



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

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CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP MAY 19, 11:15 A.M.

A special service of celebration and closure is planned for the final Contemporary Worship service May 19th. In this service, we will lift up our inmost feelings of sadness and loss to God. We will also celebrate cherished memories. And hopefully, by God's grace, and by God's Spirit, we will take the first tiny steps into God's future for us.

I don't suppose God measures time the way we do. "In the twinkling of an eye," Paul once wrote; or "with the Lord, a thousand years are as one day."

And yet, time matters. Anniversaries need recalling and milestones demand at least a moment's worth of silent reflection.



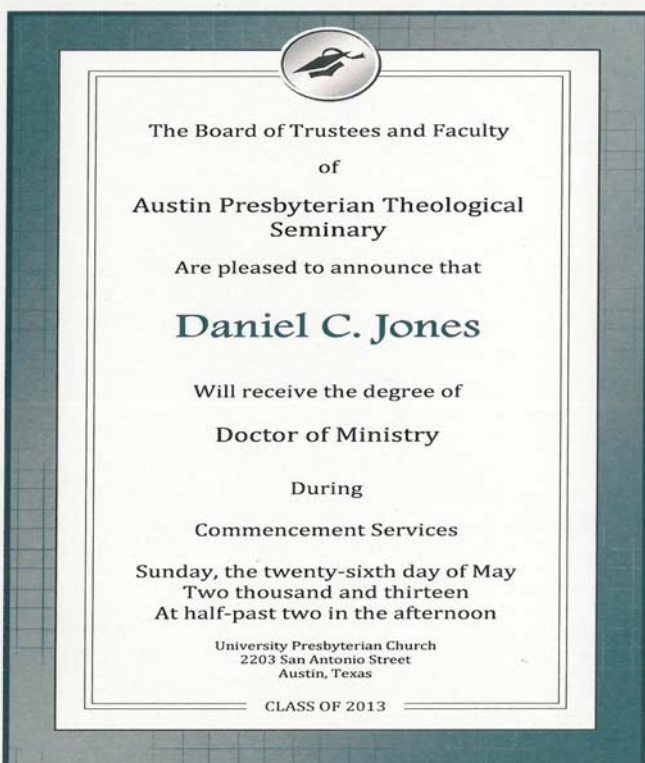
This newsletter carries an announcement of graduation. Satisfied as I am to make that announcement, even more I want you as a friend, a colleague in ministry, and as a family member, to share the meaning of this occasion with me.

June 24th marks the beginning of my 30th year of ordained ministry. June 4th Jenny and I mark the 10th anniversary of our son's passing. This month, I mark the time, five years ago, when I began a program of doctoral study to more deeply understand and describe how Christian hope functions in such times of loss. The doctoral project that emerged from those years of study, *A Theology of Hope for Pastoral Care: Reframing Life's Losses in the Context of God's Future*, is my best attempt to do exactly that.


Now Jenny and I look forward to my graduation Sunday afternoon, May 26 (actually, I think Jenny might look forward to my completion more than anyone). Our daughter, Megan, who lives in Austin, will celebrate with us, of course. But we'll also remember the journey getting here and the people who have mattered most to us along the way.

Thank you for being a part of my life journey. I will covet your prayers during this time of celebration, remembering, and re-dedication to ministry.

-Dan & Jenny Jones



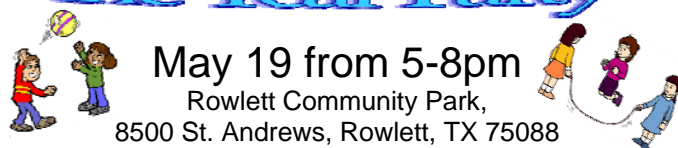
2013 VBS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
June 1st 9am



If you are participating in this year's VBS please plan to attend an organizational meeting in fellowship hall on June 1st at 9am. A continental breakfast will be served. If you will need a nursery please contact the church office.

