

# The Messenger

May 8, 2014

## ALL YOUTH END OF YEAR PARTY

The end of the year party is May 18<sup>th</sup> at Central Park located at 1310 W. Avenue F, Garland, TX. Plan to meet at the park at 5pm and pick-up at 8pm. There will be a cook-out and some awesome games. Be sure to wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty and bring a towel!

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## SENIOR RECOGNITION



If you have a 2014 high school senior in your family please contact the church office to include them in our senior plans. We have journals in Fellowship Hall for members of the congregation to write notes and well wishes. Senior Recognition is scheduled for Sunday, May 18th with a reception to follow for the entire congregation.

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## ALLISON'S THOUGHTS

Lately, I have made an intentional effort to spend the bulk of my Thursday mornings reading a variety of books aimed at Children and Youth Pastors. I block this time off so that I can think deeply about what I am learning and work to make our ministry together one that Christ would be proud to claim. My current book is *Children Matter: Celebrating Their Place in the Church, Family, and Community*. Y'all, I am loving this book. From my reading, I was reminded that we need to provide age-appropriate activities and aids to our children, especially in worship. Therefore, we are going to start offering a new children's worship bulletin called "My Worship Notes." This one sheet bulletin will aid our children in following along with and participate in the worship service. We hope that families will be able to use this tool to interact with their children about worship both at church and at home.

Rev. Allison Ray  
Children, Youth, and Young Adult Minister

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## PRAYER REQUEST

MARTY ROGERS-CUP OF LIFE  
GARY CARROLL-HANDS OF FAITH  
PAT ASTON - FISHERS OF FAMILIES

JUDI ARCHIBALD-THE GRAPEVINE  
MARTHA FERRELL - CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP  
RUTH REMEUR-HANDS OF FAITH

WE CELEBRATE WITH **KATE & JT WALKER** UPON THE BIRTH OF THEIR NEW DAUGHTER,  
**EMERY GRACE WALKER** ON MAY 2ND, 2014!  
PROUD GRANDPARENTS, **GERRY & BRENDA COOPER**

WE GIVE OUR SYMPATHY TO HARRY ASTON & FAMILY UPON THE  
PASSING OF HIS OLDER BROTHER **MILTON ASTON** ON MAY 5, 2014

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## LAKE COUNTRY JUBILEE

The Ruth Mix class will be going to the Lake Country Jubilee on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, they will meet at the church at 4pm and will take the bus to Terrell. Tickets are \$20 each and you need to let Sondra Martin (469.298.3363.) know if you are planning to attend.



## SUMMER FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Movie Night at 7pm - June 11<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>  
Game Night at 7pm - July 20<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup>

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## NEW CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Photo make up day is Saturday June 14th. Please call the church office to schedule your appointment for pictures or you may go to our website at [www.fccgarland.org](http://www.fccgarland.org) and schedule your appointment. Thanks again to everyone for participating in making our new church pictorial directory a success. If you have questions, please call Brenda Crosthwaite at 972-495-3681.

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## THIS WEEK'S SERMON

May 11, 2014 (Mother's Day)

Living the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in our Everyday Lives, Sermon #3

Sermon: "Around the Dinner Table"

Scripture: Luke 24:13-24, 28-35

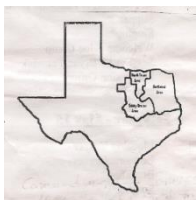
Synopsis: The Gospels say repeatedly that it is in the sharing of an ordinary meal that the Risen Christ is experienced by believers (the disciples of the Emmaus road, the disciples called to breakfast in John's gospel). This gospel fact suggests that our souls are formed by the power of Resurrection not necessarily in extraordinary occasions, but in the common routines of breaking bread. Peterson writes: "Formation by resurrection does not depend on a specially prepared setting or a carefully selected time and place. The norm is the normal. There is nothing more normal and routine and everyday than eating a meal." Later Peterson observes that while specially planned programs of spiritual formation such as bible studies are important, over a lifetime, the unnoticed and unrecognized presence of the risen Christ at our meals may be more formative of the life in Christ in us." (42) This week, we look not only at the value of ordinary meals, but how in the breaking of bread our relationships with the Risen Christ are formed.



## SNACKS FOR MISSION TRIP

If you would like to donate individually wrapped snacks to our 17 youth and adults going to Galveston, TX from July 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> please place them in the bin in Fellowship Hall. We would love things like granola bars, snack pack chips, fruit snacks. We are not asking for water or Gatorade this year.

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## 67<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TRI AREA CMF SPRING RETREAT

This year's theme will be Men & The Church. The retreat will be at Disciples Crossing Retreat & Conference Center in Athens, Texas on May 16 - 18, 2014. The retreat will be hosted by: North Texas Area, Northeast Area and Trinity-Brazos Area. Registration is available on our website [www.fccgarland.org](http://www.fccgarland.org).

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## COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be a combined Sunday School on June 8<sup>th</sup> and our guest speaker will be Dennis Kavanaugh with CRU E.A.S.T. A note from Dennis: "Following Christ is an adventure. When He sent me to minister in Japan in the early 90's, I thought I'd stay there until He called me home. Four years later the Lord showed me my need for further biblical study and I returned to the US to enroll in Dallas Theological Seminary,

completing a PhD in 2011. After serving DTS as an adjunct professor for two years, I again heard the call to missions! This time in Southeast Asia. Next stop is Singapore!"

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## 2014 CCSW MEN'S RETREAT

The CCSW Men's Retreat will be held at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat on September 19th-21<sup>st</sup> at 9030 Retreat Road, Brownwood, TX 76801 (325) 785-5133. The theme will be "In, NOT Of This World". Guest speakers will be Rev. Dr. Raumone Burton, Senior Minister, University Christian Church in Houston, TX and Rev. Mark Denton, Senior Minister, West Mesa Christian Church in Albuquerque, NM. Highlights are: PREACHING \* TEACHING \* SINGING \* WORSHIP \* FELLOWSHIP \* WORKSHOPS \* RELAXATION. There will be special offerings: *Saturday* - 2015 Men's Mission Project; *Sunday* - ½ to Men's Leadership Fund and ½ to Speaker's Fund.

- **WORKSHOPS: (Preliminary list)**

One by each Keynote Speaker, Social Networking Technology for Churches, Spirituality, Update on CCSW Area Structure Changes, How to Coordinate and Fulfill a Mission Work Project

- **RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Pre-Retreat Golf Tournament, Bridge, Horseshoes, Basketball, Volleyball, Golfing, Fishing, Dominoes, Card Games, and Rest & Relaxation

- **POWERFUL SINGING**

Rick Linn will come from Georgia to be our Song leader -Accompanied by your Instruments: Bring your instrument and join in with the music.

- **AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS:**

Layman of the Year Minister of the Year Attendance Awards Golf Tournament and Recreational Winners

Registration is available on our website ([www.fccgarland.org](http://www.fccgarland.org)). Mail in Your registration!

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## COMING THIS SUMMER

2014 Vacation Bible School will be June 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 5pm-8:15pm. Registration can be found on our website at [www.fccgarland.org/forms](http://www.fccgarland.org/forms). You may also find forms in Fellowship Hall.

