

The Messenger



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Mar 2, 2022

Moment's Reflection

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." -Romans 12:15

And now there is Russia and Ukraine. In my life, each war is a variation on a tired theme:

wars are waged by generals and their soldiers. But their consequences are paid a hundred times by children, mothers, and fathers. The cost of war, as pictured above, can't be told by counting decisive battles; rather, by looking into a young boy's face who weeps



into a welcoming stranger's arms on the Polish border. He is safe, but his father has turned back to fight. He weeps because he fears he may never see him again. Casualties include every such instance of emotional anguish.

War is a tragedy. Sometimes necessary, of course. Freedom is expensive. But war is almost always a tragic failure of imagination. When diplomacy fails, instruments of coercion are brought out. Fights have a way of escalating. Regional disputes become global conflagrations. The risk is always escalation. One act of aggression begets the need for another. Wars are failures of imagination because nobody ever seems to know how to make them smaller.

I'm encouraged by the Ukrainian resistance. But I fear it is short-lived. Courage and fortitude are no match for overwhelming military power. I suspect Russia's early resistance may tempt more deadliness. As one military expert predicted recently, "Putin's early failure will be tomorrow's double down."

I'm glad I don't live there. But I feel small in saying that. Fred Rogers used to recall something his mother said. "When there's trouble, always find the people who are helping. They're always there." I see them along Ukraine's borders. Thank God.

I'm tempted to look away. I know there's no good in ruminating about hard realities I can't help. But today, I keep looking. I know that prayers are a facile thing to offer in the face of such dire human need. But it's all I have to offer. -Dan, Lent 2022

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.

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

We HOPE to see you!

**Join us for the
 Men's Breakfast
 this month!
 Sat., March 5th**

**8:30am
 Fellowship Hall**

**Men's
 Breakfast**



Week of Compassion

With the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Europe following the onset of the Russian invasion, this year's annual Outreach Offering will focus on world need through Week of Compassion.

Learn more here: <https://www.weekofcompassion.org/stories/responding-in-ukraine>

Recalling Jesus' Great Commission that we "*Go into All the World*," (Mark 16:15), we will receive **Outreach Offerings on Sunday, March 27, April 3 and 10.**



Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022—10:00am

Procession of Palm Branches

Maundy Thursday Agape Feast

April 14, 2022—7:00pm

Good Friday Prayer Service

April 15, 2022—12:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY

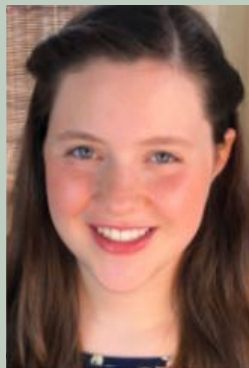
APRIL 17TH

WORSHIP SERVICE, 10:00AM

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST,
11:00AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 11:15AM

Congratulations to our Rusk Scholarship recipients

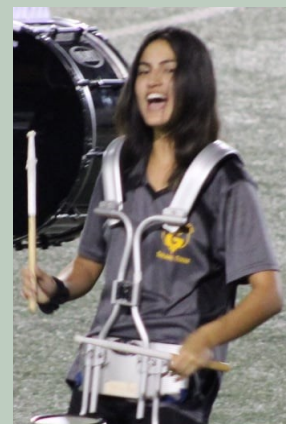


Sara Dacon, Garland High School

Sara Dacon is a senior at Garland High School where she has been a 3-year member of the A Cappella Choir and currently serves as the choir president. She has been a 3-time Texas State Choir member and earned the spot of first chair in the choir 2 of the 3 years. Sara plans to major in Vocal Performance at Oklahoma City University.

Carlee Morales, Garland High school

Carlee Morales is a senior at Garland High School where she is a member of the Mighty Owl Band and the AVAPA program (academy of visual and performing arts). She has been in the top all-region jazz band all four years, most recently receiving the highest chair for Region 3. Carlee plans to major in Music Production at Berklee College of Music in Boston.



UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Youth Sunday Worship

March 20th, 10:00am

Youth Group Meetings

4:00-5:30pm

March 6

March 13

March 20

March 27

Special Meeting

March 6 from 4:00-5:30

Chi Rho and CYF will have an informational meeting about the youth mission trip coming to Disciple Summer Mission in Memphis, Tennessee from June 27 through July 1.



Pastor's Class—March 27 & April 3

Dan and Shaun will be teaching a Pastor's class on March 27 and April 3. Rather than reserving the class for those interested in baptism, we are going to combine the JYF, Chi Rho, and CYF classes for those two weeks. It can be a good refresher for all of the youth, but could also be an opportunity for some of them to discern if they want to be baptized.

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.

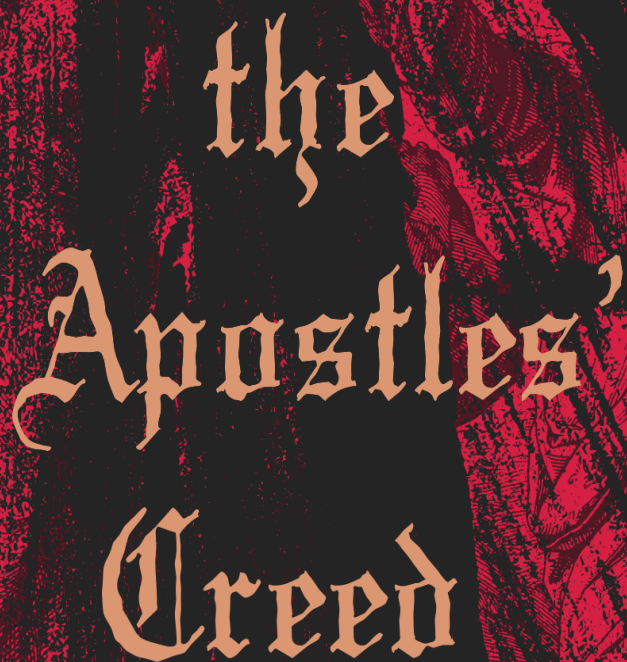
Study the Gospel of Mark - Thursdays at 12pm

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

prayer REQUESTS

Circle of Fellowship

Marilyn Fowler
Judy Grasham
Bob & Tommie Potts

Fishers of Families

Blake Collins

God's Messengers

Wanda McGill

Hands of Faith

Brenda Crosthwaite
Glenda Lee
Kim Whalin

Shepherds

Patty Crow
Pam Gammon
Kerri McEntee

The Grapevine

Judy Ross

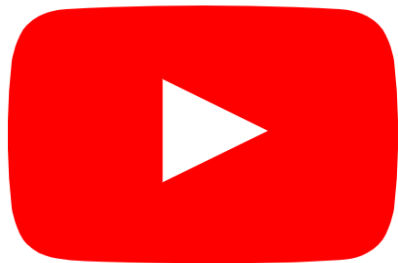


TONIGHT

March 2nd

Service Begins at 7:00pm

Livestream our
worship services
on YouTube



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Spring Forward



March 13th set your clocks ahead