

The Messenger

May 1, 2019



MOMENT'S REFLECTION

The Sunday after is such a study in contrasts. The Sunday before? Easter. Easter Sunday. That resplendent day in Spring when the Church gathers to celebrate Christ's Resurrection. Of that Sunday, your pastor wrote: *"I felt a little emotional singing 'Crown Him with Many Crowns.' The song, the voices, the brass—it all felt transcendent to me."*

"After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples"

-John 21:1

The Sunday after? Not so much. The lights over the chancel choir flickered intermittently throughout the service. Someone reported that the pastor's cordless microphone was on as he discussed with his colleague what to do about it. Some members complained that it was too cold in the sanctuary. The numbers were down. There was some confusion about how many verses to sing of "He Lives." The congregation was so quiet you could hear some of the children dropping things and laughing. At one pause in the pastor's sermon, someone let out a loud sigh. An Elder reported, "It must've been boredom."

And such is the Sunday after.

It's predictable, of course. Just the like the weeds that grow up in my lawn each early Spring. A force of nature. Inexorable in its consistency. We Christians can only sustain peaks of great emotional energy so long. And then, we fall to lower levels of daily subsistence.

Maybe there's a lesson to be learned here. I think there is. Namely, that the truth and power of Christ's resurrection doesn't depend at all on our ability to attend to it. Or even that the joy of resurrection breaks out only in those moments of luminous glory. Rather, that Easter is an occasion that leavens all our ordinary days with life. That even when we're not in a state of extraordinary emotional fever, Jesus is still alive among us.



John's gospel recounts a telling occasion in the days after Jesus' resurrection. Peter and the gang have gone back to fishing. But even there, in this most ordinary of times, Jesus stands on the beach waiting for them. They fuss about what bait to use. He prepares a breakfast. He invites them. They come. But not before they get dressed. They aren't even dressed for the occasion. And there, Jesus communes with them.

I take that to be a lesson about how resurrection happens for all us. On the first Sunday. Yes. How could it not. But the rest of the days, too. This is the good news of Easter.

-Dan, Eastertide 2019



First Christian Church Garland VBS

Sun. June 9th—Thur. June 13th
5:00pm—8:00pm

We've planned an exciting Vacation Bible School this summer for children ages 4 through 5th grade. So mark your calendars for June 9 through 13th (Sunday to Thursday) from 5:00pm to 8:00pm.

At To Mars and Beyond VBS, students will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they explore where God's power can take them. They will become Voyagers and discover how to serve God and God's mission for their lives.

After a high-energy Opening Assembly time, Voyagers make their way to the Bible Story Station. Interactive Bible lessons reveal Power Launcher (key learnings) to equip them for an active life with God.

**Glory to God, who is
able to do far beyond
all that we could ask
or imagine by his
power at work within
us! Ephesians 3:20**

Students will expand on their discoveries by making their own art projects at the Craft Station, singing new songs at the Music Station, exploring the wonders of creation at the Science Station, playing games at the Recreation Station, and enjoying tasty treats at the Snack Station. Along the way, the Voyagers will hear about our mission project and respond to a call for action!

You can register online here:

[http://www.fccgarland.org/
forms/view/37438](http://www.fccgarland.org/forms/view/37438)



Youth Fundraiser

Monday, May 6th, at

Dos Banderas Restaurant

4:00pm-8:00pm

**A portion of the proceeds will
go to our youth.**

North Texas Area Assembly



Guest Preacher—Rev. Dr. Larry Ross
North Texas Area Minister
Sunday, May 5, 2019
3:00 p.m.
East Dallas Christian Church
629 N. Peak St.
Dallas, TX 75246

Men's Breakfast

Sat., May 4th

8:30am



In Sympathy

We give our sympathy to Bill & Jeanne and Clay Dunn upon the passing of their son and brother,

Chuck Dunn,

who passed away Monday, April 8th.



FUSION DINNER CHURCH

SATURDAY, MAY 18

With the Spring 2019 Wine Walk

**Childcare is available.
RSVP to Rev. Casey**

Disciples Women Upcoming Events and News

Sunday, May 5; 3:00 – North TX Area Assembly at East Dallas Christian Church; Larry Ross is preaching the sermon and it will be his last before his official retirement. This service is always inspirational. It's wonderful to see people we know in the area again. **We will be providing cookies for this, also. Please bring them to the church that morning or with you to the event.**

Saturday, May 11; 10:00 - DWM is celebrating 145 years of ministry this year! Join us in celebrating on Saturday, May 11th at 10:00am. Bring your favorite salad and enjoy a morning of fellowship and lunch. All women are invited. New officers for the coming year of 2019-2020 will be installed by Billie Bliss.

Saturday, May 18; 10:00 - Area meeting at FCC Plano; lunch is \$7 and we will collect that at the church and make the reservations for our group; see Shirley Miller.

To our church family,

Thank you for all the prayer, delicious food. All the comforting cards, visits, have been great to get us through this time of our lives. We are fortunate and blessed with friends.

If anyone would like to make a donation in Chuck's memory, designate it for the church roof.

