

The Messenger

November 27, 2013

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.

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

Dec 24th 11pm - Candlelight Service

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!

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 8th at 6pm to watch our creative children bring excitement to the music of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL RECEPTION

AS IS OUR CUSTOM THE ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL HOST A RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE PROGRAM. THE THEME THIS YEAR IS “CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD”. EACH CLASS HAS BEEN ASSIGNED A COUNTRY. PLEASE DECORATE A TABLE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL WITH ITEMS FROM THAT COUNTRY AND SERVE FOODS FROM RECIPES FROM THAT COUNTRY. SUGGESTED COUNTRIES ARE: GERMANY-FOLLOWERS, MEXICO-APOSTLES, SCOTLAND/NORWAY-CHRISTIANITY 101, ITALY-COOPER, AMERICA-RUTH MIX AND CRUSADERS, FRANCE-CROSSROADS.

THIS WEEK'S SERMON

December 1 (First Sunday in Advent)

Bulletin: [LOVE](#)

Part 4, “Four Things that Matter Most—I Love You”

Sermon: “The Constraints of True Love”

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Synopsis: Matthew demonstrates his love for Mary despite confusion and uncertainty. If it hadn't been for the dream, the word from God, we wonder if Joseph would have been able to overcome his doubts about Mary to marry her. All through Matthew's narrative about Joseph, Joseph seems to be moved by two things: by God's calling and his sense of responsibility for Mary's well-being. What does this tell us about genuine love? Maybe that enduring love has to be something more than emotion; something, perhaps founded in regard for God and others than transcends feeling, even logic.

CHURCH OFFICE SCHEDULE

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



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.” The speaker is Johnny Wray, Interim Executive Director for Week of Compassion.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA



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.

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, Dan's doctoral alma mater.

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. 8TH**. 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). There are angels still to be adopted. If you have not taken an angel, please do. Don't let a child go without—show them Christ's love through a simple gift of generosity.



Poinsettia Order

Due Date: December 16th, 2013

Cost: \$17.00

Sponsor: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Deliver to Shut in _____

Pick up after Christmas Day Service _____

New Board Members & Budget for 2014

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH of GARLAND	
2014 PROPOSED BUDGET	
Amount	
<u>General Fund</u>	
Receipts:	
Pledged Receipts	\$373,144
Unpledged Receipts	\$115,000
Allard	\$0
Rentals for Building Use	\$8,000
Total Receipts	\$496,144
Expenses:	
Personnel	\$327,614
Office	\$28,000
Building Operating Expenses	\$67,800
Utilities	\$47,500
Outreach Ministry	\$10,000
Education Ministry	\$5,100
Fellowship Ministry	\$3,000
Membership Ministry	\$300
Worship Ministry - Traditional Service	\$3,730
Worship Ministry - Contemporary Service	\$800
Evangelism Ministry	\$500
Publicity Ministry	\$1,000
Stewardship Ministry	\$800
Total Disbursements	\$496,144

Trustee	Ben Brister
Elder	Russell Lyons
	Kathleen Yant
	Melody Biffle
	Sharon Campbell
Deacon	Larry Kirker
	Tod Wolf
	Ben Hill
	Wayne Bell
	JT Walker
	Chris McMillan
	Michael Womack
	Judy Grasham
	Denise Armstrong
	Diana Callaway
	Kim Schnitker
	Elaine Roeger
	LaDell Bell
	Brenda Crosthwaite
	Debbie Fetzer
	Cara Cooper
	Eva McKannan
	Helen Platt
Jr Deacon	Dancey Caldwell
	Monica Martinez
	Erich Womack
	Alan Huddy
	Dylan Godwin
	Amanda Godwin
	Savannah Godwin
	Evan Wolfe
	Kristen Wolfe



All Church Thanksgiving Luncheon

This year the church had to move the All Church Thanksgiving Dinner to earlier in the day due to bad weather expected later that night. From the photos below it looks like a good time was had by all.





Happy Thanksgiving