

The Messenger



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A Moment's Reflection

"God of our life, through all the circling years, we trust in you." -Hymn, "God of Life"

I love this time of year. I love the changing season and its cooler weather. I love the leaves that turn red and orange. I love cracking the window at night and adding an extra layer of blanket. I love the holidays about to come. I love the delight of children in costume who parade around from car to car trick or treating.



I love the songs of the seasons. "For the Beauty of the Earth." "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come." "We Gather Together." I love these days when we feast on the fruits of having lived another year well as church. I love Thanksgiving Sunday and the music that follows the Sunday after.

I love that our kids come home for the holidays and families find ways to reunite. I love that our children experience memories of the church that will stay with them forever. I love the way the light shines at a golden angle through the stained-glass windows this time of year. I love the Church's reminder that we be grateful, and for telling us the gospel story of 10 who were healed and the one who returned to give hearty thanks. I love how the Church makes us pause on the precipice of every holiday rush to remember that Christ is King and gives us a life-giving glimpse of what the Holy Child will grow to be.

I love Children's Christmas pageants that stand the test of time no matter who plays the parts—angels with wire wings, Magi with glued on beards, Mary and Joseph who look about as nervous as they probably were back then, shepherds who still aren't sure where or how to stand.

I love that you love these things with me. I love that you never get tired of coming Christmas Eve to sing "Silent Night." And that through all the weeks leading to Christmas you sing the familiar songs of Christmas as if for the first time. "O Little Town of Bethlehem." "Joy to the World." "Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

I love the gifts we give each other. I love the little bags of cookies and bread you place by my office door. I love the stoles we ministers wear this season of the year. White for All Saints. Blue and Purple for Advent. White again for Christmas, or those times, when at the Spirit's whim, I wear my favorite Charlie Brown Christmas stole on Christmas Eve.

I love this time of year. I invite you to love it with me. -Dan, November 2021

Save the Date: Volunteer Trainings**CPR/AED/FIRST AID TRAINING****November 13, 8:00 to 10:30 am****Room 201**

Training in CPR/AED/First Aid for infants, children and youth is mandatory for youth sponsors and childcare providers of FCCG. This training must be renewed every two years. Please check the expiration date on your certification card and plan to attend if expired.

The class cost is \$40.00 per person. Any church member may attend. Registration deadline is November 7. Contact Stephanie Gordon, 214-673-9059.

**SAFE CHURCH TRAINING****November 13, 8:00 to 10:30 am****Room 201**

Annual Safe Church Training is mandatory for all FCCG volunteers and employees working with children and youth. This includes Sunday School teachers, youth sponsors, childcare providers, and Children's Choir Director. Please attend training on November 13 from 10:30 to 11:30 am in Room 201. This education seminar will cover topics about sexual abuse, prevention and mandatory reporting procedures. Contact Stephanie Gordon, 214-673-9059.



Thanksgiving Dinner

FCCG will be celebrating Thanksgiving this year on **Sunday, November 21, 2021 after Sunday School.**

Fellowship Ministry will prepare the Thanksgiving Feast following food preparation guidelines in the church kitchen. DWM will provide store bought, pre-packaged, individually wrapped desserts. All precautions will be taken to ensure a safe and enjoyable event. Seating will be 8 people per table.

ALL SAINTS SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

MORNING WORSHIP

*CANDLES LIT IN MEMORY OF
THOSE WE HAVE LOST*



Sat. November 6th

8:30am

Men's Breakfast



DWM Meeting

You are a vital part of our Disciples Women Ministry.

The choice: trust in man or trust in God

Opening Our Ears—Study of Jeremiah Chapters 17-19

Speaker: Judy Ross

Spiritual Color: Blue

Baptism that intensifies us with Jesus

Memorabilia: Prayer card

You are the potter. I am the clay

December 6	9:30am	Morning Circle
December 7	6:45pm*	Evening Circle
*Childcare will be available for this session		

Come have fun, fellowship, and weave us together.



The Bakeless Bake Sale is back!

- All funds raised will help us continue to support our church and community.
- You may write a check and put in the memo: DWM Bakeless Bake Sale
- You may also give online through our app with the line item: DWM Bakeless Bake Sale
- Or drop money in the offering plate earmarked for the DWM Bakeless Bake Sale

Thank you from your Disciples Women Ministry!!



Children's Choir is Back!

We are very excited to announce that Sherri Brown will direct Children's Choir beginning November 6. Children age 4 through 3rd grade will meet during Sunday School. We look forward to seeing all of you there!



