

# The Messenger

March 13, 2014



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*James Dylan Godwin*

SATURDAY APRIL 5, 2014  
3:00 - 4:00 PM  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GARLAND  
115 S. GLENBROOK DR  
GARLAND TEXS 75040

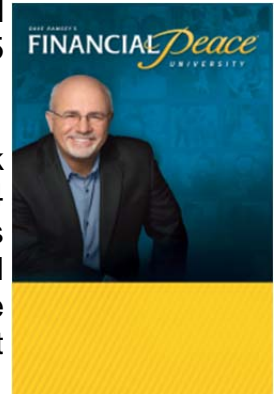


RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

## 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](http://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.



## FAMILIES AND PROFESSIONALS GROUP

We will have a lunch gathering for the Families and Professionals Group on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the church. We have another candidate for our ministry leader position and want all of you to have a chance to meet the candidate and family. Come with your families, we'll provide food and drinks!

## THIS WEEK'S SERMON

**March 16, 2014**

**Sermon:** "Relish the Moment"

**Scripture:** Matthew 17:1-7

**Synopsis:** I want to come back to a passage Ray preached the first of March but look at it from a different angle. I remember the jingle from the old instant coffee commercial—"Celebrate the moments of your life." Those words transformed me. They represent the precise moment that coffee ceased to be just a beverage and became more a state of mind. Celebrate the moments of your life. Since then I've adopted a Starbucks way of life--pausing throughout almost each day to enjoy a moment of pleasure at my local coffee house. Critics of Starbucks who fuss about the relatively exorbitant cost of its drinks, miss the point. It's not about the coffee. It's never just about the coffee. It's about the mood, the moment, the time of pleasure fashioned by the occasion and the place. Gourmet coffee is impractical and that's the beauty of it. Christian worship is largely impractical, too. In fact, Marva Dawn has written a book in calling worship "A Royal Waste of Time." Not really, of course. Worship serves a purpose. But that's not primarily the value of worship: that we come to the sanctuary to get some business done. Worship has intrinsic value. It's valuable in and of itself. Which leads me to this week's passage. Jesus on a mountain with Peter, James and John. In the long stretch of God's Kingdom work I don't suppose that mountaintop moment was the most productive time of their lives together. As far as I can tell, there was no bottom line. And yet, Peter was right: "It's good for us to be here."

**Scripture Link:** <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=260281484>

## SUNDAY MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> IS CAMP SUNDAY!

We will have a table set up in the Fellowship Hall with information about summer camp, pictures, and forms. We want everyone to be able to go to camp this summer as it is a wonderful time to deepen your faith and make friends with youth from all over DFW. Be sure to make a special effort to be at church on the 16<sup>th</sup> to sign-up. We will also have mission trip forms and information about scholarships.

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## NORTH TEXAS AREA YOUTH MINISTRY

Congratulations to Monica Martinez upon her selection to serve on the North Texas Area Youth Ministry Council for 2014-2015! Monica will be installed with the Youth Ministry Council at the Area Assembly on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at First Christian Church, Plano at 3:30pm.

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## PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS

MARTY ROGERS  
DOTTIE HARPER

JUDI ARCHIBALD

WE GIVE OUR SYMPATHY TO DEBORAH DOUGLAS & FAMILY UPON THE PASSING OF HER FATHER, **BILL NICHOLS** SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2014.

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A photograph of a sidewalk with chalk art. The words "JOYFUL" are written in large, colorful letters (red, yellow, green, blue) in a blocky font. Below it, the word "together" is written in a cursive script in red. There are also some small objects like a box and a marker on the sidewalk.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH GARLAND  
MARCH 23 from 5:00 - 6:30PM

A gathering of Junior Youth Fellowship groups  
from congregations in the North Texas Area

RSVP to [micah.james@northwaychristian.org](mailto:micah.james@northwaychristian.org) so we can plan for dinner.

## 2014 CHURCH DIRECTORY

It's that time again.....yes, *Church Directory time*. Have you ever looked across the aisle and wondered who is that person or ever wanted to send a card and not had a good address? Well now we have a solution! We are developing the 2014 church directory and will begin shooting photographs for the directory the week of April 7th-12<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:15pm during the weekdays and 10am on Saturday. If you would like to reserve a spot for you and your family to have their photographs taken you can go to our website ([www.fccgarland.org](http://www.fccgarland.org)) and click on the link for the 2014 Directory. There will also be sign-ups in Fellowship Hall beginning on March 16<sup>th</sup>. As always you may contact the church office for assistance. We hope everyone will participate to have a complete directory as it is good to look back on our history.

Brenda Crosthwaite, Directory Coordinator

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## SNACK SUPPER HELP WANTED

Every Sunday, youth families take turns providing a meal for the youth who come for youth group. We currently have a few Sundays open. If you are interested in providing the meal, we usually feed 30-40 youth and adults. Snack supper does not have to be intricate, but we do ask for a protein, veggie/fruit, and a dessert. Available dates are 23<sup>rd</sup>, April 13<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Pastor Allison if you are interested in serving.

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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. If you would like to volunteer to help with this project on *Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 9am* please give Brenda Crosthwaite a call at 972.495.3681.

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## 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.

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## MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

A Fabulous 50's Murder Mystery Dinner will take place on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door and \$20 per couple. All ticket sales support our youth mission trip.

## 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.

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## EASTER CANDY DONATIONS

The Fellowship committee will provide a hotdog lunch on Sunday, April 13th at 11:15am. Following lunch there will be an Easter Egg Hunt. Please invite your family and friends to join in all the fun and fellowship.



We need donations of Easter Egg Candy and plastic eggs in order to have a successful event. There is a box located in Fellowship Hall for all donations.

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## 2014 NTA ASSEMBLY

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

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## COMING THIS SUMMER

2014 Vacation Bible School June 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 5pm-8:15pm

