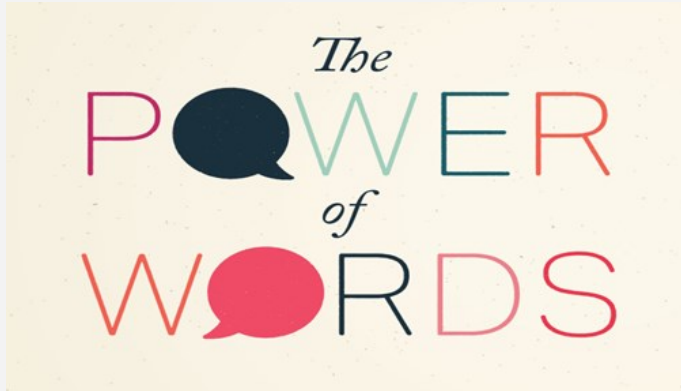


The Messenger

August 23, 2018



Moment's Reflection



For years I've begun sermons by praying the words of the Psalmist: "Lord, let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you." (Psalm 19:14). The prayer suggests an important connection between the issues of my heart, what broods deep within, and the words I speak.

In discussion with some religious leaders of his day, Jesus says as much, teaching that one's mouth plays a critical role in whether one is justified or condemned (Matthew 12:37). James, in his typically sober way, suggests that words carry social-ethical importance. Once words leave our

mouths, they impact the community to whom they're spoken. He writes: "How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire. And the tongue is a fire." (James 3:5-6).

In all the New Testament emphasizes the urgency of measuring our words—that we speak them with great care, resist the impulse to blurt them out thoughtlessly.

The good news is that the same words which have power to wreak destruction may also evoke life and blessing. Last Sunday I talked about the power of words to disclose spiritual health. Over the next 5 weeks, I want to think about specific uses of words:

August 26, 2018

Sermon: "The Power of Words: Instilling Confidence!"

Scripture: Philippians 1:3-11

September 2, 2018

Sermon: "The Power of Words: Giving Others a Chance"

Scripture: Acts 9:26-30

September 9, 2018

Sermon: "The Power of Words: Rewriting an Old Story"

Scripture: John 8:1-11

September 16, 2018

Sermon: "The Power of Words: It Only Takes a Spark"

Scripture: Ephesians 6:4

September 23, 2018

Sermon: "The Power of Words: Stretching the Limits"

Scripture: Numbers 13:31-32; 14:5-8

"Lord, let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you." Psalm 19:14

-Dan



Sun. August 26th

4:00pm

Room 213

Safe Church Training

We would like to encourage you to attend the following Volunteer Training class, which will be held on Sunday, August 26, at 4:00 pm in Room 213.

This training is mandatory for all church employees, Sunday School teachers, youth sponsors and children/youth choir directors but it is open to all interested church members. This continuing education training will address issues of child safety, child sexual abuse and prevention, mandatory reporting procedures and boundaries. Annual Safe Church training is required by FCC By-Laws.

Childcare will be available with advance reservation only. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Children & Youth Teacher & Sponsor Recognition

Sunday, August 26th during worship, 9:00am



WE'VE GOT LOTS OF YOUTH EVENTS COMING UP

YOUTH GROUPS KICK-OFF—Sun. Aug 26th

5:00pm: Snack Supper

5:30-7:00pm: Youth groups (JYF 3rd-5th; Chi-Rho 6th-8th; CYF 9th-12th)

YOUTH PARENT MEETING—Sun. Sep 9th after Sunday school

CHILDREN'S CHOIR—starts Sun. Sep 9th, 4:00pm

For all children kindergarten through 5th grade. Contact Sheri Dacon

Thank You

Thank you for all of the generous donations of school supplies and backpacks! We were overwhelmed by your generosity. We were able to donate to our sponsor school Shorehaven Elementary and the iKandy Foundation, which gave away over 100 backpacks full of supplies to GISD students. Keep all of our students and teachers in your prayers throughout the year.



