

# The Messenger

February 18, 2015



## Lenten Season Offerings



### Lenten Bible Study: *"Perseverance: A Long Obedience in the Same Direction"*

Sunday Evenings—Feb 22nd, Mar 1st, Mar 8th and Mar 15th  
6pm in Cole Parlor—Dr. Dan Leading

Dear Member, the season of Lent begins today, February 18. The forty day season of Lent is a time set aside by the Church for spiritual introspection. It is a time of preparation for the glorious gift of Easter—Christ's Resurrection. In the Church's wisdom, it was long ago decided that we can't properly receive what our souls need (resurrection) until we first of all clear out the clutter. So a 6-week season Lent. A sort of Soul Cleansing. To share that process of "soul cleansing" with you, I would like to invite you to the following study.

The Bible often describes significant movements of faith as journeys. God calls and those who hear God's call are invited to follow. What ensues is a "journey of faith."

Yet, it's not enough to simply travel somewhere. Not enough to simply go. We're invited to move in the direction that leads us closer to God. And as I read the Bible, these journeys of faith aren't quick and easy. They stretch out over days and weeks, even years. And while we may start the journey well, along the way, we're prone to get impatient and ask the child's question, "Are we almost there?" What's needed is something the Bible calls perseverance.

Beginning February 22, I would like to spend four Sunday evenings thinking with you about some aspects of perseverance and how it might impact our journeys of faith. I've decided to call our time together: *"Perseverance: A Long Obedience in the Same Direction."*

**February 22**—Repentance, Psalm 120; **March 1**—Help, Psalm 124; **March 8**—Joy, Psalm 126;  
**March 15**—Patience, Psalm 129

### Families & Professionals Lenten Series *Spiritual Disciplines: Creating Space for the Holy*

Led by Rev. Casey

Wednesdays, February 25 through March 25<sup>th</sup>

6:30pm Brown Bag Dinner

7:00-8:00pm Spiritual Discipline

(childcare available)





**WHAT:** DWM CHILI COOK-OFF

**WHEN:** 11:30am, Sunday, March 1, 2015

**WHERE:** Fellowship Hall

Cost is \$6.00\* Meal includes a bowl of chili, cornbread, drink, and dessert.

*\*Children age 8 and under cost \$3.00; meal includes choice of mac & cheese or chili, cornbread, drink, and dessert.*

**REMINDER** to all chili contestants: Please bring your chili in a crock pot to Fellowship Hall by 10:00am on March 1st. During Sunday School, each crock pot of chili will be judged. Prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

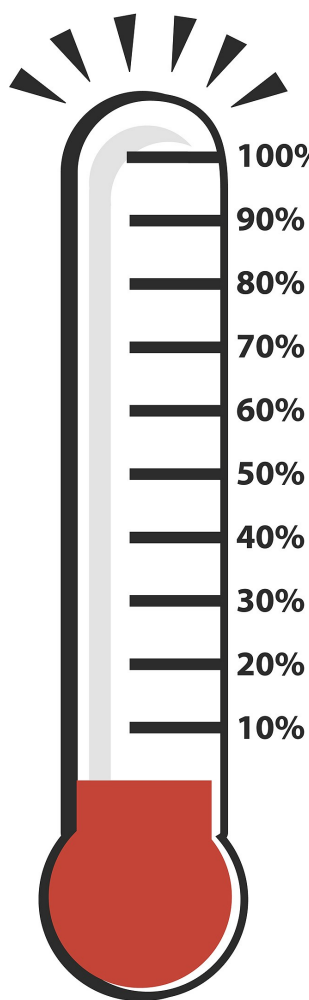
**WHY:** DWM fundraiser/donations help the homeless, Juliette Fowler, making improvements to our church and a variety of other needs throughout our community.

Please join us for a bowl of chili and help support DWM in continuing to serve our community.

**NTA DWM Quarterly Project** for Jan 18th-May 16 is ***This Side Up Family Center***. We are collecting donations of the following: \$1 Bingo prizes, cans of soda, bottled water, packaged snacks, toilet paper, paper towels, and new family board games. Anything you can give is appreciated.  
(Donation bins located in Fellowship Hall)



Beginning March 1, we will be collecting individually wrapped candies. Youth will place the candies in eggs for the egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Collection box in Fellowship Hall.



**OUTREACH EMPHASIS MONTH** began last Sunday, February 15th, and continues through Sunday, March 1st. The Outreach Ministry is asking that you give generously to support our congregation's Outreach offering drive. Your giving will help our church continue its vital witness of outreach to the social agencies of our community, the nation, and the world. **Last year we raised \$6,923, and our goal for this year is \$7,000.** To date, we have raised \$320. Special offering envelopes are in the pews. Designate check for: *Outreach Offering*. Give generously!



SHARING **Brings Joy.** To Us.  
To Others. To God.

# Task Force

## WHAT TO DO WITH THE ACTIVITY CENTER PROPERTY???

**A task force has been formed to determine just that—WITH YOUR HELP!**

If you have any ideas, please email them to [harryo11@msn.com](mailto:harryo11@msn.com) or put them in WRITING and send to FCC Garland, 115 S. Glenbrook, Garland 75040, or drop in the offering plate, or hand to one of the Task Force members listed below. All possibilities will be considered and two or three viable options will be presented to the Board. This process will take some time, and we can't start until we receive your thoughts, so please send them in! *Thanks.*

Harry Aston, Chairman  
Ben Brister  
Paul Harper  
Gene Newman

Bruce Nowlin  
Bob Potts  
Kate Walker  
Kathleen Yant



**THANK YOU** to all of those who made February 10th such a special day. Thank you for taking the time to come to TCU. I appreciate it greatly.

*-David Worden*

***"When In Our Music God is Glorified"***

**Featuring world-renowned composer Joseph Martin in concert with FCCG Choir**

**April 12, 2015 at 9:00am**

*Underwritten by the Harold and Martha Rusk Fund*

**MID-WINTER RETREAT—High School**

**Feb 20-21**

Cost is \$45

Contact Pastor Allison for more information



**SAVE THE DATE**

**ALL CHURCH MISSION TRIP**

**April 30—May 2, 2015**



**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Fishers of Families**

Dottie Harper  
Blondell Lewis

**Gods Messengers**

Shirley Miller

**Hands of Faith**

Jill Kirker

**Shepherds**

Laura Lemaster  
Lee MacDonald

**The Grapevine**

Judi Archibald  
Dylan Godwin  
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**Elders On-Call—**

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