Youthful Pursuits

Trunk or Treat

FCC Garland held its Trunk or Treat for 2021 this last Saturday, October 30th. It was great to see everyone and continue this fall tradition for our church. Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered a trunk for the event, and to everyone who came out to participate.



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Nov 7 @ Sunday School hour—
Children's Choir

Nov 7 @ 4:00pm—Youth groups

Nov 14 @ 4:00pm—Youth groups

Dec 5 @ 4:00pm—Youth groups

Dec 12 @ TBA—Christmas
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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 at 972-272-5423.

Study the Gospel of Mark - Thursdays at 12pm

Rev. Dr. Douglas Skinner invites you to join his continuing bible study. Having completed a study of the Book of Ephesians, the course will continue with a study of the Gospel of Mark.

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

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
MARK

Fall Sunday School Lesson Series "The Difficult Teachings of Jesus"

Dr. Dan Jones,

Sunday school hour in the Sanctuary



November 7—"Sell What You Own" Mark 10: 17-27

November 14—"Hate Father and Mother" Luke 14: 25-33

November 21—"Slave of All" Mark 10: 32-45

Streams of Living Water: A Seven Week Study in Christian Spirituality

Based on Richard Foster's *Streams of Living Water:
Celebrating the Great Traditions of the Christian Faith*

Monday nights at 7:00 PM on Zoom

Led by Shaun Brown

shaun@fccgarland.org

COMING SOON!

Dr. Shaun Brown will lead an Advent study on the
Infancy Narratives beginning November 29th.
11-29 The Genealogies (Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:21-38)
12-6 Joseph and the Escape to Egypt (Matthew 1:18-2:23)
12-13 Mary, Elizabeth, and Zechariah (Luke 1:5-80)
12-20 Jesus' Birth and the Temple (Luke 2)

Outreach

Good Samaritans of Garland needs food items to feed our community and others not in our zip codes. They do not turn away hungry people. They are in need of canned goods including meat such as stew or pot pies, canned pasta meals such as ravioli or spaghetti, peanut butter, tuna, chicken, all vegetables, powdered milk and sauces such as pasta. These canned goods may be placed in labeled boxes in the Fellowship Hall. Your donations will be delivered weekly to Good Samaritans.

Because the number of food insecure people have so greatly increased this year, Good Samaritans will not be giving out Thanksgiving meal bags but instead giving out donated food. Our weekly food drive will assist Good Samaritans in having enough food to give out.

Outreach Ministry will also be collecting for Thanksgiving meal boxes soon. The price is unknown at this time but will be announced as soon as available. These boxes feeding 4 to 6, will be given to people or families our members suggest would benefit from a Thanksgiving meal and also apartment residents at Juliette Fowler. Residents gather and share the meal so one meal benefits a number of people. These residents are so thankful; many might not have a Thanksgiving meal otherwise were it not for your generous donation.

If you know of a member or family within our church that would benefit from a Thanksgiving meal, please let a member of the Outreach Ministry or the church office know. Also, if there is someone or a family outside of our church that needs a meal, please provide their name and a phone number. If you suggest a meal for a member, Outreach will have these meal boxes ready for you to pick up Monday, November 22 at the church Avenue A door at 10:30.

As Christians we are to feed the poor who are in need. Feeding the needy is part of serving one another. As we serve others, we are serving Christ.

Hebrew 13:16 *"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."*

Outreach Ministry



Good Samaritans of Garland

Feeding · Helping · Serving

prayer REQUESTS

Circle of Fellowship

Bill Fowler
Stan McGill
Eulah Stiles
Fonda Thomas

God's Messengers

Shirley Miller

Hands of Faith

Gerry Cooper
Kim Whalin

The Handbell Choir is looking for some new members. If you're interested, please contact Virginia McBee at mvmcb0453@aol.com

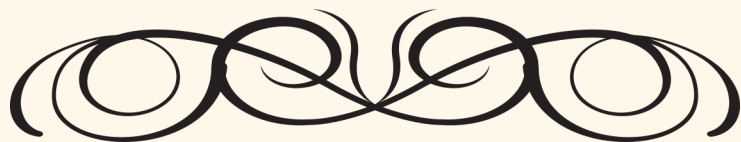
Handbell Choir



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the thoughtfulness and kindness you have shown Laurie and me these past several weeks during my back surgery and recovering. Your cards, calls, and emails have meant so much. I am doing better and on the road to a full recovery. I look forward to the Chancel Choir's return and our sharing the gift of music during our upcoming Advent Season.

Stan



IN SYMPATHY

We give our sympathy to Judy Shwarts and family upon the loss of her husband,
Stan Shwarts,
who passed away Sunday, October 10.

