

# The Messenger



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September 14, 2022

## Moment's Reflection

*"O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy." -Psalm 98:1, 8*

As we were putting together this month's newsletter, Leslee (Office Admin) texted me.

"Dan, I'm putting together the front page about the Stewardship Campaign and noticed that the passage refers to 'floods.' Given the recent floods in our area, do you think we should change that?"

Uber-pastoral minded Dan is inclined to say, "Yes. Absolutely. Change it. The last thing we want to do is use a word that evokes a traumatizing emotional experience."

"Let the flood clap their hands," the Psalmist says. "Let the hills sing together for joy." What kind of passage is that? "Floods" and "clap their hands" in the context of joy. It seems out of place in a yearly campaign that tries to motivate folk to give by doing everything possible to promote joy and hope.

And yet, this is precisely the point of the passage. In God's world, because of God's rule, even the otherwise destructive powers of a mighty flood pause in their paths to clap their hands and join all creation in singing a song of God's joy.

It would be great to live in a world where there are no floods, or pandemics, or illness, or rising inflation, or wars, or rumors of war, of worries that keep us up at night. And yet, this is the reality of the lives we inhabit. Just as we need to train our eyes to "praise God from whom all blessings flow," so too we discipline our souls to behold God's compassionate and faithful presence in the places where such song isn't our first inclination.

This October 9, during morning worship, we'll set aside a day to remember that God is Lord of all creation, of all the moments of life. On that day, I'll invite you to promise to give to the Church's continued ministry in 2023.

None of us can guarantee what the next year will bring. But that can't be the premise of our faithful giving. The motivation is based on a certainty that, as the Psalmist preaches, God helps us be victorious in all circumstances of life.

Sometimes we do sing it, "Because he lives, I can face tomorrow. Because he lives, all fear is gone. Because I know he holds the future." If perchance you've forgotten to sing this song of faith, sing it anew this Consecration Sunday. -Dr. Dan, Consecration Sunday 2022



# Disciples Women

**You** are a vital part of our Disciples Women Ministry.

God's providence and purpose  
in the most trying circumstance  
**THE CHURCH IN THE CITY**

Speaker: Marty Rogers  
Memorabilia: Prayer Block

October 3	9:30am	Morning Circle
October 4	6:45pm*	Evening Circle
*Childcare will be available for this session		

SHOOT FOR THE STARS

## Youth Update

On Sunday, September 11, the youth of First Christian Church of Garland gathered with 13 youth and 6 adults from First Christian Church of Monica Park.

Everyone got to know each other during fellowship and a shared a meal together. Then fun was had by all during a game of Capture the Flag followed by a game of Sharks and Minnow. The groups then separated where Mr. Eric and Mrs. Stephanie taught JYF and Pastor Shaun taught ChiRho and CYF.

The evening ended with prayers and concerns.



# Coming Soon!



In the weeks to come, your church has planned several special services. Join us!



**World Communion Sunday, October 2**



**Consecration Sunday, October 9**



**All Saints Service of Remembrance,  
November 6**



**Regional Minister, Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum  
preaches, November 13**

*Advent*  
A Season of Hope  
& Expectation

**Advent Service of Songs and Carols, November 27**



# 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 OF GENESIS—THURSDAYS AT 12:00PM VIA ZOOM

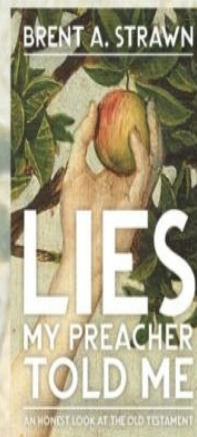
*REV. DR. DOUGLAS SKINNER INVITES YOU TO  
JOIN HIS NEW BIBLE STUDY.*



## NEW STUDY

MONDAYS AT  
7:00PM VIA  
ZOOM

WITH DR.  
SHAUN  
BROWN



BASED ON  
THE BOOK  
*LIES MY  
PREACHER  
TOLD ME: AN  
HONEST LOOK  
AT THE OLD  
TESTAMENT*

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 12TH

## UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

### Youth Meetings

**September 18**

5:00pm-7:00pm

**September 25**

5:00pm-7:00pm

The Dacons will host at their home.

**October 2**

5:00pm-7:00pm

**October 16**

5:00pm-7:00pm



*Saturdays 4:00pm—6:00pm*

*Starting September 17, 2022 and  
continuing for 6 weeks*

Room 202

★Childcare provided

Contact Church Office or Mike Allen  
and Pam Gammon —  
[allengammon@verizon.net](mailto:allengammon@verizon.net)

## prayer REQUESTS

### Circle of Fellowship

Marilyn Fowler  
Cindy Kyle  
Les Perry  
Carrie Lee Simpson

### Fishers of Families

Debbie Youngkin

### God's Messengers

Maurice & Wanda McGill

### Hands of Faith

Glenda Lee  
Kim Whalin

### Shepherds

Sharon Campbell  
Patty Crow

### The Grapevine

Keith Biffle

## Celebrations

We celebrate the birth  
of

**Kindall Mae  
Camp,**

born on Sunday, August  
14th at Baylor Hospital  
McKinney to Katland  
(Kat) Campbell and  
Sean Camp. Jentre Gieki  
is proud grandmother  
and Sharon Campbell is  
proud great-  
grandmother. Mom and  
baby are both doing  
well.

We celebrate the birth  
of

**Claire Elise  
Matney,**

born on August 29 to  
Kerri and Jeff Matney.  
Proud grandparents  
are Paula Newman and  
Mike Newman. Proud  
great-grandmother is  
Shirley Miller.



*Brad and Allie Traylor  
are happy to announce the  
marriage of their grandson,  
Logan Williams, to  
Brittany Swink.  
The couple were married  
August 13th.*

*Kaitlyn Gilchrist & Erich Womack*

*October 15, 2022*



YOU ARE INVITED TO A COUPLES WEDDING SHOWER FOR  
ERICH WOMACK AND KAITLYN GILCHRIST ON SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 25TH AT 12:00PM AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
GARLAND.

REGISTRY SITES ARE TARGET AND AMAZON