

The Messenger

October 31, 2013

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who helped or attended our Annual Fall Festival on October 27th! The Festival was a great success this year as we were able to raise \$971 towards our youth mission trip to Galveston and other year-round events. This event is not only one of our primary fundraisers, but also a great opportunity to build community. As Youth Minister, I love being able to walk around the Festival talking with church members as well as people from the community. This year, I saw a lot of new faces from around the community. It is great that we are able to host this event that provides a safe and fun activity for families. I know many people enjoyed the Chili Cook-Off. Thank you to all who submitted chili and everyone who voted. Our winners are: Mike Whalin for Best Over-All, Staci Norris for Best White/Veggie, and the McMillans for Hottest! The costume contest winners are: Brenna McMillan and Nicholas Moore for Under 10, Alex Cossio for Over 10, and the Cooper Family for the group category.





Shannon & Jo Lines
Fall Festival 2013



Jacki Merucci
Fall Festival 2013



Alex Wornack
Juliana Houston
Connor Coughlin
Fall Festival 2013



Larry Kirker at Fall Festival 2013



**Branson Wesson & Mattie Hallean
Fall Festival 2013**



**Alex Cossio
Savannah & Dancey Caldwell**



**Jeanne Dunn
Fall Festival 2013**



**Sharon Campbell
Fall Festival 2013**

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

NOVEMBER 3, 2013

SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR PRIOR TO
GOING TO BED SATURDAY NIGHT

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR



It's time to start thinking about our Holiday Craft Fair! 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! If you are interested in being a vendor or know someone who is interested, contact Rev. Allison Ray.

FOR NOW & GENERATIONS TO COME

Rev. Dr. Bobby Hawley of the Christian Church Foundation in Fort Worth, will be our guest preacher, Sunday, November 3 (All Saints Day) and also lead a Sunday school hour session on the topic of endowment fund giving. The Trustees of the Church, in cooperation with the Stewardship Ministry, put together a very thoughtful Endowment Fund Policy and brochure four years ago. We've invited Dr. Hawley to help our congregation begin learning about this vital aspect of Stewardship. The purpose of both the sermon and Sunday school hour are for the purposes of education only (What is an endowment gift? How can I make such a gift? How would the church benefit from such a gift?). During this Sunday's worship service, the congregation will also learn about some of our church's endowment fund givers whose

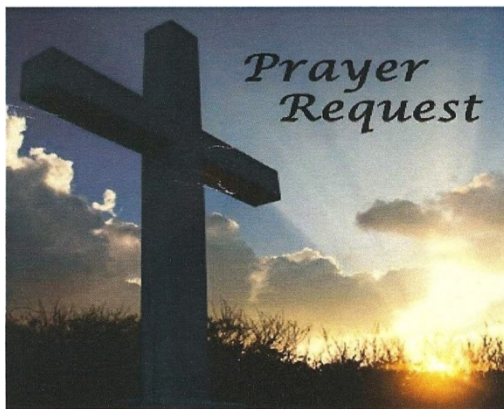


generosity we continue to benefit from many years since their passing. Prior to this special service, you are invited to read our church's endowment fund policy by going to www.fccgarland.org and selecting About Us then Mission Statement. You may also want to read more about Bobby Hawley and the work of the Christian Church Foundation by going to <http://www.christianchurchfoundation.org>.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On November 3rd during the 9am worship service we will remember those members who have passed away this past year. Their names will be spoken and a candle lit in celebration of their lives.

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION



The congregation's Elders are planning to pray for each of you at their November meeting, Monday, November 18, 7 p.m., at the church. While the Elders are concerned to pray for your specific needs, here near the beginning of the Thanksgiving holiday, we would also be delighted to hear about your blessings. The Elders believe that both need and thanksgiving are important parts of daily prayer.

By November 17, you are invited to let the Elders know of your specific needs or prayers of thanksgiving in one of three ways.

1. Please share your prayer with one our Elders.
2. Fill out a prayer request card found in each of the sanctuary pews and place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or turn it into the church office.
3. Write an email to one of the ministers, or Elders.

Elders

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GOSPEL STUDY

SUNDAY EVENING GOSPELS STUDY

6 p.m., Cole Parlor

Our Sunday evening study resumes this week with a look at the first events in Jesus' public ministry. After the glory of baptism, Jesus is driven into the wilderness of temptation. Emerging with new-found clarity, Jesus goes about calling the first of his twelve disciples. You are welcome to join the discussion. The study follows George Knight's, **A Simplified Harmony of the Gospels**. No pre-study required. Simply come with Bible in hand and a willingness to engage the living Gospel.



TOUR TO THE GEORGE W. BUSH PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

THERE WILL BE A FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH GROUP TOUR TO THE GEORGE W. BUSH PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM ON **NOVEMBER 18, 2013**. WE WILL MEET AT FCCG AT 9:30AM TO RIDE ON THE BUS. THERE ARE **FOUR** SLOTS AVAILABLE IF YOU WANT TO RIDE ON THE BUS.

COST: \$3 FOR BUS

\$9 FOR SENIORS (61 & OLDER)

\$10 FOR ADULTS

\$9 YOUTH (13-17)

\$6 YOUTH (5-12)

WE WILL HAVE LUNCH AT CAFÉ 43 LOCATED AT THE MUSEUM. COST IS \$7 AND \$12. IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND PLEASE GIVE MUSEUM MONEY TO SONDRÁ MARTIN AND PLACE YOUR NAME IN ONE OF THE OPEN SLOTS ON THE SHEET ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.

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.