

The Messenger

October 29, 2014



All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2014

In early Christian tradition, saints' days began as a way to mark the anniversary of a martyr's death — his or her "birthday" as a saint. By the middle of the church's first millennium, there were so many martyrs (particularly due to the persecution of Diocletian) that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints' Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, known and unknown.

All Saints' Day has a rather different focus in the Reformed tradition. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, the emphasis is on the ongoing sanctification of the *whole* people of God. Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of the community of faith who have died in the past year. We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God's eternal realm.

All Saints' Day has been celebrated on November 1 since the year 835. Previously it had been connected with the Easter season as a feast of all martyrs. Join FCCG for the All Saints service at 9am on Sunday, November 2nd.



DWM Raffle & Bake Sale

The Disciples Women of FCCG are having a Raffle on Sunday, November 23rd in combination with the annual Bake Sale.

Purchase Raffle tickets during coffee fellowship each Sunday, November 2nd-23rd. Cost is \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5.

DWM has put together some amazing, extraordinary, incredible, irresistible, and even edible raffle prizes.

Our bake sale will include pies, cakes and dessert breads. Anyone purchasing baked goods from the sale may donate the item(s) back to our Church Thanksgiving meal.

Reminder to all bringing baked goods — they need to be delivered to Fellowship Hall prior to the church service on November 23rd, or on Saturday, November 22nd, 10am-3pm.

Raffle winners will be announced prior to the Thanksgiving meal on November 23rd (must be present to win).

Elder On-Call Schedule

In addition to its pastors, FCCG is blessed with a number of spiritual leaders, called Elders. If you have a pastoral need or emergency, do not hesitate to call a minister or an Elder.

October—

Eve Sutton
(214.418.8511)

Kathleen Yant
(972.496.0534)



November—

Mark Anderson
(214.868.5219)

Melody Biffle
(214.334.8250)

Families & Professionals Couples Retreat November 7-9

**REGISTRATION
DEADLINE IS OCT 30th**

A chance to get away for an incredible weekend with your spouse to strengthen your relationship and enjoy some rest and relaxation. Registration is \$100 per couple. Retreat starts at 7pm on Friday and ends at noon on Sunday. Rev. Casey has registration info.



Disciples Women's Ministry November Circle Meetings

Disciples Women's Ministry November Circle Meetings will be Monday morning, November 3rd at 9:30 am and Tuesday evening, November 4th at 6:45pm (childcare provided at evening Circle Meeting).

Our study program "Women of the Bible: Seeking Justice," will continue with our third lesson on Jephthah's Daughter by Judy Ross.

Please attend your Circle of choice and hear an inspiring lesson. We look forward to seeing you and praising the Lord in Christian women fellowship.

Blessings
Your DWM Executive Board

PIANO MOVERS NEEDED

November 10 and 14 at 6pm

Contact John Harrison
 (email) werfamily99@aol.com
 (cell) 972.533.0069



TIME CHANGE

NOV 2nd

Set Your Clocks BACK Saturday Night

**Cast Iron Community
 Cookout
 Saturday Nov 15th**

Bethany Christian Church

**6282 Oram Street
 Dallas 75214**

Lunch Served from Noon—3pm

Smokers and camp stoves will begin early, so you can enjoy brats, brisket, chili and other specials from the cooking teams.



HOLIDAYS FOR THE HOMELESS



The Families & Professionals group is still collecting donations to make hygiene kits and Christmas gifts for the homeless of our community.

Donation Deadline Nov 16th

HYGIENE KITS (travel size items)

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| Moist wipes | Toothbrushes |
| Washcloths | Lotion |
| Shampoo | Conditioner |
| Soap | Deodorant |
| Razors | Shaving Cream |

Accepting Donations Thru December

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Anything that can fit in a gallon Ziploc. Ideas . . .

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| Sunglasses | Gloves |
| Socks | Hand Warmers |
| Deck of Cards | Puzzle Books |
| Pen & pad | Candy & Snacks |

PRAYER REQUESTS

Fishers of Families:

Blondell Lewis

Hands of Faith:

Virginia McBee

Morris Womack

God's Messengers:

Syd McConnell

The Grapevine:

Judi Archibald

Dylan Godwin

Wade Godwin

Shepherds:

Laura Lemaster

Families & Professionals

MISSION DAY

Sunday, Nov 16th at 10:15am

Join us to assemble hygiene kits ("Holidays for the Homeless") and clean up the Activities Building—during the Sunday School hour.

A NOTE from Allison



This year's Fall Festival was a wonderful fellowship event. After all the hard work of our youth and sponsors, it was exciting to see so many church members join us for food and fun! It is impossible to count how many people came to the Festival and even more impossible to count all the different ways the church supported it. Thank you for your continued support. As Pastor Dan always says, it is impossible to name everyone who helped make this a success. I do want to single out the Follower's Sunday School class for providing the food. Each year, they donate all of their proceeds back to the youth program. I am still waiting on the final count from our bookkeeper, but I can safely say that we raised around \$1000 (after expenses) for our 4-12th grade youth. This money will be used by our 4-5th graders for periodic ice cream outings as well as their annual Oklahoma trip. Our 6-12th grade youth will use funds raised to help pay for mission trip. These funds also allow me to half the cost of things throughout the year with parents.

A few notes from our congregation regarding the Festival:

"Dear Followers, Thank you so much for your help on Sunday at the Fall Fest. The food was great and everyone seemed to enjoy the time. Thanks again for participating- not sure how much we made, hopefully it will help the youth. Thanks again. Brenda Cooper"

"Once again, I'm impressed with our youth. They really pulled together and did a great job last night. They made lots of little kids VERY happy!" – Dana Womack



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