

The Messenger

October 2, 2019



FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES SPECIAL, BEGINNING OCTOBER 27



I'm pleased to announce that Rev. Dr. Doug Skinner, newest member of our congregation, will present a 4-week combined Sunday School series beginning October 27 and running to November 17. Doug is the finest Bible scholar I know. I'm pleased to have him as my brother-in-law. I'm equally pleased for how eloquently, and thoughtfully, he presents and practices the Christian faith. Please join Dr. Doug in the sanctuary, 10:15 a.m., beginning Sunday, October 27. I promise you will be both affirmed and challenged in your Christian faith.

"What it Means to be a Disciple of Christ" - Big "D" Disciples and little "d" disciples

Alexander Campbell thought that we should be called "Disciples" because it was the original and primary name in the New Testament for the followers of Jesus Christ, and because he said that it was the one that was most descriptive of what it means to actually be a follower of Jesus Christ. The name of our church on the sign out front is meant to send us to the pages of the New Testament to understand who it is that we are and what it is that we are supposed to be about, and this is what we'll be doing for the next four Sunday mornings.

Session 1, October 27 – We Call Ourselves Disciples (Acts 11:26)

One of the first things to sort out after the merger of Barton Stone's "Christians" and Alexander Campbell's "Disciples" in 1832 was what the new church would be called. The contours of this debate reveal much about how we have understood what it means when we confess Jesus to be the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and our Lord and Savior.

Session 2, November 3 – Make Disciples (Matthew 28:18-20)

In 1837 a woman from Lunenburg, Virginia, wrote a letter to Alexander Campbell asking him to explain his understanding of how a person becomes a Christian. His answer is a helpful summary, not just of what it means to be a Christian, but of what the work of the church is in calling people to faith.

Session 3, November 10 -The Cost of Discipleship (Luke 9:23-27; 14:57-62; 14:25-35)

There is more to being a Christian than just finding peace because our sins are forgiven, and having hope because we believe that we are going to heaven when we die. Jesus was very clear about what was involved in following Him. His church has not always been as clear. There is more to being a Christian than going to church, reading the Bible, and avoiding serious sins.

Session 4, November 17 – The Means of Discipleship (Acts 2:37-42)

No book in the Bible has been more decisive for the life and faith of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) than has been the book of Acts, and few verses in the book of Acts have been more defining for our church's understanding of its work than has been Acts 2:42. If a disciple is someone who "believes in his heart that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah, the Son of God; repents of his sins, and obeys him in all things according to his measure of knowledge of his will," then the work of the church is to actively nurture that discipleship, and Acts 2:42 names the four things that the early church did to do this.

Disciples Women Ministry

DWM has begun again! Our first meetings took place September 9th and 10th. Our study this year will be based on Norman Vincent Peale's book *Stay Alive All Your Life*. We have a busy, interesting year planned. All women of the church are encouraged to join us.

Our next meetings:

Morning Circle

Monday, October 7th, 9:30am
FCCG Fellowship Hall

Evening Circle

Tuesday, October 8th, 6:45pm
Main Street Café
(Childcare Available)



Shirley Miller DWM President and Sondra Perry attended DWM Southwest Regional Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma. September 13-15, 2019. Guest Speaker Rev. Terri Hord-Owens, General Minister and President of Christian Church Disciples of Christ, opened the evening session with an inspirational sermon addressing our contributions to spreading the Gospel.

Disciples Women Ministry

North Texas Area

Disciples Women's Ministries

General Gathering



Rev. Casey Tanguay

“Service In Action”

Saturday, October 19, 2019

East Dallas Christian Church

629 N. Peak St., Dallas, TX 75246

Registration: 10 a.m. – Program Begins: 10:30 a.m.