Successful Sneaker Sunday

Over 300 pairs of sneakers were donated on Sneaker Sunday. The Crusaders Class won the competition and enjoyed a wonderful "winners breakfast". The donations were given to the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, New Beginnings and Shorehaven Elementary School. All were very appreciative of the generous donations.



Fusion DINNER CHURCH

Saturday, September 8th, 6:30-10:00pm. We will gather 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, celebrating Jesus' presence among us and growing in our faith with one another. RSVP to Rev. Casey Tanguay. (childcare available)

Fusion is a ministry created for Families & Professionals, but all are welcome to join us.

**Saturday, September 8th
6:30-10:00pm**





Music at First Christian Church Garland

Rehearsals are starting back up again

Chancel Choir

Practice at 7-8pm on Wednesdays (beginning Sep 5th)

Contact Stan McGill

Handbell Choir

Practice at 6-7pm on Wednesdays (beginning Aug 29th)

Contact Virginia McBee

Children's Choir

Practice 4:00pm on Sundays (beginning Sep 9th)
Kindergarten-5th grade

Contact Sheri Dacon

CHURCH WISH LIST UPDATE

Here is an update on the church's Wish List of items to be repaired or replaced. We've made some very good progress

MOST URGENT NEEDS:

Air Conditioning: We have replaced 3 of the 7 units that needed repairs.

Roof: We are investigating the possibility of installing a pitched roof over the existing flat roof to prevent leaks caused by standing water.

Fire Detection & Safety: It is imperative the church has the appropriate fire detection and safety equipment and can pass fire code. ~~It is imperative the church has the appropriate fire detection and safety equipment and can pass fire code.~~ (COMPLETED)

LESS URGENT NEEDS:

Flooring: The carpet along the 2nd floor and the 1st floor (north side of the Sanctuary) hallways as well as in ~~Room 201~~ (COMPLETED) and the Robe Rooms needs to be replaced.

New Pew Cushions: Many of the 71 pew cushions are worn and have become stained over the years.

Update to the Youth Wing: The furniture and décor in the Youth Wing is in need of a serious facelift to attract young members.

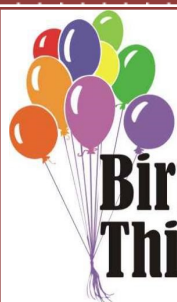
HOW YOU CAN HELP

You may mail a contribution directly to Clopton & Company, LLC, ATTN: Stacey Garretson, 610 Main Street, Garland, TX 75040. If you would like to make a gift with shares of stock, there has been an account established for this type of transaction. Please contact Senior Trustee, John Harrison at 972-533-0069 or via email verfamily99@aol.com for information regarding a stock sale. While your support to the Campaign will be greatly appreciated, please remember that your gift should be in addition to your usual giving to the church's General Fund.



Sunday, Sept. 8th
8:30am-10:30am

MEN'S BREAKFAST



**Birthdays
This Month**

September

Home Group Birthdays

September 1—Dottie Harper

September 16—Lee MacDonald

WELCOME OUR NEW OFFICE ADMIN

Leslee Madrid will begin work Friday, August 24, as our new church office administrator. Leslee has worked the last four years as our behind-the-scenes digital sign updater and former Office Admin, Brenda Keel's substitute. As such she has a head start on knowing the office protocol.

Leslee will work 25-30 hours per week, working in the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and then will complete the remainder of work from home on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Her office email will be the same one you've used: officeadmin@fccgarland.org. You may reach Leslee during office hours at her church phone number, (972) 272-5423, extension 221.

Leslee is married to José, a Spanish teacher in Lovejoy ISD. She and José are parents to two children, Davy and Joey. Please welcome Leslee.

NEW CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

9:00am-3:00pm

With Sympathy

We give our sympathy to the family of

Olis L. Lewis,

Who passed on Sunday morning, August 19, 2018.

Olis, and late wife, Blondell, were long-time members of our congregation.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Circle of Fellowship
Wes Ferrell

Shepherds
John Harrison

God's Messengers
Pat Spradley

The Grapevine
Joyce Witt Boyd

PASTORAL CONCERNS LINE



469-573-1717

A dedicated phone number for your use in contacting a FCCG minister with your pastoral concerns.



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