

The Messenger

December 10, 2014



Christmas Cantata Worship

During the 9:00am service on Sunday, December 14, we will enjoy a special time of worship and music featuring the Chancel Choir's Cantata performance. Please join us for a service filled with the joy of the season.

Come Messiah King

By Jay Rouse

The prophets had foretold the birth and the people had anticipated it for generations. Patiently they waited. And waited. They longed for their Messiah, their King, Emmanuel, God with us! The incarnation: the birth of Jesus, the Christ, was the divine fulfillment of a sacred promise. The prayers of God's people became a holy introit -- pleading and praying for the coming of Messiah! The prayers are finally heard, the promises kept. All of Heaven and earth rejoice! A young couple makes a journey to that ancient town of promise under Caesar's orders, yes, but in the perfect fullness of the Father's time. Unheard-of events begin to unfold; shepherds running, kings seeking. Finally, a Baby is born; miraculous Baby, ordinary Baby, Child of Heaven and Son of Man! The promise has come. His life will be like no other. And when His earthly ministry ends, a new prayer with ancient roots springs forth, Come, O Come, Messiah King!



Messiah
COME MESSIAH KING



RANDY VADER
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JAY ROUSE
Rouse

ROSE ASPINALL
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Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service

6pm and 11pm

*Time of fellowship with hot Wassail in the
narthex following each service!*



A BIG
THANK
YOU

A “BIG THANKS” to everyone who donated items for the hygiene kits and Christmas packages during our **Holidays for the Homeless** drive. The Families and Professionals group put together and donated 70 hygiene kits to Good Samaritan House and they were extremely grateful, as they had completely run out of these items. We also put together 50 more Christmas packages for adults and children, in addition to several boxes and bags of individual items, which will also be donated to Good Samaritan House and distributed to the homeless of Garland. Thank you for your part in making this happen! Every little bit makes a big difference in people’s lives.



We definitely won't miss out on an excuse to get together and party! All (including children) are welcome to join us for a Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 20th at 6:00pm. The Dacon Family will be our gracious host in their home—6662 Barclay. BBQ will be provided as the main dish and we are requesting that everyone bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will also be collecting children's books to donate. Hope to see you there!

Thank You!

Please join me in thanking Shirley Miller and all the servant leaders of her wonderful Fellowship Ministry. Throughout all the fellowship occasions in our church's life (receptions, parties, lunches) they're the first ones there and the last ones to leave. Though they'd be the last to ask for it, nor do they serve to be recognized, our church owes them all a debt of heart-felt gratitude. Thank you! Each of you makes possible all of our church's fellowship traditions. -Dan



Poinsettia Order
Forms are available in Fellowship Hall and the Church Office. Deadline for placing orders is Dec. 14th, for delivery on Dec. 20th.

2015 MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Needed: LEADER to coordinate our first adult mission trip! This position will be responsible for leading a task force to choose an adult mission opportunity for 2015 and coordinate the recruitment of participants and support for the mission trip. Please contact David Dodd (email: ddodd@irr.com) if interested in this exciting outreach opportunity!

Needed: LEADER to coordinate a task force for 2015 to assist in the establishment and coordination of potential ongoing local outreach/mission events related to providing assistance to the elderly in Garland with needed home repairs. Please contact David Dodd (email: ddodd@irr.com) if interested in this exciting outreach opportunity!



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. A snack supper will be provided. Contact Pastor Allison to RSVP.**



Need A Great Gift Idea? Purchase a Brick this Christmas!

Looking for a unique Christmas gift for someone special? Purchase and personalize a brick for your friend or loved one. The bricks will be displayed outside the FCCG dedication ramp in honor or in memory of that special person in your life. For information about cost and personalization options, please contact Kathleen Yant (972.496.0534, kyant1@aol.com) or Eva McKannan (972.414.1737, patevamck@verizon.net)

Holiday Cleaning?
Donate your old
magazines to the
church.



**There will not be a Men's
Breakfast in December.**



Angel Tree Service Opportunities

Step one for the Angel Tree was collecting the gifts. Here's a chance for you to help out with step two—the distribution of Angel Tree gifts! This is a great opportunity to

build some relationship and share some love with those that will be receiving the gifts. Also a great teaching opportunity for our kiddos. They could really use our help during any of the following days and times:

Thursday, Dec 11th, 8pm-10pm
At Rowlett United Methodist Church (main)

Friday, Dec 12th, 6pm-8pm and 8pm-10pm
At Rowlett Christian Church

Saturday, Dec 13th, 9am-noon
At Rowlett Christian Church

Talk to Rev. Casey for more information.



The Church Office
will be closed on
Christmas Day
and the day after.

Elders On-Call for December—

Morris Womack
(972.926.9900)

Bob Simpson
(972.495.2948)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Circle of Fellowship

Marilyn Fowler

Fishers of Families

Blondell Lewis

Dottie Harper

God's Messengers

Syd McConnell

Hands of Faith

Morris Womack

The Grapevine

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