Lunch \$7.00

R.S.V.P. to Shirley Miller by Tuesday, October 15th



Fish Fry Fundraiser October 20th

The Men's Group is sponsoring an **Fish Fry Fundraiser** event on Sunday, **October 20, 2019** after Sunday School on the Church's front lawn (weather permitting). This event will be in celebration of the Ark Dedication ceremony also on October 20th after Coffee Fellowship. Funds raised will go toward the purchase of a new type of rubber mulch product for the Ark playground. Meal tickets will be \$5.00

per person or \$20.00 for a family over four members. Children can play on the Ark and adults can bring their lawn chairs to sit and visit while they eat. Tables will also be set up in the Fellowship Hall for those members who prefer to eat inside. Come and enjoy great food with friends and family. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Our church's goal is to raise \$5300 to purchase premium, non-toxic rubber mulch to provide a child-safe playground cover for the Ark. Many of you have already written checks for playground mulch. Thank you!

As of this writing, the church has collected roughly \$500. A private donor has volunteered to contribute another \$1000. That means we still need roughly \$3800 to raise the necessary monies to purchase and install the new mulch.

Please see more about the mulch we hope to purchase by going to <https://jellybeanrubbermulch.com/>



Giving Thanks!

Thanks so much to everyone who sent get-well cards or called to check on me after my fall while visiting family in New York and subsequent surgery back in Dallas last week. We truly appreciate all of the kind words and thoughts. - Carrie Simpson



Dear Family and Friends at First Christian,

Gerry and I are so grateful for your prayers and cards. We are especially glad to be home! We hope to be back in church very soon! We appreciate all of your support and love. Thank you again and again. - Love Gerry & Brenda



September 4, 2019

I truly appreciate the help of the Christian Seniors recently (I believe last Thursday). Thanks to all - Alice Barry

NEW MEMBERS



New Member Spotlight

Fun Facts

Sadie Monroe

Where was your childhood home?

Southern Mississippi – Green County

Do you think life is harder now or easier than when you were young?

I grew up on a farm where we harvested crops and ground our own corn to feed the chickens. It was hard physical work. I was one of 11 children and took care of my siblings after my mother died. I was 12yrs old. It is easier now.

What were the happiest times of your childhood?

I loved going to school and reading in the school library. I read every book in the little school library. Another fun time was when we finished working in the fields, we would get to go swimming in the creek. I also enjoyed going to church with my friends.

What was the best job you ever had? The worst?

The best job I had was working in the office for an Oklahoma Oil man. He would hold parties at the original South Fork Ranch and I would help cook and cater the parties.

What person has had the biggest impact on your life?

My faith has had the biggest impact on my life. When I was 12 years old, I was baptized in a creek. With my faith I became stronger and more determined to succeed at whatever I did in life.

Who makes you laugh the hardest?

My children do, and my husband did. We always laughed and had good times as a family.

What played into your decision to make FCCG your church home?

Years ago, I was a member of FCC Richardson. I like the teachings in the First Christian Church. I can walk to church from my apartment. The minister is a very nice man, he is genuinely kind. He called me at home and talked to me, and he even offered to come and visit me. The people are all nice at church.

