

The Messenger

July 3, 2019



Youth Corner



2019 Mission Trip Was Awesome!

Monday, the 24th of June, our youth group journeyed to Springfield, Missouri to partner with a Disciples of Christ based mission organization called Disciples Summer Mission (DSM). DSM is an organization founded in 2011 to help Disciples churches come together and participate in mission work together with other Disciples churches. This year there were around 15 or so churches from 4 different states participating with us. Of all those churches we were put into a group of three, us and two other churches, to do our assigned work for the week. The other two churches were FCC Rowlett and FCC Granbury. With these two churches, we were tasked with helping three different organizations (1 per day).

For our first day, we were blessed to work for the Diaper Bank of the Ozarks. The Diaper Bank is a wonderful organization that distributes diapers to needy families and to nonprofits that help families and children. We saran-wrapped packs of diapers so that they could be distributed to local nonprofits that require them.

On day two, we worked for the Drew Lewis Foundation. The Drew Lewis Foundation focuses on asset-based



urban development to realize a community's full potential. We helped with their community garden and helped with landscaping of the properties they own.

The third day was truly a blessing for all that were involved. On this day, we partnered with a community called Eden Village. Eden Village is a living community filled with tiny homes for people who have experienced homelessness. They are not transition homes for the homeless; they are permanent homes if chosen by the person living there. The only requirement for a person to live there is that



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they must have been on the streets for at least a year in total time. When it comes to the house and living there, it is not just a “handout” or free place to stay: it’s paid for by the resident of the home. While living in Eden Village, an agreement is made between the Gathering Tree (the main office) and the renter of the tiny home. A percentage of income from the resident is used for rent and bills. This community was definitely something that wowed the youth and they learned a lot from their time there. We worked on leveling ground, staining fences, planting trees and flowers, mowing, and picking up rocks from properties.

We also had a ton of fun! Everyday at around 5:00pm we would worship with the other churches and sing our hearts out. Worship was always a blast because we got to worship with other Disciples youth and learn some catchy new songs. Another fun thing was our evening activities. DSM planned two of our three evening activities, which were Tuesday and Thursday night. On Tuesday, we went to Alamo Drafthouse, which is a movie theater that serves meals. There they divided us into big groups and we watched Harry Potter. Wednesday night was night that all of the adults from FCC Granbury, Garland, and Rowlett all came up with together for our free night. We started out our evening at Lambert’s Café, the Home of the Thrown Roll (yes, they threw rolls at us). The food was delicious and the company was wonderful. Then, we ended our night at the Bass Pro Shop and Andy’s Custard for dessert. Thursday, we ended our time at DSM in Springfield with a minor league baseball game: the Springfield Cardinals vs. the Northwestern Arkansas Naturals.

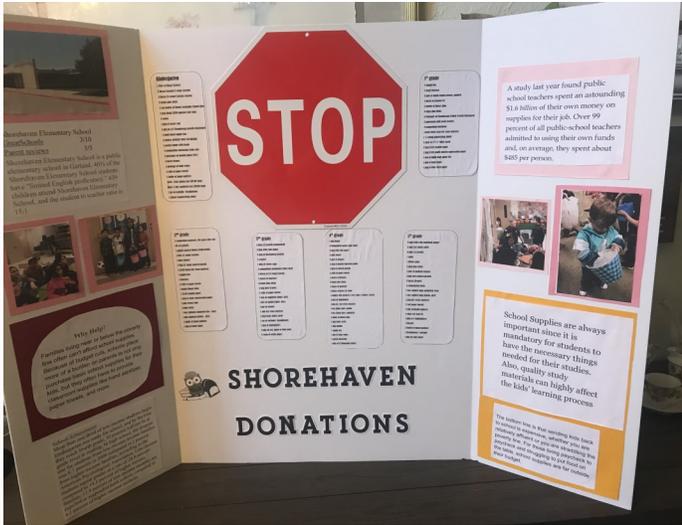
Overall, the mission trip was huge success and loads of fun. We learned a lot and did a huge amount of good work for the communities in Springfield, Missouri. These youth are so awesome and they truly represented Christ well on this trip through their words and deeds. Please encourage them to keep up the work of Jesus and please ask them about how the mission trip went. They all have fantastic stories and wonderful experiences to share.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP 2019

School Supply Drive

Starting The First Sunday in July we will begin taking donations of school supplies for Shorehaven Elementary. For your convenience a Donation Box will be placed in the Fellowship Hall. Don't forget to consult the storyboard to see what kinds of supplies each grade level will need.



The church will be closed on Thursday, July 4th





Families & Professionals Summer Bible Study

We will continue our weekly summer Bible Study tonight, July 3rd at **Paula & Shirley Miller's house**. We will start gathering about 6:30pm.

Bring a brown-bag dinner or some snacks to share. Childcare available upon request.

For more information talk to Rev. Casey

Family Mission Day



We will be going to serve at Feed My Starving Children (www.fmssc.org) on **Saturday, July 27th, 11:30am-1:30pm** at their distribution center in Richardson (1680 N. Glenville Dr. Ste. 100, 75081).

Children older than 5yrs are welcome to attend with an adult. We will set up childcare at the church for the littles. Please RSVP with Rev. Casey if you are able to go.

