

The Messenger



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Advent Events

Advent has arrived. The sanctuary is beautifully decorated and we've already enjoyed our wonderful [service of lessons and carols](#). We hope you can join us for some or all of our special Advent services this month. All of our services will be livestreamed on our [FCC Garland Facebook page](#).



Advent

EVENTS

NOVEMBER 29TH

10:00AM

LESSONS AND CAROLS
SERVICE



DECEMBER 13TH

10:00AM

CAROLS OF THE SEASON
SERVICE



DECEMBER 24TH

7:00PM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Disciples Women



Thank you all for supporting the Bakeless Bake Sale. Wondering where does the Disciples Women Ministry money go?

Here some ways we help the church and our community:

For the Church building:

- * New dishwasher installed in kitchen.
- * To repair and resupply the Nursery after the roof was replaced.
- * To purchase a new kit of supplies to prevent COVID-19. (bottled water, tissue packets, gloves, masks, etc.)
- * We support the FCC Garland emergency fund.
- * Plus we host social activities for the whole church.

For our community:

- * We collected over 150 bibles to be given out on request at the Presbyterian Church on Saturday Morning Breakfast.
- * For Genesis women's shelter, we collected 140 new items, coats, hoodies, hats, gloves, socks, and blankets. Warm hands, warm hearts.
- * At Christmas, we provide the residents at Juliet Fowler gifts such as activity books, body wash and lotions, hand sanitizer, etc.
- * Our Blessing Box funds go Disciples Missions.
- * Journey of Hope provides grief counseling for children.
- * We provide school supplies for the Shorehaven Elementary School.

Spiritual Development Offerings

Looking for a way to stay connected to your church? Log on to some of our spiritual development courses. Have questions? Confused about how to get the Zoom link to work? Contact the church office.

Study of Ephesians

Rev. Dr. Douglas Skinner, member of our congregation, invites you to a Bible Study.

The class will meet weekly, Thursday at noon. Check your email each week for the link to the Zoom meeting.

Study of Ephesians

Meeting Thursdays at 12:00pm

Via Zoom

Dr. Doug Skinner leading



JUST WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TELL US ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS STORY?

If you've ever wondered that, why don't you join us for a four-week ZOOM study on "What do the Gospels Say about Christmas?"

We'll meet on the following schedule:

Monday, Dec. 7 - Luke 2.1-20

Monday, Dec. 14 - Mark 1.1-8

Monday, Dec. 21 - John 1.1-14

Off for the Holiday

Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 - Matthew 1.18 - 2.12



I hope you'll join us.

More information will come out later this week. - Pastor Dave

Mid-Week Pause

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Each
Wednesday at
3:00pm

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](#).

YOUTH EVENTS

We hope our youth can join us for these events
in December.

**Sunday, December 6, at 10:00 a.m.—Good Samaritan
homeless community worship service and lunch**

**Sunday, December 13 at 4:00pm—Youth fun outing
at Adventure Landing**



Now Accepting Poinsettia Orders

Each plant is \$17.00

Number of plants:

Sponsor

In honor of

In memory of

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Pick-up

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Donate to homebound

Order forms and checks
due to church office by
December 16th

Communion Elements



If you have exhausted your supply of pre-filled communion cups and wafers and would like some more as you take part in worship at home, please contact the church office 972-272-5423 or officeadmin@fccgarland.org. There are kits assembled and we'll make an arrangement for you to come to the church to pick some up.

A note from Lee Macdonald

*Thank you, FCC family, for the many prayers, cards, calls & food sent to me for my 99th birthday and additional stay in the hospital & rehab. I am at home now enjoying my recovery from respiratory problems. My daughter Nancy is still in the hospital following a stroke. She is slowly improving. Pray for her too. Love & God Bless
Lee ☺*

How can I give to the Church?

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:

**Click here
to give
online!**

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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?