All Youth End of the Year Party

May 19 from 5-8pm
Rowlett Community Park,
8500 St. Andrews, Rowlett, TX 75088



There will be a cook-out and some awesome games. We are asking that JYF, Chi Rho, and CYF meet at the church at 4:30 pm so we can ride together to the park; we will return to the church at 8:00 pm. PYF, please meet us at the park at 5 pm. Be sure to wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty and bring a towel!

THIS WEEK'S SERMON

Sermon: "Creator ex Nihilo: Fully Convinced"

Scripture: Romans 4: 16-25

Synopsis: I know. This week's sermon title carries a bit of odd Latin wording. *Creator ex nihilo*. I don't know much Latin, but over the years of studying hope I've learned to cherish the phrase because of the deep, sacred meaning which it conveys. God creates life out of nothing. That's what it means. God creates life out of nothing. As I go through life—remembering my own occasions of loss, remembering and sharing in the losses of those whom I have been called to serve, as I witness Christ's Church snatch life from the claws of death—I can't help but think that this is the essence of the Gospel: that God is at work in our lives making "death places" into "life places," despairing places into hopeful places. Abraham was confident in this conviction. Despite all signs to the contrary in his own life, Abraham showed us how faith is a confidence in the power of God to be Eternal Creator. On this Pentecost Sunday, it strikes me that the Pentecost moment described in the Book of Acts 2, is yet another illustration of God taking something, admittedly very little--a motely, fearful, self-doubting few (think Peter)—and by day's end fashioning them into Christ's Church.

Scripture Link: <http://bible.oremus.org/?q=234446757>

Outreach Moment

We successfully raised \$5,774.68 for our Week of Compassion/Special Day Offering.

As of April 2013 we have donated 270lbs of food to the Good Samaritan Pantry. We also were able to give them a check in the amount of \$1,425.00. We continue to support them on a monthly rotation with our Sunday school classes however, July, August and December still need sponsorship.

We have purchased fifty-eight \$25 gift cards for the Juliette Fowler community. Twenty-eight cards have already been distributed and the remaining will be given to them in the fall for distribution. We have also been able to send \$749.12 to our camp in Athens.

Thank you for your continued support to this important ministry.



Youth Ministry News



Sunday, May 19th

CYF & College Bible Study
6pm on Wednesday nights

2013 VBS Registration
Can be found on our
website
www.fccgarland.org

2013 VBS

June 16th-20th
Ages 4 - 5th grade



Pledged Offering Recap

	5/12/13	YTD
Budgeted	\$9,345	\$177,552
Received	\$8,784	\$168,795
Overage/(Shortage)	(\$561)	(\$8,757)



Needed:

Snacks For Mission Trip



If you would like to donate individually wrapped snacks, Gatorade, or water to our 25 youth and adults going to Joplin, MO from June 23-28th please place them in the bin in Fellowship Hall. We would love things like granola bars, snack pack chips, fruit snacks, Gatorade. We are not asking for water this year.

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25 Years
of Service

Stroke and Aphasia
Awareness

Wednesday, June 12th 6:30 at
FCCG

Act FAST



- Learn What Aphasia is
- Learn how to communicate with people who have Aphasia
- Learn what you can do to help
- Learn the signs of a stroke
- Learn the effects of a stroke
- Learn what you can do to help fight stroke

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FUNERAL HOME • CEMETERY
CREMATORY • MAUSOLEUM
REMBRANDT FLORIST

Funeral and Cemetery Planning Seminar
Sunday, May 26th at 11:30am
in Fellowship Hall

Lunch will be served so if you plan to attend please RSVP to the church office

The VBS Decorating Committee
will meet weekly on
Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-8pm
Anyone who is able to help
please join us at the activity center.

The VBS Staff would like to request used/empty water bottles with lids for use with VBS projects. There will be a container in Fellowship Hall to collect the bottles.

