

# The Messenger



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## Moment's Reflection

*"For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."*  
-Psalm 100:5

One of the great joys of being minister in one place for many years is that you begin to see larger patterns of God's work and blessing.

Through the years, I've had the joy of presiding at the marriage ceremonies of young adults I dedicated as children and watched grow up in the Church. I've taught pastor's classes for young people who've been baptized and then grown to become ministers in their own right. I've seen the fullness of a person's life story become greater than any single act of goodness which we recall. I've appreciated more deeply the wisdom of decisions that were made years ago.



Sometime this summer, our church will sell the property across the street to the City of Garland. That property has gone by different names through the years, yet despite the changing names, the building has represented one vision for our church: that we continue to be a presence in downtown Garland. That vision has taken several shapes from providing parking, to housing a robust contemporary worship service. I have so many good memories of times in that place. I'll never forget the inventive La Posada services we had. Or the beloved people I worshipped alongside in that place. Now as we prepare to sell that property, the vision becomes the material/financial substance of dreams yet to come. I am thankful for the generous souls who had the first vision and for how their generosity will continue to bless us for years to come.

This summer we'll also dedicate the Noah's Ark Playground in Mike Whalin's memory. Mike spent his life making sure generations of our children knew Jesus. He was the face of the JYF program. He was the long-time JYF Sunday school teacher. He always insisted that "his kids" come first. As each of these kids graduated from his class, he took seriously the need to gift them with a Bible. He was the one who always helped me in the Baptistry on Easter Sunday as "his kids" made confessions of faith and were baptized. I can't think of a better way to honor the spirit of his life legacy.

I think it's possible to miss the importance of extraordinary faith as it's lived day to day.

This summer we'll have an opportunity to stand back and behold how God has been with us, shaped us beautifully and wonderfully through the years. -Dan, Pentecost 2022

# Vacation Bible School 2022

Saturday, July 30th

Our format is different from previous years. It will be a one-day event. Participants and their families will be invited to attend and participate in worship on Sunday, July 31.

Theme — Food Truck Party: On a Roll with God!

Scripture — Matthew 6:11, "Give us this day our daily bread."

Overview — Get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls in for the summer's biggest party! This VBS invites children to pray as Jesus teaches: "Give us this day our daily." Kids will learn that everything we have comes from God and it's by turning to God in prayer that all of our daily needs are met.



## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

### Youth Mission Trip & Camp June 27-July 1

Please pray for our youth, for Shaun Brown and for Sharon Campbell during this special week. Some are headed to Disciples Crossing and others to the Mission Trip in Memphis, Tennessee, but all could use your prayers.

## VOLUNTEER

We are looking for some people who may be interested in helping with sound and/or projection during the worship service on Sunday mornings. Prior experience is preferred but not required. We hope to get a good rotation in place for both. If you're interested please contact Rev. Shaun.

[shaun@fccgarland.org](mailto:shaun@fccgarland.org)



# 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

## Help Our Church

### Activity Building Clean Out

Saturday, June 25th

Starting at 8:00am



We need as many volunteers as possible to get the building across the street ready for sale.

## prayer REQUESTS

### Circle of Fellowship

Marilyn Fowler  
Cindy Kyle

### Fishers of Families

Collins family

### God's Messengers

Russ Lyons  
Shirley Miller

### Hands of Faith

Glenda Lee  
Don McKenzie  
Morris Womack  
Nancy Worden

### Shepherds

Helen Smith

## Celebrations

We celebrate the birth  
of

**Ezra Silas Brown,**

born to Sherri and  
Shaun Brown on May  
30th.

Proud sisters are  
Adalyn and Emilia.



We rejoice at the birth  
of

**Claire Olivia Olson,**

born to Laura and  
Dylan Olson on May  
27th.

Jack & Debbie  
Youngkin are the  
proud grandparents.



## Summer Fun

### Papercrafting Class

Ages 13+ are invited to participate in our group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. No previous experience is required. If you are a newbie to cardmaking, scrapbooking or papercrafts, you may obtain a list of supplies by contacting Linda Harrison, 972-533-4016, email [StamPenLady@aol.com](mailto:StamPenLady@aol.com).

The class meets in the Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. (flexible.) Bring a sack lunch and drink.

The only cost for the class is the supplies that you need.

## IN SYMPATHY

We give our condolences to the  
family of

**Blake Collins,**

who died on Thursday, May 26.  
A memorial will be held at the  
church on Thursday, June 9th at  
10:30am