

The Messenger

September 11, 2020



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, FIRST CHRISTIAN GARLAND!

Celebrating 145 years of ministry to the people of Garland, Texas

September 13, 1875 and still serving!



I am proud to serve as Senior Minister of FCCG. I see the way our light shines, and how, through acts of service and love and generosity, we witness to the living Christ on the corner of Glenbrook Drive and Avenue

A. We have a storied past. But the best is yet to come.

This Sunday, in worship, we mark the occasion by hearing the song composer, Joseph Martin commissioned on the occasion of our church's 125th anniversary, **"Go in My Father's Name."**

The words, written by J. Paul Williams, weave together passages from the Great Commission (Matthew 28: 16-20)

"Go in my Father's name, Tell people everywhere.

Go in my Father's name, His gospel boldly share.

As God has sent me, so send I you.

My cross will lead the way.

Go in my Father's name.

The harvest is great, but the workers are few.

As the Father sent me so I send you.

Go tell the nations I have come to save.

Love has defeated death and the grave.

Tell those enslaved by sin. I gave my life for them.

Tell them I go away but I will come again.

Go in my Father's name."

Dr. Dan, September 10, 2020

Spiritual Development Offerings

Many of us are spending more time at home—but there's several options for spiritual enrichment available to us. Read about what's coming up.

Study of Ephesians

Rev. Dr. Douglas Skinner, member of our congregation, invites you to a Bible Study. Time: Sep 10, 2020 12:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada). The class will meet weekly, Thursday at noon.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84100378588>

Meeting ID: 841 0037 8588

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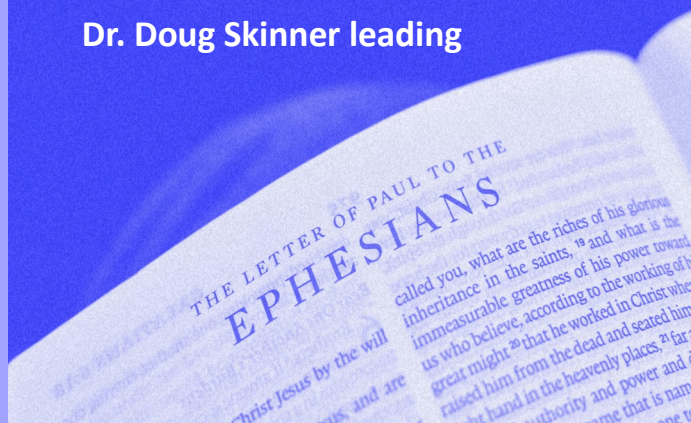
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Study of Ephesians

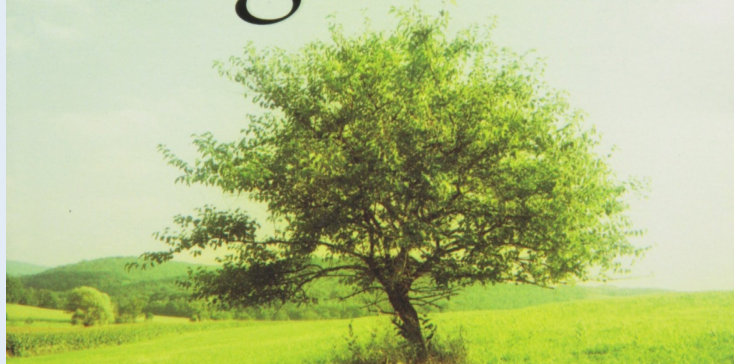
Meeting Thursdays at 12:00pm

Via Zoom

Dr. Doug Skinner leading



Life Together



Life Together—Study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Beginning Monday, October 5 through November 16

Via Zoom

7:00pm

Rev. David Hargrave leading

A Study of Dietrich Bonhoeffer
with Rev. Dave Hargrave via Zoom
Beginning October 5 at 7:00pm

Spiritual Development Opportunities

continued



Small Group Study

Paul's Letter to the Philippians

With Dr. Dan Jones
Beginning Wed. October 7th

CCSW REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

**SAVE
THE DATE**

Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in the Southwest

October 8-9 (Friday & Saturday)

“Crossing the Threshold”

Workshops, Worship and Business
Online

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](#).

Mid-Week Pause

Each Wednesday at 3:00pm

Join us for a moment of spiritual renewal
livestreaming on our Facebook page

Evangelistic Outreach

Your Outreach Ministry has been busy during this period of COVID-19 reaching out to our community for you with all of your donations and financial support. Thank you for generously donating. These are some of the things FCC provided.

Our FCC school teachers had bags of "appreciation" delivered to them. Their goodie bags contained Post-It Notes, lotion, sanitizer, multicolored and black gel pens, white board markers with erasers, nail files, masks and small flashlights with batteries. Thanks to our teachers for their patience and guidance of our school children during this trying and uncertain time of COVID-19.

Lunch was catered by Jason's Deli one day before the students returned to campus, for all the teachers and staff of Shorehaven Elementary.

FCC donated 3,869 school supply items! How AMAZING! This back to school supply drive was a joint venture between CWM and the church Outreach Ministry.

Winners of the annual "Sneaker Contest" was the Crusaders Sunday school class! Congratulations Crusaders Class! Total number of sneakers donated by all church members were 185!

The school supplies and sneakers were divided equally and delivered to Shorehaven and Freeman Elementary schools. The smaller sized sneakers were donated to New Beginnings. Thanks to everyone for caring and giving from your heart to those children in need within our community.

Outreach
Ministry.

Brenda
Crosthwaite,
Chair



Stewardship 2021

Our Stewardship Campaign begins this month. Watch for an email or letter from the church with a Time & Talent and Pledge card. You can email them to stacey@cloptoncpa.com or fill it out online at www.fccgarland.org/stewardship2021.

Stewardship Sunday is October 11th.



Property Update

Our church hosts only one in-person gathering each week at the moment, but we continue to work hard keeping our building in good shape.

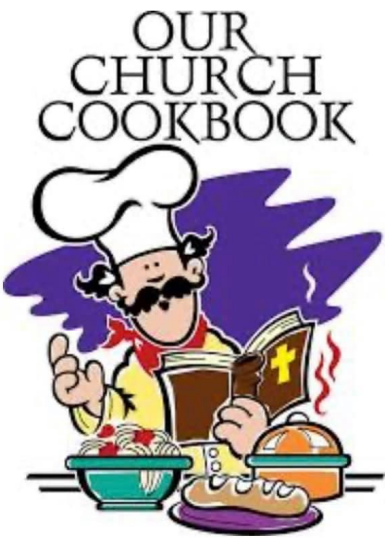
With fewer people in the church every week, the property ministry has been using this time to make repairs and improvements to our building. Some of the rafters in the sanctuary have been repaired and some of the air conditioning units have been serviced. You may have noticed the scaffolding, ladders, and tools around the outside of the church this week.

We're currently repairing and revitalizing the church's beautiful stained-glass windows. Thanks to Bill Dunn, the Property Ministry Chair, and everyone who helped put this project together.



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 the office administrator 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](mailto:julianolalde@gmail.com).

Meeting Notice

Board Meeting

September 13th @

12:00pm

Via Zoom only

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?