

# The Messenger

November 21, 2013

## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

It's time to think of families in our church/ community who need help this Thanksgiving with a dinner. Please notify the church office or Sharon Campbell (Outreach) if you know of someone in need. There are forms available in Fellowship Hall and the church office.



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## HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR



Our Holiday Craft Fair is right around the corner! On **Saturday, December 7th** from 9am-3pm, we will have multiple vendors selling their crafts and products. So far, we have Avon, Scentsy, handmade jewelry, baby quilts, and more! Be sure to stop by and support our vendors during this great fundraiser for mission trip.

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## CHRISTMAS SEASON

Come, celebrate & experience the Good News of the Christmas Season!

*"The life-giving light of Jesus Christ blazes out of the darkness and the darkness cannot put it out." John 1:5*

Dec 1st 9am - Songs of Christmas

Dec 8th 6pm - Christmas Pageant

Dec 15th 9am - Choir Cantata

Dec 24th 6pm - Candlelight Service

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## THIS WEEK'S SERMON

### November 24 (Thanksgiving Sunday)

Part 3—"Four Things that Matter Most—Thank You"

**Sermon:** "Sometimes, Not Often Enough"

**Scripture:** Philippians 4:10-20

**Synopsis:** The words of a song have long said it best for me: *"Sometimes not often enough, we reflect upon the good things, and those thoughts always center around those we love. And I think about those people, who mean so much to me, And for so many years have made me so very happy. And I count the times I have forgotten to say, thank you. And just how much I love them."* In this week's passage, Paul, the dogmatic, often-times gruff theologian and missionary, takes the occasion to say what he often does not. Here, at Thanksgiving, we listen and learn."

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## CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE

Please note the Church office Thanksgiving holiday schedule. Wednesday, November, 27th the office closes at 12:00 noon. We will remain closed Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following.



## SILENT AUCTION

A silent auction for painted ironing boards, painted by Fonda Thomas and Gay Anderson, will take place on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> during fellowship time and go through Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be announced during the bake sale on November 24<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will go towards the Disciples Women's ramp project outside fellowship hall entrance.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The 2014 NTA leader event will take place January 25, 2014. The event will take place at Northway Christian Church in Dallas. The theme this year is "Transformation Through Outreach" and the speaker is Johnny Wray, Interim Executive Director for Week of Compassion.

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## CHRISTMAS QUILT SALE

The First Christian Church Quilters Club will have a booth at the Craft Fair on December 7th from 9am-3pm. They will also have their annual Christmas Quilt Sale December 8th during coffee fellowship. Come and peruse their crafty creations!

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## CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

The stage is set in red and green, the Kids Christmas Choir is waiting in the wings, the script is written, and the narrators for this year's Christmas concert are all set and ready to go – well, all but one. This is the setting for the *"For the Glory of the King"* a new song and scene musical for Christmas! Join us December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to watch our creative children bring excitement to the music of Christmas.

## CHRISTMAS CANTATA



### CYF Parent's Night Out

December 13<sup>th</sup> is our annual Parent's Night Out hosted by our high school youth. Parents are invited to drop their children off at the church (up to age 10) at 6pm and pick them up no later than 9pm. We will have chicken nuggets and fries for all. A \$5 donation is appreciated.

### MIKE'S KIDS 2013

**(Nov. 2 – Dec. 18)**

Mike's Kid's is an annual program that is supported by the North Texas Area of Disciples Christian Churches, the Christian Men's Fellowship, and the Southwest Good Samaritans Ministries. This program supports children and adults who have been abandoned or forced out of their homeland to a new country for political or religious reasons. As the Christmas Season fast approaches it is time to begin filling banana boxes with gently used or new clothing (Appropriate for South Texas) and new underwear, toys (new or gently used), food, etc. for Mike's Kids in Los Fresnos, Texas.

Many local church groups, youth and others have supported Rev. Feliberto Pereira in this mission to help the poorest of poor. **Over the years Mike's Kids has sent thousands of boxes** full of new or gently used clothes and toys to the Valley. These filled banana boxes brought smiles to many displaced children and families in need. Please consider making Mike's Kids something your church will share in this year. Final church collection day will be Sunday, December 15, 2013.

Final pick up of all donations is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2013 & Tuesday, December 17, 2013. The truck to Los Fresno, TX will be leaving Wednesday, December 18, 2013, from Community Christian Church, Richardson.

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### ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

If you would like an Advent Devotional they are in both the office and Narthex. This year's Devotionals are published by Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

## ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is open for business! Help a family in need this holiday and bring gifts to the Fellowship Hall by **Dec. 8<sup>TH</sup>**. You can make a wonderful difference! We encourage Sunday School classes to adopt multiple children from the same family. Siblings are designated by identical numbers. Please follow the shopping instructions available when you pick your angel(s). Don't let a child go without—show them Christ's love through a simple gift of generosity.



## *Poinsettia Order Form*

*Due Date: December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013*

*Cost: \$17.00*

*Sponsor:* \_\_\_\_\_

*In Honor of:* \_\_\_\_\_

*In Memory of:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Deliver to Shut in* \_\_\_\_\_

*Pick up after Christmas Day Service* \_\_\_\_\_