

# The Messenger

November 6, 2019



## Ways You Can Give This Holiday

### Thanksgiving Bags

**Summary:** Outreach Ministry passed out food bags to return filled with groceries for Good Samaritans applicants in need of a Thanksgiving meal. This will be our 4th year to participate in this program

**What:** See the list on the bag below.

**When:** Bags are due back by Sunday, November 17th

**Where:** Bring bags to Fellowship Hall.



### Thanksgiving Boxes

**Summary:** Outreach Ministry will be collecting \$55.00 (each) for Thanksgiving turkey boxed meals. An Outreach Ministry representative will go by Sunday School classes on November 10th to collect funds for these boxes. If you know of someone who would benefit from a Thanksgiving meal, please contact Brenda Crosthwaite.

**What:** Money to buy Thanksgiving boxes

**When:** Money collection on November 10th, during Sunday School.

**Where:** Boxes will be available for pickup November 18th from 10:00am to 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

## Good Samaritans of Garland Thanksgiving Bags



### Mike's Kids

**Summary:** The Mike's Kids program supports children who have been abandoned and families that have been forced out of their homeland to for political or religious reasons. We'll be collecting gently used clothing and toys.

**What:** Consult the list on Page 3 of this newsletter for a comprehensive list.

**When:** Now through December 13th

**Where:** Mike's Kids box in Fellowship Hall

### Angel Tree

**Summary:** FCC Garland will partner with the FCC Rowlett Reindeer Project for our Angel Tree outreach to bring Christmas to Garland ISD children who otherwise would not have it.

**What:** Gifts and toys for each Angel Tree angel

**When:** November 17th—December 1st

**Where:** Angel Tree in the Fellowship Hall

## Disciples Women Ministry

The teachers at Shorehaven Elementary expressed concern that several students were lacking coats or jackets. They were very appreciative to FCC Garland Disciples Women who donated funds to purchase coats for their students. The coats were delivered to Anita Roland, Student Counselor at Shorehaven.

### Our next meetings:

#### Morning Circle

Monday, December 2nd, 9:30am  
FCCG Fellowship Hall

#### Evening Circle

Tuesday, December 3rd, 6:45pm  
FCCG Fellowship Hall  
(Childcare Available)





# Disciples Men

This month’s Men’s Breakfast, hosted by FCC McKinney, featured guest speakers Mark Slaight and Feliberto Pereira who spoke about the Mike’s Kids. Mike’s Kids is an annual program that is supported by the North Texas Area of Disciples Christian Churches, the Christian Men’s Fellowship, and the Southwest Good Samaritans Ministries. This program supports children and adults who have been abandoned or forced out of their homeland to a new country for political or religious reasons. As the Christmas Season fast approaches, it is time to begin filling boxes with gently used or new clothing (appropriate for south Texas) and new underwear, toys (new or gently used), food, etc. for Southwest Good Samaritans Ministries in Los Fresnos, Texas area. Bring your donations to the Mike’s Kids box in the Fellowship Hall through December 13th.



<p><b>Travel-size for hygiene kits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Combs and brushes</li><li>• Men's razors/shave cream</li><li>• Kleenex and white men's handkerchiefs (bulk purchase)</li><li>• Medium-sized (not variety packs) Band-Aids</li><li>• men's (untinted) and women's (tinted) lip balm</li><li>• Backpacks [no string packs, must hold clothing, small cover, food, paperwork, water bottle, hygiene kit, and diapers (if needed) for two days of travel]</li></ul> <p>[For this year, we have an abundance of toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, shampoo, hair conditioner, both travel and full-sized. Please hold on to these for next year.]</p>	<p><b>Mike's Kids Wishlist</b></p> <p><b>Clean clothing, new or gently used:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jackets (zip up hoodies) and coats, S-M-L men's and women's (many people are headed 'up north')</li><li>• Children's jackets, sized 2-14, boys and girls</li><li>• T-shirts (short- and long-sleeved). all ages, Men's S-M-L, Women's XS-S-M-L</li><li>• Boys/men jeans, 24-34 waist</li><li>• Girl's and women's leggings, mostly S/M, a few L/XL [to fit over detention release ankle bracelets]</li><li>• One-size knit hats, scarves, gloves for adults and children</li></ul>
<p><b>Other:</b></p> <p>Toddler and children picture books, beginning English words, Spanish-English dictionaries, journals, word finds in Spanish (or simple English), maps of US, all-ages coloring books, pre-sharpened pencils, working pens, pre-sharpened 8-color pencils (please, no crayons), small toys with no loose parts- vehicles, stuffed animals, cuddlies for babies (be sure to clean/disinfect before donating) [Dollar store 'finds' are great, but so are gently-used and outgrown items. Some will be gifts. Others will help relieve boredom along 2-day bus journeys to new homes.]</p> <p>Local families love the toys, games, clothing, kitchen and household goods (like crock pots), small rugs, comforters, towels, clock radios, and decorations you send. We do not have anyone to do repairs to clothes or household goods. Gently used running shoes are a treasure for teens.</p>	<p><b>New only:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Underwear S-M-L (no XL+), Men, Women, &amp; Children</li><li>• Mid-calf or tube socks, Men's S-M (no L+) (bulk purchase at 12 pair for \$5.99)</li><li>• Stretch belts for boys/men, 26-34 waist (bulk purchase, 80 per week)</li><li>• Shoe strings, black, brown, or white (bulk purchase: 120 pair a week)</li></ul> <p>[Asylum seekers are released with no belts or shoelaces. They are taken when they are processed into detention because of previous suicide attempts in detention. They are not returned.]</p>

## Pastor Appreciation—Dr. Dan Jones

Thank you for your patience and caring, your kind words and sharing. Thank you for all the times you have stayed by our sides when you were tired and needed rest. Thank you for all the special things that you do for all of us. Thank you for your part in each of our faith journeys. Thank you for all the times you talk about your blessings. Thank you for sermons that teach the word of God, and thank you for all the times you give us a reason to smile. If I could sit across the porch from God, I would thank Him for lending you to all of us.



