

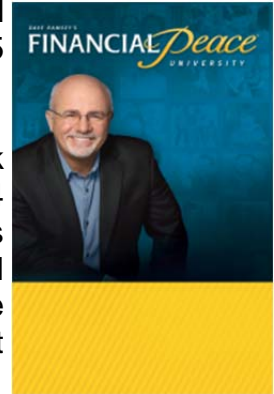
The Messenger

February 20, 2014

DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

Sign-ups can be done in fellowship hall on Sundays. You may also find a registration form on our website at fccgarland.org/forms. Cost is \$25 and if you have any question please contact the church office.

The Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University program is a nine week course that will be held at FCCG each Sunday starting March 30, 2014 (exception - no classes on Easter Sunday). There will be two sessions held each Sunday (one at 10:30am, one at 6:00pm) each session will go for one hour and a half. Each session will use the Sanctuary for the first forty-five minutes for a video followed by 45 minute breakout sessions.



THIS WEEK'S SERMON

Sunday, February 23, 2014

Sermon: "A Godly King and Two Boneheads"

Scripture: 2 Samuel 2: 1-14, selected

Synopsis: This is a story told with a long sigh. After a decade of having been hunted down in the wilderness, living on the defensive, David is now in a position of power as Israel's newly anointed king. David, a man after God's heart, is in a position to advance God's holy purposes. And he will. But no sooner does he enjoy his moment of victory than the two sons of Zeruiah, Abner and Joab, begin causing trouble by instigating a series of military games, stirring up old wounds between supporters of David and Saul. Their egotistical games produce a civil war. Now David's golden opportunity to set a new agenda is mired in the misguided interests of two boneheaded generals. It shouldn't be this way. But the long story of God's salvation history suggests that it almost always is: God's Kingdom purposes get worked out in the context of lesser purposes. As Eugene Peterson writes, the good news embedded in this story is that "the sons of Zeruiah {and all generations of their aliases} are accounted for in God's economy, and that however difficult they make the life of faith in Jesus, they can't destroy it." (**Leap Over a Wall**, 124-25).

SPUD LUNCHEON

On February 23rd from 10:45am-Noon the Disciples Women will be holding a "Spud Lunch". Lunch will include a potato with all the fixings, salad and a dessert. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. All proceeds will go to the Fellowship Hall Ramp Project.

PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS

MARTY ROGERS
JOY HITCH
JEANETTE MURPHY
JEFF HOLCOMB

JUDI ARCHIBALD
BETTYE DAVENPORT
HOWARD GREENE

WE GIVE OUR SYMPATHY TO **DOROTHY "DOT" DAVIS**, UPON THE PASSING
OF HER SISTER, HELEN YOUNG, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

SUNDAY EVENING GOSPELS STUDY

Sunday, February 23, 6 p.m., Cole Parlor

Questions

John the Baptist asks Jesus a tough question. Meanwhile, Jesus is anointed by a woman from the red light district. Then, Jesus gives a timeless word of comfort to the weary.

(Reader's Note: A Simplified Harmony, Knight, pp. 75-79)



CHURCH WORK DAY

Painting supplies are needed: metal paint pans (liners will be used inside the paint pans), metal paint frames, extension poles, 20 plastic paint pan liners. These supplies will be returned to you if labeled. There will be a Church Work Day box under the stairs for your supplies starting on Sunday, February 16 and 23rd. If you have questions please call Brenda Crosthwaite 972-495-3681. We will be having 3 work days soon and dates will be provided as soon as they are scheduled.

MAGAZINE MINISTRY FOR JULIETTE FOWLER

We are in need of magazines to donate to various organizations, garland memorial and Baylor Garland and Baylor Senior Center and two different Brisias Centers and Sachse Senior Center. A box for these magazines has been placed underneath the staircase for all collections.

DISCIPLES CROSSING NEW DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING

On behalf of the Disciples Crossing Board of Directors I am very excited to announce our new Director of Programming, Tiffany Austin Williams! Tiff brings a passion for camp ministry and adds an amazing skill set to the Disciples Crossing staff. Tiff has great experience in camping ministry. She has served on staff at a camp before and for each of the past ten years she has served as a counselor, or director of at least one summer camp at Disciples Crossing. She is a graduate of TCU and Brite Divinity School and is an ordained minister in the Christian Church. She has served in churches in the NTA and TBA, and most recently as the Associate Minister at FCC Granbury.



As the Director of Programming, Tiff, in conjunction with the Tri-Area Committee, will be instrumental in planning and implementing our Tri-Area sponsored camps. They will also continue the work of creating a camp curriculum that is impactful and built on a Godly foundation. Disciples Crossing will administer all summer camp registration forms beginning immediately. Tiff will oversee this process and work on ways to improve it for future summer camp, fall, and midwinter registrations. Tiff will also work with the Disciples Crossing staff and the churches in the three areas to begin programming our own camp sponsored retreats and summer camps. Tiff was one of 13 initial candidates from across the nation that submitted resumes to the camp's search committee. The search committee, made up with members from all three areas spent countless hours in discernment and discussion and unanimously recommended Tiff is the person to become Disciples Crossing's first Director of Programming. Please keep Tiff and her husband Daryn in your prayers as they transition from Granbury to Athens. Blessings, Matt

YOUTH MINISTRY NOTES

As we get closer to our mission trip to Galveston, Texas it's time to kick into high gear for fundraising. As you enter the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, you will notice a new bulletin board. Our newest fundraiser, called the Money Wall and it's wonderfully simple. On the board, there are envelopes with amounts ranging from \$1 to \$100. The youth invite everyone to share what they feel called to share by placing it in the appropriate envelope. You will also notice information on how much various events cost. We thank you in advance for your support and help in keeping our youth ministry vibrant and fun.

AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR FUND

A fund has been created to purchase an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) for our church. In a recent CPR training for the nursery, we were also advised of the importance of having an AED on-site for emergencies. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of the AED, please earmark your funds Education – AED. Thanks very much!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

There will be an Ash Wednesday Worship Service on Wednesday, March 5th at 7pm in the main sanctuary.

2014 NTA ASSEMBLY

The annual area assembly will be held at First Christian Church in Plano on May 4th from 3-5pm. The guest preacher will be Rev. Coretha Loughridge.

COMING THIS SUMMER

2014 Vacation Bible School June 15th-19th 5pm-8:15pm

