

The Messenger

August 19, 2020



Church Reopening Update

Our church has held worship in our sanctuary for the last four Sundays, and things have gone very well so far. We're so grateful that everyone is following the mask requirements and the social distancing rules we've put in place. Of course we miss singing along with the songs during worship, but staying safe and keeping each other safe means that we can keep hosting these in-person services. Big thanks to John & Judy Grasham for leading the Sunday School hour, as well.

Mid-Week Pause

Be sure to check out Dr. Dan and Rev. Dave every Wednesday at 3:00pm for their **Mid-Week Pause**. These are days of high anxiety for us as a Church. It's a hard time for so many. Quite frankly, we could all use a break—just a minute or two to refocus and get some perspective. Take a few moments each week for a meditation and spiritual renewal from your ministers. Watch on the [FCC Garland Facebook page](#) or on the [FCC Garland YouTube channel](#).

Live-Streaming Video of Sunday Morning Worship Service Will Continue

If you need help in connecting to the weekly service please email Leslee Madrid at officeadmin@fccgarland.org or call her at 972-272-5423 and she will help you get connected.

The online service will be the same service we celebrate in the sanctuary.



**WE WILL CONTINUE
LIVE STREAMING**

Evangelistic Outreach

Sneaker Sunday and School Supply Drive

Sneaker Sunday and our back to school "school supply drive" concludes Sunday August 30th, the last Sunday of this month. There is a school supply box in the Narthex for your school supply donations.

Please bring your sneakers also August 30th. There will be signs in the Fellowship Hall for each adult Sunday school class. Please locate your class and place your shoes in that area. Please maintain social distancing and return to the Sanctuary after leaving your sneakers. The shoes in each class will be counted by the Fellowship Ministry. If you're bringing any of these items to the church during the week, please call the office to make sure someone will be at the church.



	School Supplies	Sneakers
Deadline	Aug 30	Aug 30
Where	Box in the Narthex	Fellowship Hall, divided by Sunday School class
Who	Everyone!	Everyone! Group your items by Sunday School class



Good Samaritans of Garland is also in need of our financial support so they can continue feeding the hungry within our community. Please mark your checks "Good Samaritan" when you make your offering or send them to Clopton CPA, attention Stacey Garretson.



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Disciples Women

Enjoy a cup of tea while you join us for our Kick-Off & Installation of officers at 11:00am on August 22nd via Zoom

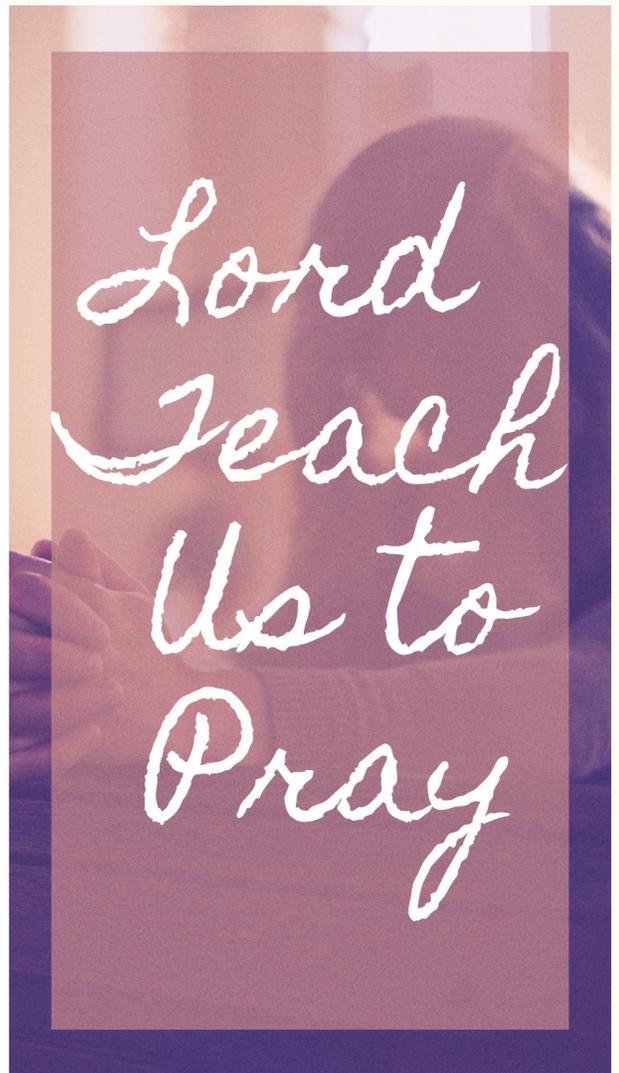
Prayer Partners will be announced at the meeting.

Zoom in, either by computer, Ipad, or phone, whichever you like best.