Journey of Hope

Earlier this year we provided a delicious meal for the Grief Support Groups at Journey of Hope. They were greatly appreciative and we had a blast doing it, so we will be doing it again! **We have committed to providing dinner for the support groups on August 29th and October 24th**. We will need volunteers to help cook the meal ahead of time and to go assist with serving and cleaning on the day of the event. If you are unable to help with your time and talents, you can also help by providing monetary donations or donations of plasticware. Talk to Rev. Casey for more information.

Journey of Hope Grief Support Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing group grief support to children, adolescents, and their parents or adult caregivers who have lost a loved one to death.

Journey of Hope offers these services in a warm, caring, and nurturing environment where the feelings of grief, pain, and loss may be expressed. Trained volunteer group facilitators lead participants in their personal journey toward healing and healthy reconciliation of their grief. Presently, this program is the only open-ended one that focuses on the needs of children and their families. Those we serve determine when to begin and how long to attend Journey of Hope.



Men's Breakfast

Sat., July 6th

8:30am



If you would like to donate the flower arrangements for the worship service, there is an order form in the front office that will need to be completed and submitted.

****NEW—You may also submit a flower order form online at this address: <http://www.fccgarland.org/forms/view/37147>*

Thank you!

In Sympathy

*We give our sympathy to **Larry & Sally Johnson** upon the loss of his mother, **Maudell Baker**, who passed away June 28, 2019 at 105 years old.*



*We extend our love and sympathy to **Melody Biffle** and family at the passing of her beloved mother, **Bernice Mobley Mohle**, on Sunday June 30th. The service will take place Monday July 8th at McCurdy Funeral home (105 E Pecan St., Lockhart, TX 78644) at 10am. A graveside at the family plot across the highway will follow. There will be a lunch and reception at First Christian Church of Lockhart (202 W San Antonio St, Lockhart, TX 78644).*

Rev. Tanguay accepts call as Senior Pastor of Westwind Christian Church in Keller, TX

Read Casey's resignation letter below

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now."

Philippians 1:3-5

Dearest Church Family,

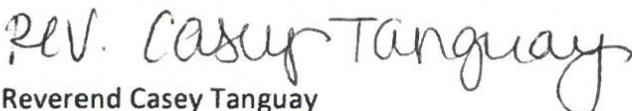
It is with mixed emotions that I write to announce that I will be resigning from my position as the Ministers to Families & Professionals at First Christian Church Garland. After a long process of discernment and prayer, I am accepting a call as the Senior Minister of WestWind Christian Church in Keller, TX. My last Sunday with you will be Sunday August 4th.

While my family and I are excited about the adventures in life and ministry that lie ahead, we are also deeply saddened that we will be leaving this wonderful community of faith. From the moment we arrived you have welcomed all of us with open loving arms. Asher has flourished and grown with your tremendous care. Eliza was born and dedicated into this family of faith. Andrew and I have built strong relationships with many of you that we will forever cherish. You have helped me to develop my pastoral identity and I have gained priceless experience as a newly Ordained minister. Together we have laughed and celebrated, and together we have mourned and struggled through loss and hardship. Through it all, we have done our best to remain faithful to God and one another. Leaving you will be very difficult for all of us; however, we go in hope and in confidence that God's call will guide both of us on the journey ahead.

I recognize that the timing of this announcement is not ideal with Rev. Dr. Dan Jones currently on vacation. Be assured that he has been a part of my discernment and call process, and he will continue to faithfully lead this congregation through the transitions to come. I am also confident that the wonderful lay leadership of this congregation will continue to lead faithfully and skillfully.

We love you! You will always have a special place in our hearts and we will continue to lift you up in prayer!

Grace, Peace, and Love,


Reverend Casey Tanguay

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Dr. Dan Jones Responds to Rev. Tanguay's Letter

Dear Member,

Our much-loved Minister to Families and Professionals the past five years, Rev. Casey Tanguay, has accepted a call to be the Senior Minister of Westwind Christian Church in Keller, Texas.

As Casey's colleague in ministry, I am pleased that she has this opportunity for continued growth in ministry. Naturally, I am also sad. Casey, and her family, have been an integral part of our congregation. We will miss her gifts and graces for ministry, even as we are grateful for the work she has done in establishing and solidifying our church's ministry to families and professionals.

Through the past year, Casey and I have shared her journey of discernment in ministry and eventual decision to enter the search and call process. I think highly of Casey and was pleased to serve as one of her references. As a minister of many years, I understand well that the process of search and call feels awkward to both clergy and congregation. As in all matters of the Spirit, the timing is always somewhat unpredictable. Yet, I am equally certain that the process is an important time for Casey and us, to listen to the leading of God's voice and to have hope for God's unfolding future.

Casey has indicated to me her deep concern to make this time of transition a positive one. As such I am confident that she will make every reasonable effort in her remaining time to serve the needs of our congregation.

In the coming weeks, I encourage you to express gratitude to Casey. I also encourage you to give her your support and prayers. A reception will be planned for Casey and family following worship, on her final Sunday, August 4, 2019.

Please know that with Casey, I too am committed to make this time of transition a positive, healing and constructive time of hope and growth. As such, when appropriate, I will work with leadership to coordinate a thoughtful, careful, process of search and call to help our congregation secure new ministerial leadership.

Your Senior Minister,

Rev. Dr. Dan Jones

Dr. Dan Jones, Senior Minister

Rev. Casey Tanguay, Families and Professionals Minister

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