

# The Messenger



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## Moment's Reflection

"Remember . . . ." 1 Chronicles 16:15

"Forgetting what lies behind . . . ." Philippians 3:13

I was talking with man who has seen more heartache in his life than any person should have had to face. On occasion I invite him to remember his story with me. He recalls a trail of tears from the time he was 5 years old. Full of broken families, abandonment, abuse—a story of a man who never was allowed to be a child. He was sent off to live in a boy's camp when he was 11 years old because his drunken



stepfather ran his car into a telephone pole and died, and his mother didn't know how to handle life, much less him. Instead of loving him through their family pain, she sent him off. What happened to him there is too dark to tell.

"It depresses me to remember that part of my life," he told me one day. "I figure its simply better to put those stories in a locked box and throw the key away." Seeing the pain he experiences remembering, I can't say that I blame him. As much as I value remembering, I can see why some people would rather not.

The Scriptures are mixed on their insistence. Much of the Old Testament is a story about a holy people making time to remember the story of how God rescued them from slavery and delivered them into Promise. But there are just as many other times when Scripture says we should look forward, not back. Paul, for instance, says forgetting what lies behind, he chooses to focus on what lies ahead.

My best thinking about Scripture's seemingly mixed message is that a spiritually healthy life requires both—remembering and looking forward, (a sort of spiritual ebbing and flowing) and having the wisdom to know which is needed.

The Easter story offers a possible way to blend the two. Trying to find Jesus' body in an empty tomb, angels prompt frantic disciples, "Remember how he told you." Mark's gospel adds the admonition that the first witnesses stop looking for the living among the dead, "but go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him."

Here, perhaps, is the necessary balance. We remember to take stock of what, despite hardship and darkness, we have learned. But we look forward to the hope that the past does not define us. With creative God, risen Jesus, the story of our lives is still being written. Salvation is acknowledging what in our past needs risen Christ's healing.

-Dan

# DWM Meeting

Come celebrate our time together in DWM  
**Finding the Source of Our Hope Part 1—a study of Jeremiah  
 Chapters 33-42**

Speaker: Debra Goheen

Spiritual Color: Purple

Crown of Life

Memorabilia: Round T.U.I.T.

<b>March 7</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Morning Circle</b>
<b>March 8</b>	<b>6:45pm*</b>	<b>Evening Circle</b>
<b>*Childcare will be available for this session</b>		

We HOPE to see you!

## Rusk Memorial Service February 20th

Our Rusk Memorial service is back after a hiatus last year due to the COVID pandemic. The service, which features a performance from the Foto Sisters, begins at 10:00am.

### About the Foto Sisters

*"I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will make music." Psalm 101:1*

After almost two decades of intensive classical training and performing across the country, the sisters are stepping into a new season as a duo. Katelyn and Gaylyn are passionate

about sharing the doctrinal truths of God's Sovereignty that have impacted their lives. Their classical background allows them to bring something unique to the table: a concert experience, centered on sharing Christ through song. In this setting, they continue to embrace the arts and showcase the gospel through words and melodies they have come to love.

A love for people and a passion for Biblical truth is what you'll experience in the sound of the Foto Sisters. From music videos to the stage, they have one goal, and that is to point others to the only Savior, Jesus Christ!



# Men's Breakfast



Join us for the  
Men's Breakfast  
next month!

Sat., March 5th

8:30am

Fellowship Hall

## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Feb 20 @ 4:00pm

Youth groups

March 27 @ 4:00pm

Youth groups



# 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.

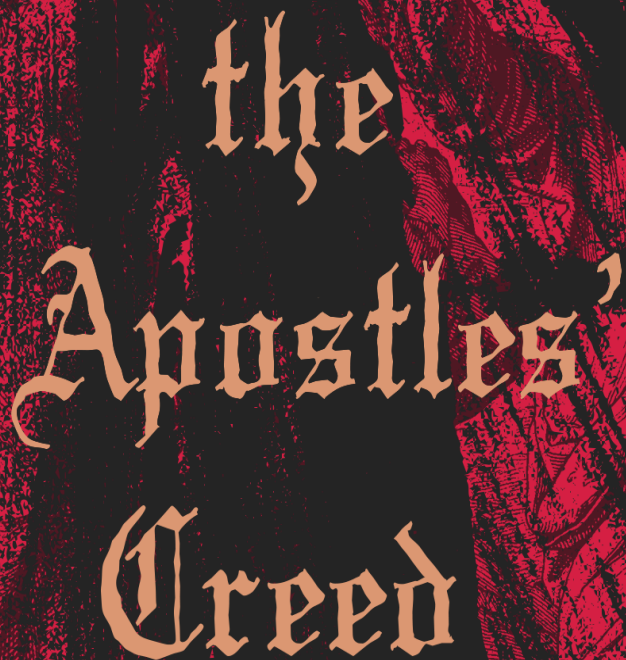
## Study the Gospel of Mark - Thursdays at 12pm

Rev. Dr. Douglas Skinner invites you to join his continuing bible study. The course will continue an ongoing in-depth 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



the  
Apostles'  
Creed

CONTINUES  
through May

Mondays  
7:00pm via Zoom

Led by  
Dr. Shaun Brown



*Circle of Fellowship*

Marilyn Fowler  
Judy Grasham

*Fishers of Families*

Blake Collins

*God's Messengers*

Wanda McGill

*Hands of Faith*

Kim Whalin

*Shepherds*

Patty Crow  
Pam Gammon  
Kerri McEntee

*The Grapevine*

Judy Ross

## Diaconate meeting Feb 13th

All Deacons will meet **this Sunday, February 13th** immediately after Sunday School for a short meeting to discuss responsibilities and schedule for year 2022. Meet in the diaconate room.

Les Perry

Deacon Chair

My muffin ministry was a huge success in 2021. I was only able to deliver 60 muffins each Saturday morning all 52 weeks because of your support. Please consider picking up something to help me with this community ministry when you do your shopping. below is a list of what it takes each week for this ministry to continue. There is a bin labeled "muffin ministry " in the donation center which is located in the small room to the left after you pass the Ruth Mix class room. gift cards to Kroger or Aldi are appreciated too.

Thank you so much for helping me to serve the less fortunate in our community.

Kimberly Whalin  
(469)321-0810

Each week I need

- 5 Krusteaz (boxed) muffin mixes  
Aldi also has a good selection of boxed muffin mixes
- 10 eggs
- 2.5 cups of oil
- PAM with flour baking spray
- 30 paper muffin liners
- 60 plastic quart size zip top bags