ZOOM DIRECTIONS

- By computer or Ipad: Go to [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us) and Join a Meeting
ID Number: 214-502-7778
or
- By phone: Call 346-248-7799 and use
ID Number: 214-502-7778

If you would like a Prayer Partner for the year, please contact Cindy Kyle by text or phone at 469-233-5115

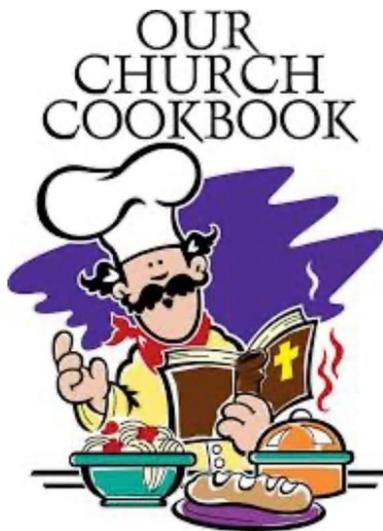


Upcoming Business Meetings

<p>Elder Meeting</p> <p>August 23rd 12:30pm</p>	<p>Cabinet Meeting</p> <p>September 6th 12:00pm</p>	<p>Board Meeting</p> <p>September 13th 12:00pm</p>
<p>Virtual Only Zoom link sent via email</p>	<p>In the sanctuary or via Zoom</p>	<p>In the sanctuary or via Zoom</p>

Church Community

Our Church Cookbook



Dear Church Family,

Sondra Perry and I will be working on making our first First Christian Church Garland Cookbook. We are in the early stages of gathering recipes and pictures. We hope every family member will submit a recipe and be part of this cookbook.

The picture you send can be of the dish or one of your family.

Below is a list of the sections we would like to include in our church's cookbook.

Please submit as many recipes as you desire. Please email recipes and pictures to:

juliangabrielolalde@gmail.com (and) Psondra@outlook.com. You may also mail materials to the church

office and Leslee will make sure they get to us.

Once we have a rough draft we will be making one sample for people to see before we place an order. Thank you. -Julian Olalde

- * **Appetizers**
- * **Soup or One-Pot Meals**
- * **Sides and Salads**
- * **Bread and Rolls**
- * **Chicken, Duck and Turkey**
- * **Beef**
- * **Seafood**
- * **Desserts**
- * **Beverages**



Men's Group Event

How Do We Stay Accountable?

September 12, 2020 @ 6:00pm

FCCG Men's Group Leader is extending an open invitation to men of all ages to attend the next Men's Group event. Bring a potluck dish to share. For more information, contact Julian Olalde.

From Ken Hancock and family ,

Thanks for prayers, cards, food, and words of comfort and caring from my church family since the loss of my wife, Ophelia. This is a very difficult time for us. Your kindness makes it more bearable. Special thanks to Dr. Dan and Reverend Dave for praying with us and planning the memorial service.

How can I give to the Church?

**Click here to
give online!**

You are asked to place your offering into an offering plate as you enter the sanctuary. We will not be passing an offering plate during the service. We encourage all who can to use direct deposit or regular mail to our CPA for your offering:

Clopton & Company

ATTN: Stacey Garretson

610 Main Street

Garland, TX 75040

WHEN IS IT SAFE FOR ME TO RETURN TO CHURCH?

When determining whether to attend an in-person worship service, we understand it is a personal decision that each of us must make based on our comfort level. We understand that while everyone may not have the same level of comfort in returning to the building, some are comfortable and ready. Therefore, we will continue offering online services while we add in-person services.

Steve Sutton has provided the following guidance which we believe may be helpful to you in making your decision.

It is suggested to evaluate your health-status by:

- Communicating with your Primary Care Physician's office regarding your medical history and risk factors for high-risk illness associated with contracting COVID-19.
- Is it safe for you to risk herding and exposure to COVID-19 in public specific with your medical history?
- Do you have any of the following known high-risks for hospitalization associated with COVID-19?

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| ◇ Coronary Artery Disease | ◇ Immune Deficiency (HIV/AIDS, Auto-Immune Disease(s), others, etc.) |
| ◇ Heart Disease | ◇ History of Deep Vein Thrombosis |
| ◇ Blood Clotting / Embolism History | ◇ Cancer and Risk for Hypercoagulable (Blood Clotting) Disorder |
| ◇ Stroke History | ◇ Pregnancy |
| ◇ Congestive Heart Failure | ◇ Obesity |
| ◇ Cardiac Arrhythmias | ◇ African American |
| ◇ Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease | ◇ Sickle Cell Disease |
| ◇ Respiratory history, Reactive Airway Disease / Inflammatory Diseases | ◇ Immobilization |
| ◇ Diabetic | ◇ Prolonged Travel |
| ◇ Advanced Age | |

High-risk individuals based on age or predisposed health conditions may decide to not to attend the in-person service and wait a little longer before coming to the church. We are dedicated to making sure all members have access to a weekly service whether in person or online. Please reach out to the church office (officeadmin@fccgarland.org) if you need assistance connecting with the church.



IS IT SAFE?