

# The Messenger

November 12, 2014



## FCCG Hosts GISD Children's Chorus Sunday, November 16th at 6pm



Our church has hosted this group for over 10 years and every year the choir presents a wonderful program. Come join us. You will be glad you did.



We are currently soliciting names of families within our church and in our community who would benefit from a Thanksgiving Dinner purchased by donations from the Sunday School Classes and matched by the Outreach Ministry. These will be purchased and available for pick up at the Church on Tuesday, November 25th. Contact Tricia Harrison ([trisha1550@aol.com](mailto:trisha1550@aol.com)) or Brenda Crosthwaite ([brendacrosthwaite@yahoo.com](mailto:brendacrosthwaite@yahoo.com)). **Deadline for submitting names is Friday, November 21.**



The Angel Tree and Angels will be available in the Fellowship Hall by November 23rd. The Outreach Ministry is seeking additional names in our church family or families in our local community who need help with Christmas gifts for their children. Contact Tricia Harrison for more info ([trisha1550@aol.com](mailto:trisha1550@aol.com)).

*Participation in Angel Tree in partnership with Rowlett Christian Church*



**Don't Forget!**  
**Saturday Morning, November 15th at 8am**

## THANKSGIVING ACTIVITIES

### ***Raffle and Bake Sale at 8:00am***

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 16th-23rd. Cost is \$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5. 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).



### ***Thanksgiving Dinner at Noon***



### **Families & Professionals MISSION DAY Sunday, November 16th at 10:15am**

Families & Professionals group will be assembling hygiene kits (“**Holidays for the Homeless**”) and cleaning up the Activities Building—during the Sunday School hour.

#### **Donation Deadline for Hygiene Kits is Sunday, November 16**

##### **Needed Items for HYGIENE KITS** (travel size items)

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

#### **Still accepting donations for CHRISTMAS GIFTS through December**

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

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

*holiday*  
**Craft Fair**

**Saturday, December 6th, 9am-3pm**

***Benefits Youth Mission Trip***

### "A Second Calling"

As many of you have learned by now, I was a Registered Nurse before I was an Ordained Minister. I've worked in various nursing jobs in the specialty of oncology (cancer care) for almost a decade now and I will continue working in this caring profession while I serve as the Minister to Families and Professionals. I will be working as an Infusion Nurse at UT Southwestern in the Bone Marrow Transplant Clinic about 1 day/week. This job should not interfere with my ministry with the church, and in fact, it should complement and enhance my role as a minister. Just like I received a call from God to dedicate myself to a life in ministry, I also experienced a call to serve in the profession of nursing, and I have been blessed to be able to balance both passions. My bi-vocational callings are representative of my passion to love, care, and serve people in holistic ways. As many of you can imagine, and as many of you have even experienced, a diagnosis of cancer, or any significant medical diagnosis, can turn your life and your world upside down. Being attentive in whatever ways I can to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of those that find themselves in such life-changing experiences is just part of the way that I attempt to minister to the "least of these." I also bring my passion for holistic care into my ministry, as I think it is vitally important for us to find ways to better integrate our physical, emotional, professional, relational, and spiritual lives. So often we compartmentalize all the different areas of our lives and beings, which leads to fragmentation and neglect. Rather, we need to recognize the ways that God has created us as incredibly complex beings who are meant to be whole in mind, body, and spirit. I encourage you to think about the ways that you can nurture the health of your life and being to become more "whole," as well as, reflect upon the ways that you can contribute to the holistic health of others.

—Rev. Casey

## Mike's Kids

### Helping the Poorest of the Poor

**Mike's Kids** supports children who have been abandoned or families that have been forced out of their homeland to a new country. As Christmas approaches, the North Texas Area Disciples of Christ Christian Churches begin filling boxes with new and gently used clothes and toys to be delivered to Los Fresnos, TX to be distributed to "the poorest of the poor" in the area and to an orphanage just across the border in Mexico. Needed items include:

\*New or gently used clothes and shoes (clean and usable)

\*New or gently used toys (working, with all of the pieces)

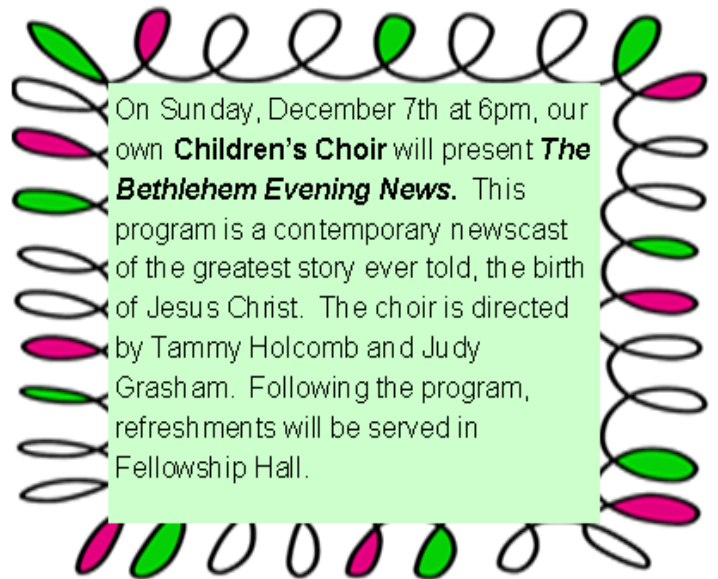
\*Bicycles

\*Kitchen utensils

\*Canned goods

Donation boxes are in the Ave. A entryway, under the stairs

**Toys Need to Be Delivered to the Church by December 7th**



On Sunday, December 7th at 6pm, our own **Children's Choir** will present **The Bethlehem Evening News**. This program is a contemporary newscast of the greatest story ever told, the birth of Jesus Christ. The choir is directed by Tammy Holcomb and Judy Grasham. Following the program, refreshments will be served in Fellowship Hall.

### Youth Babysitting

On **Dec 12th from 5:30pm-10pm**, our high school youth will provide babysitting for parents who wish to have a fun date or start Christmas Shopping! Children age 3 yrs -5th grade can participate. If you have a child younger than 3, please contact Pastor Allison to work out details.

**We ask a \$5 donation per child and RSVP by December 7th. A snack supper will be provided.**

**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.

**November—**

Mark Anderson  
(214.868.5219)  
Melody Biffle  
(214.334.8250)

**PRAYER REQUESTS****Circle of Fellowship**

Bill Fowler  
Marilyn Fowler

**Fishers of Families**

Blondell Lewis  
Dottie Harper

**God's Messengers**

Syd McConnell

**Hands of Faith**

Virginia McBee  
Morris Womack

**Shepherds**

Laura Lemaster  
Lee MacDonald

**The Grapevine**

Judi Archibald  
Dylan Godwin  
Wade Godwin

**PIANO MOVERS NEEDED**

November 14th at 6pm  
Contact John Harrison at  
[werfamily99@aol.com](mailto:werfamily99@aol.com)  
(cell) 972.533.0069

**Poinsettia  
Order Forms**

will be available  
on Nov 24.  
Deadline for  
placing orders is Dec 14.  
Poinsettias will be delivered  
on Dec 20.

**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.



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