



# PARENT'S NIGHT OUT

Hosted by CYF  
Saturday, December 8th 6-10pm  
Cost: \$2

## Children's Christmas Program Sunday, December 9th 6:00pm



## Reception Plans after Program

Each Sunday School Class will have a table to decorate any way you desire and you will provide for that table. Each class will have a different food to prepare and serve.

- Followers & Crossroads: Sandwiches
- Christianity 101: Nacho Cheese Dip and Chips
- Cooper: Chips and Dips
- Ruth Mix & Apostles: Fruits and Veggies
- Crusaders: Cookies and Candies

The Fellowship Ministry will provide drinks and paper goods.



### Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries

FCC Garland will be collecting the following items for Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries in South Texas.

#### Items needed:

Blue Jeans (men & women sizes), Shirts (men, women & youth sizes), Shoes (men, women & youth sizes), Furniture, Kitchen utensils, Washer & Dryers, Toys and food

thank you!

The ladies of Disciples Women want to thank everyone who either bought or made a dessert

for the Thanksgiving dinner. The dinner was a complete success and Disciples Women collected \$1,085.00 in donations.



## Youth Ministry

Saturday December 8th  
CYF Lock-In 5:30pm

Sunday, December 9th  
Youth  
4:30pm - 6pm

Children's Christmas Pageant  
6pm

CYF & College Bible Study  
6pm on Wednesday nights

# Poinsettia Order Form

Due Date: December 17th, 2012

Cost: \$17.00

Sponsor:

In Honor of:

In Memory of:

Deliver/Pickup one of the following:

Shut in \_\_\_\_\_ Pick up after Christmas Day Service \_\_\_\_\_

## THIS WEEK'S SERMON

December 9, 2012 (Advent #2)

Sermon: "Imagine That"

Scripture: Luke 3:1-6

**Synopsis:** John not only dressed weird. He said weird things. Did you catch that part in his sermon about making preparations for God's arrival—a time, John says, when "every ditch will be filled in, every bump smoothed out . . . all the ruts paved over." (**The Message**). It sounds almost too good to be true. And you know what they say. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is. And yet, this seems to be Scripture's modus operandi: making outlandish promises and expecting us to believe them. You've heard me say that in addition to being an emotional experience, the Christian faith also needs to be an intellectual one. Our faith needs to be equal parts emotion and reason. This second Sunday in Advent, I want to add a third necessary aspect of Christian faith: imagination. Children seem to come by it naturally. We adults tend to live in more cynically flattened worlds. But unless we nurture a healthy sense of imagination, allow ourselves to picture more than the facts of our daily realities, we'll likely miss the good news of Jesus' Advent here.

# WELCOME

Welcome to our newest members  
**Sam & Donna Blake,**  
 who transferred their membership and joined  
 FCCG November 25th.

PRAYERS, JOYS, & CONCERNS...  
 FOR THE FOLLOWING:



MARY JANE HOSKINS  
 JO LIMES  
 BEA AXE  
 DOROTHY POORE  
 ERICH WOMACK

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHIES TO THE  
 FAMILY OF ELMER GRISHAM  
 UPON HIS PASSING NOVEMBER 28, 2012

## Judy Grasham Accepted!

Judy Grasham auditioned for and was accepted as a member of the American Choral Director's Association (ACDA) Music in Worship Festival Choir. This 300 voice choir comprised of church choir members from across the US will be under the direction of world renowned composer and conductor John Rutter, from Cambridge, England. Under his direction and with full orchestra, the choir will perform the Gabriel Faure' *Requiem* and Rutter's *Mass of the Children* (along with the Greater Dallas Children's Chorus) in the Meyerson Symphony Center on March 13, 2013.

Please congratulate Judy on not only making this prestigious group but also for all she and John give to our congregation on a weekly basis.

## Pledged Offering Recap



	12/2/12	YTD
Budgeted	\$9,280	\$454,700
Received	\$14,244	\$456,870
Overage/ (Shortage)	\$4,964	\$2,171

## Sunday, December 30th

Combined Worship Service 9am  
 Coffee Fellowship 10:00am  
 Sunday School 10:15am