

The Messenger

January 23, 2014

CHAPMAN UNIVERSITY CHOIR

First Christian Church is proud to announce the Chapman University Choir will perform **tomorrow night on January 24th at 7pm.**



JYF VALENTINE FUNDRAISER

As a fundraiser, JYF will be selling Valentines during coffee fellowship on January 26th & February 2nd. Valentines will be delivered during Sunday School on February 9th.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes are now available in Fellowship Hall.

JOB OPENING - DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING FOR DISCIPLES CROSSING

Position Title: Director of Programming
Reports To: Executive Director and Camp Board
Attends: NEA, NTA, and TBA Board/Council meetings to encourage excellent and transparent communication (and any other CCSW Area configurations' board meetings that eventually utilize Disciples Crossing for youth and children's camps, conferences, and retreats)

For more information about the job there is a full description posted on the bulletin board.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

In 1990, a Super Bowl Sunday prayer inspired a group of young people to do something more than celebrate a football game. They created the Souper Bowl of Caring, and have mobilized youth across the country to raise more than \$71 million for people in need.



The youth will hold soup bowls at all the entrances to the sanctuary on Sunday, February 2nd. We invite you to drop \$1 (or more) in these soup bowls and everything we collect will go to the local food pantry, Good Samaritans. For more information on the Souper Bowl of Caring visit tacklehunger.org.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING

If you are interested in being a part of the 2014 Outreach Committee please join Tricia Harrison and Brenda Crosthwaite in the Parlor on Sunday, January 26th immediately following Sunday School.

2014 MISSION TRIP TO GALVESTON, TX

Mission Trip is July 13-19 to Galveston, TX. Rev. Allison Ray needs your registration form and \$50 deposit by February 9th. The total cost is \$200. We prefer not to give scholarships to this event as the cost is already discounted through fundraising. However, if help is needed, please speak with Allison and we can work something out.

THIS WEEK'S SERMON

*Begin 3-part series back on **Challenges of the Once and Future Church**, Loren B. Mead*

January 26, 2014 (Empower the Laity)

3-part series, "Challenges of the Once & Future Church" begins

Challenge #1—"Transfer Ownership of the Church: From Clergy to Laity"

Sermon: "All the Baptized"

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9

Synopsis: Meads writes: "Two themes dominated Jesus' message to his followers about the Kingdom's mission: 1) *every follower of Jesus* was called to reach out as a caring servant of others, like Jesus himself; and 2) *the church itself was to be a community that expanded to the ends of the earth*, bringing all manner of people into its life." Meads argues that while the Church has been diligent in reaching out with the gospel of Jesus Christ, it has increasingly ignored the first part of Jesus' message: teaching that every follower of Jesus is called to be a worker for God's Kingdom. The Church's first challenge, therefore, is the find ways to assist the laity, the people in the pews, to reclaim their place in the work of the Church's Mission.

PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS

MARTY ROGERS

JERRY ROWELL

EXTENSION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME

Beginning the first Sunday in February (February 2, 2014) the Sunday School hour will be extended from 45 minutes to 1 hour, with the bell ringing at 11:15 AM rather than 11:00 AM.

SUNDAY EVENING GOSPELS STUDY

Sunday, January 26, 6 p.m., Cole Parlor

Our Sunday evening study continues this week with a look at how Jesus goes about picking his twelve disciples. Although the study begins with Scripture, using George Knight's, **A Simplified Harmony of the Gospels**, as a guide, the conversation inevitably turns to matters of daily living. No pre-study required. Simply come with Bible in hand and a willing ness to engage the living Gospel. During the study we also take time to lift up prayer needs.



2014 NORTH TEXAS LEADER EVENT

The NTA Leader Event will be held at Northway Christian Church, 7202 W. Northwest Hwy, Dallas, TX 75225 this *Saturday, January 25, 2014* with registration beginning at 8:30am. The speaker will be Johnny Wray, who is the Interim Executive Director of Week of Compassion. The topic will be "Transformation Through Outreach". There will be a special event afterwards, a Concert by Chapman University Choir at 3:15 pm.

The schedule is as follows:

- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Registration and Gathering
- 8:30 a.m. Outreach Fair Opens
- 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Keynote - "One Question"
- 10:00 - 11:15 a.m. Workshop Session #1
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Workshop Session #2
- 12:45 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:45 p.m. Outreach Fair Closes
- 1:45 - 3:00 p.m. Workshop Session #3
- 3:15 p.m. Chapman University Singers Concert

Here is a short list of the workshops to be offered:

Workshop Session #1 (10:00 - 11:15 a.m.)

1. Beyond the Offering: Forging New Partnerships with Week of Compassion
2. First Do No Harm: Helpful and Harmful Approaches to Social Action Ministries
3. Mission Spirituality
4. Re-Discovering the Mission of the Church
5. Advance Directives: Why Wait?
6. Mission Trips Are Awesome!...Until You're the One Planning It
7. Operation: Rowlett Reindeer
8. Is This a Good Idea? - How to Implement New Community Care Ministries

Workshop Session #2 (11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.)

9. Compassion for Generations to Come
10. Recruiting, Training, and Sustaining for Ministries of Outreach
11. Organizing for Stronger Families and Congregations
12. Outreach That Reaches Out
13. From Our Front Doorsteps
14. Compassion and Care: Health and Social Services in Our "Disciples Church"
15. NTA Disciples Women in Mission
16. Senior Care Choices: What Is Your Plan?
17. Women in the Church: Defending and Nurturing Gender Equality (Part 1)

Workshop Session #3 (1:45 - 3:00 p.m.)

18. Reaching Out to the Community in New Ways
 19. Women in the Church: Defending and Nurturing Gender Equality (Part 2)
 20. Juliette Fowler Communities: Opportunities for Mission
 21. How a Community Garden Can Help Serve Those in Your Community and Beyond
 22. ...To the Ends of the Earth
 23. Outward-focused Disciples Men Help to Change Lives
 24. Rainbow Members (Special Needs Ministry)
 25. Disciples Serving Community
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2014 Chi Rho Mid-Winter

(6th-8th grade)



A Whole New View: Experiencing the Bible in
New Ways



February 7-9, 2014

Check-in starts Friday, February 7th at
7:00 p.m.

Cost is \$80 and due this Sunday