasham** as they ring in these concerts. Tammy is full-time member of the bell choir and Judy is helping out for these two concert dates.

Please call Tammy 469-855-8065 for more information and we'll see you there!





Circle of Fellowship

Wes Ferrell
Bill Fowler

Fishers of Families

Ben Brister
Olis Lewis
Judy Shwartz

God's Messengers

Julia'Ann Ashcraft

Hands of Faith

Dennis Lee

Shepherds

Bill Bliss
April Ivie
Helen Smith
Pat Spradley

The Grapevine

Carroll Barnes
Joyce Witt Boyd
Bettye Davenport



Music at FCCG

CHANCEL CHOIR

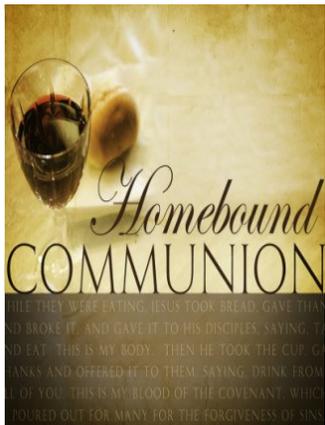
Rehearsals on Wednesdays, 7-8pm
Contact Stan McGill

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



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.

Buy A Brick



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



YOUTH GROUP
meets on Sundays,
5:00-7:00pm
(at the church).



Meets Sunday,
April 22nd
5:30-7:00pm
Room 203
(childcare available)

Thank
you



To All of Our FCCG Friends—

Billie and I would like to thank you for all of the prayers, cards, calls, visits and food during my recent knee surgery and rehab.

You folks are the best! We truly appreciate each and every one of you! **God Bless You.**

-Bill Bliss

Thank
you



Dear Church Friends—

So much has been done to help ease our sorrow in this difficult time. The hospital visits to Harry brightened his days, and made his lengthy hospital stay so much better.

The food, flowers, and attendance at the visitation and funeral meant so very much to us. Harry would have loved every aspect of the funeral — the beautiful music, the message, and the church filled with friends.

It is no secret that Harry loved FCC Garland, and considered it a privilege to serve the church. We appreciate your love and friendship more than you will ever know.

-Pat, April, Bruce, Kristen & Daisy

CORRECTION

Apologies from the Church Office. The message for the “Sanctuary Flowers” on Sunday, March 25, 2018 **should have read:**

In loving memory of our beloved son, John Cole, and our beloved daughter, Pamela Ferrell Fetzer, and in celebration of the lives of our parents, Mr. & Mrs. T.A. Cole and Mr. & Mrs. B.E. Ferrell

From Wes & Martha Ferrell

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