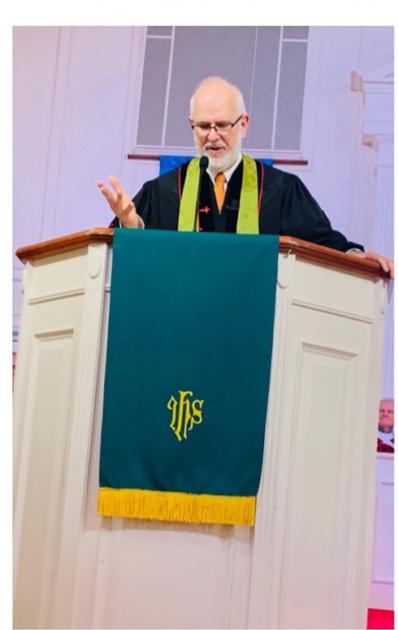
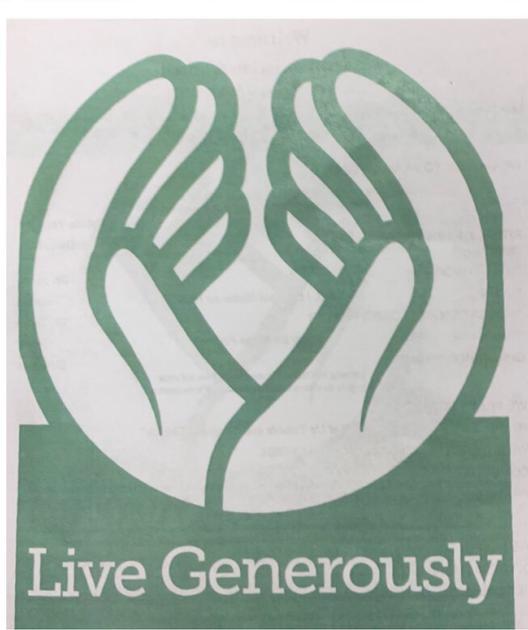
Consecration Sunday Potluck

September 29, 2019

2 Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

We enjoyed a wonderful luncheon after our Consecration Sunday worship service. Thank you to everyone who came out and contributed.



Outreach to Community

Journey of Hope

On several occasions, we have gone out to provide dinner for Journey of Hope. 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.

We have committed to providing dinner for the support groups on October 24th. Talk to Jason Collard for more information.

If you are unable to help with your time and talents, you can also help by providing monetary donations or donations of supplies for the families.

There is a bin in the church's donation center near the nursery. Talk to Sondra Perry if you'd like more information.

WISH LIST:

- Lemonade powdered drink mix
- Heavy duty dinner plates
- Plastic cups 16-18 oz
- Plastic Forks (dinner strength)
- Napkins



In Sympathy

We give our sympathy to Rachel Scruggs, Sally Isom, and Charlotte Clark on the passing of husband and father

Quentin Scruggs,

an Elder Emeritus of our church who passed away on Thursday, September 12, 2019. A service was held at FCC Garland on September 27th.



We also give our condolences to the family of long-time FCCG member

Ed Pinka,

who passed away on Sunday, September 29, 2019. The family has requested a private family-only memorial service.



Men's Breakfast
Sat., October 5th
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 <http://www.fccgarland.org/flowers>*

NATIVITY LIVE

TAKE THE JOURNEY

Our very own Pat McKannan (aka, Noah, of Noah and the Ark) will be part of this year's Live Nativity cast at the Georgetown Baptist Church in Pottsboro, Texas. See details about the event by following this link.

<http://georgetownbaptist.net/events/2019/12/05/nativity-live>

Handbell Choir Performance



It was a wonderful blessing to have the Choir and Handbells back in Worship this last Sunday, September 22nd.

Homebound Visits

James 1:27

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

Membership Committee Members Barbara Meil and Sadie Monroe visit with Home Group member Bettye Davenport.



Youth Corner

JYF Fort Worth Connect Mission Trip

Renee Blankenship Godwin and Rebecca Fetzer took the JYF (3rd-5th graders) from FCCG on a Mission Trip to Fort Worth Connect. They had an amazing time doing God's work and helping others. Thank you Anna Marie, Maddy, and Addison for your service.





Youth Corner

Ark Playground Dedication



We will hold a dedication ceremony for the new playground on Sun., October 20th during Sunday School hour

Fundraiser Fun!

Thank you to everyone that came to Dos Banderas to support the Ark Fundraiser. Monies raised will go towards purchasing the new rubber mulch for our Ark Playground.



Youth Lock-in
Friday, October 4th

PRAYER CONCERNS

Circle of Fellowship

Denise Armstrong
Carrie Simpson

Hands of Faith

Gerry Cooper
Glenda Lee

Shepherds

Billirene Donaghey

The Grapevine

Carroll Barnes

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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