With Christ's love,

Jeanne, Bill, Clay & family

“Walk with Jesus” Holy Week Event

What a wonderful journey we had at our first ever “Walk with Jesus” Holy Week event on Palm Sunday! Our children and families experienced the stories of Holy Week in new ways and had a blast! Thank you to all those who helped make this a reality!



Journey of Hope Family Fest

We had a great time volunteering at Journey of Hope's Family Fest Sunday April 14th as we hosted a couple of games, participated in all the fun activities, and remembered our deceased loved ones with the butterfly release. Special thanks to Jason Collard, Paula Miller-Newman, the Taylor-Olalde family, Sharon Campbell and the Tanguay family.



Journey of Hope Support Group Dinner

We had a fabulous group of church members provide dinner to the Journey of Hope Grief Support Group on Thursday, April 25 for about 65 people. Thanks to all the people who contributed to make this possible by donating money, shopping, cooking, serving, and cleaning: Julian, Kathleen, Sophie Olalde, Harley and Emily Henderson, Eric and John Dacon, Shirley Miller, Sharon Campbell, Pat and Eva McKannan. Also thanks to Intrinsic, Chick-fil-a, and Babe's who donated food for the cause.

If you are interested in helping with future outreach events with Journey of Hope, talk with Rev. Casey. Also, donations of plasticware and new stuffed animals are always needed.

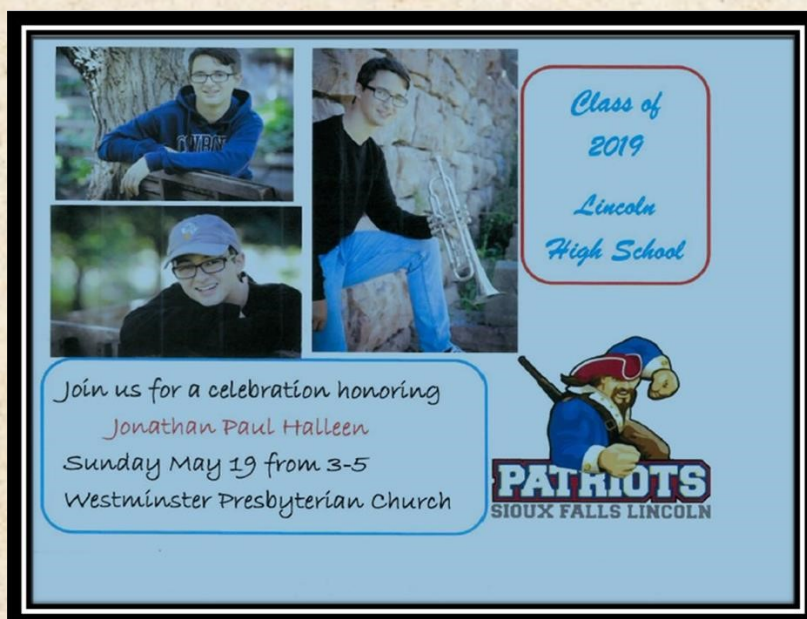
Easter blessings!

Thank-you to everyone who gave of their time, effort, and resources to ensure a meaningful and spirit-filled Holy Week and Easter! May God continue to reveal resurrection mercies to you this Easter season.



Dear Church Member, received the following Graduation Announcement from **David & Alisa Halleen, regarding their son, Jonathan**. David is the Senior Minister at Jonathan's Home Church. The Halleen family, including **Jonathan's sister, Maddie**, were member members and active leaders in our church for many year prior to Dave's call to Sioux Falls, two years ago. The picture scanned blue, but you can still see Jonathan's pictures. You may wish to send a card to Jonathan at the Halleen home:

4504 S. Southeastern Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57103



Youth Corner



Parents, youth, and sponsors,

This year we are going to go about Summer differently. We are not just going to quit meeting because the school year is done. This Summer, we are going to try to meet and hang out as much as we can. We aren't going to be doing regular 5-7PM youth on Sunday during Summer, but more fun and relaxing things. We might do lunch, have a pool party, lock-ins, service projects, church hangouts, etc. If you have any other ideas, let me know.

Congregation,

Thank you for your continued support of our youth program. We ask that you continue to **support us Monday, May 6th at Dos Banderas**. Also, this year we are planning to have a lot more Summer youth activities. If there is anyone that owns a pool, wouldn't mind having youth at their home, has a boat, or just has idea for what fun activities we can do, please let me know.

Mission Trip News

Registration due date is
TODAY, May 1st!

Upcoming Events

Disciples Crossing Deadline
 – May 1st

Dos Banderas Youth
Fundraiser- May 6th 4-8pm

Youth End of Year Party–
May 19th, 5:00pm

Mission Trip- June 23-29th

PRAYER CONCERNS

Cup of Life

Mary Helen Shelley

God's Messengers

Mike Harrison

Nina Wood

Hands of Faith

Michael Armstrong

Brenda Crosthwaite

Mike Whalin

The Grapevine

Carroll Barnes

Bettye Davenport

PASTORAL CONCERNS LINE



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



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