You are invited to a birthday party celebrating

**Gene Newman's 80th Birthday**  
Sunday, November 17th • 2:00pm-3:30pm  
The Parc at Traditions  
3095 Club Drive • Bryan, TX 77807

If you are unable to attend and would like to send a card, please mail them to Gene's daughter and she'll surprise him with the well wishes:

Deann Hancock  
9823 Albert Drive  
Iola, TX 77861

# NEW MEMBERS



## New Member Spotlight Fun Facts

### Jason Collard

**Where was your childhood home?**

Garland, Texas

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

Definitely more challenging. Technology has made so many things possible, but it has also allowed more information to be disseminated, both right and wrong.

**What were the happiest times of your childhood?**

Spending time with my family during the holidays and going camping when I was young and in the Boy Scouts.

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

The best job I have ever had is my current job at State Farm Federal Credit Union. I enjoy interacting with and helping our customers however I can. I feel like my contributions are valued.

The worst job I ever had was working for an ill-equipped and poorly managed emergency roadside assistance service that was going through a transition. Fortunately, they have prospered enough to provide the service desperately needed by their customers.

**What person has had the biggest impact on your life?**

My Mother. She showed me that, by being persistent, you can accomplish anything if you keep your eye on the desired finished product. As a single mother, she returned to college to get an associate's degree to be able to move up in her job.

**Who makes you laugh the hardest?**

Anyone with a great sense of humor.

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

The relationships I have built with the people of this church, and my relationship with God.



## Elders' Meeting Reminders

### November Elders' meeting

Nov. 17th @11:30 am.

### December Elders' meeting

Dec. 8th @11:30 am.

### Elders' Christmas Party December 7th.

6:00 pm @ FCCG in Fellowship Hall.



## *In Sympathy*

*We give our sympathy to Lee MacDonald and the family  
of*

*Billierene Donaghey,*

*Devoted member of FCC Garland and the Ruth Mix class,  
who passed away on Tuesday, October 22nd.*

*Billie will be remembered during the worship service on  
November 17th.*

# Blessing of the Animals

With the help of Dr. Bill Dunn, Pastor Dan provided the Blessing of the Animals Sunday October 6, 2019 at 6:30pm on the lawn of First Christian Church Garland.



## Fundraising Fun!

Thank you to all that came to Dos Banderas to support the Ark Playground. We appreciate everyone who came out for a delicious dinner and contributed funds for the new playground mulch.



# Ark Playground Dedication Ceremony

On Children's Sabbath October 20th, we held a Dedication Ceremony for our new Noah's Ark Community Playground. This comes after hours and days of tireless work by our members.

Thanks again to Pat McKannan, who reprised his role as Noah. We hope this playground brings joy to our community, friends, and neighbors.





# Fish Fry Fundraiser

After our Ark Playground Dedication Ceremony, we held a Fish Fry Fundraiser in a continuing effort to raise money for the special rubber playground mulch planned as the finishing touch of the project. Everyone enjoyed some delicious food and we're that much closer to our fundraising goal. Thanks to the First Christian Church Garland Men's group and the Fellowship Ministry for putting this event together.





# *Thanksgiving Events*

## *Sunday, November 24th*

### **DWM Bake Sale**

Beginning at 8:00am

### **Thanksgiving Luncheon**

Beginning at 11:30am after Sunday School

### **GISD Children's Chorus**

6:00pm with reception to follow



## **Nativity Live**

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>



# Fall Fun & Fellowship at our Trunk or Treat

Our Trunk or Treat event always gives the community children a great time, and this year was no different. Big thanks to everyone who donated candy, dressed up, decorated a trunk, and came out to help.



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# Youth Corner

## JYF Lock-in

First Christian Church Garland JYF lock-ins provide a safe way for our kids to have a good time throughout the night and into the wee hours of the morning. Parents know their children are out of harm's way, and the kids get to enjoy games and constructive fun. Special Thank You to Renee Blankenship Godwin and other adult volunteers that provided a fun, safe event.







# Youth Corner



## Youth Picnic

Sunday, October 27th was a beautiful day for a youth gathering! We had a cookout and played some outdoor games. Yes, even the adults joined in on the game playing.

*Acts 20:28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.*



## PRAYER CONCERNS

### Circle of Fellowship

Denise Armstrong  
Dwain Howard

### Fishers of Families

Ben Brister

### God's Messengers

Jeri Harrison

### Hands of Faith

Gerry Cooper  
Glenda Lee

### Shepherds

Courtney Ivie Hart

### The Grapevine

Carroll Barnes

## 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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