

The Messenger

April 17, 2014

WEEK OF COMPASSION

The Outreach committee would like to give a big thank you for giving so generously to the Week of Compassion. We collected \$6923, which surpassed funds given for 2013. These funds will outreach to the social agencies of our community, the nation, and the world. God has richly blessed our church with a wealth of loving and generous people. Our prayer is that God will use FCCG to reach out to our community, to encourage, serve, and extend the love of Christ to those in need. Thank you again for your generous support.

Tricia Harrison and Brenda Crosthwaite

YOUTH CAMP NOTE

We have passed the first registration deadline for summer camp and have an amazing 19 people registered! There is still time to sign-up with the next deadline set at May 7th. So far, we have members attending Grand Camp, Family Camp, JYF, Chi Rho, Eighters, Niners, and CYF. What a wonderful representation of our church across all the camps! Through your generosity, we are able to half the cost of camp with parents and offer additional needs based scholarships. This year, we asked youth receiving a scholarship to write a short letter detailing why they want to go to camp and what they hope to learn. Here are a few excerpts from their letters:

“If I can learn the tools I need to strengthen the body of Christ while also growing in my own faith, there is no telling how the word of God will spread or what the Holy Spirit will do.”

“Camp is important to me because I get to see why God put us on this earth in a fun church-like camp layout.”

“I want to spread the word of God to others. And I would like to learn more about the Bible.”

As you can see, camp is a wonderful place that has a great impact on our youth (and parents!). As we move closer to summer, I invite you to include all of our campers in your prayers that they experience God while in Athens.



OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will be closed Monday, April 21st for the Easter holiday.

DAVE RAMSEY CLASS SCHEDULE

Time correction for the Dave Ramsey Class is as follows:

Sunday, April 20th – Morning Class will begin at 10:30am, No evening class

Sunday, April 27th –regular class schedule resumes. Morning class at 10:30am and Evening class at 6pm

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 is Rev. Phillip Dukes.



PRAYER REQUEST

MARTY ROGERS-CUP OF LIFE

GARY CARROLL-HANDS OF FAITH

MARTHA FERRELL - CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP

PAT ASTON - FISHERS OF FAMILIES

JUDI ARCHIBALD-THE GRAPEVINE

SHEILA PATTERSON-GOD'S MESSENGERS

JAMES AXE - FISHERS OF FAMILIES

DON CALLAWAY-HANDS OF FAITH

WE GIVE OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS OF CONSOLATION TO CHRIS McMILLAN AND FAMILY
UPON THE PASSING OF HIS GRANDFATHER, STANLEY MILLER

ELDER'S MEETING

The next Elder's meeting will take place at the church, Monday, April 28th at 7pm with Debra Goheen hosting.

SENIOR RECOGNITION



If you have a 2014 high school senior in your family please contact the church office to include them in our senior plans. We have journals in Fellowship Hall for members of the congregation to write notes and well wishes. Senior Recognition is scheduled for Sunday, May 18th with a reception to follow for the entire congregation.

THIS WEEK'S SERMON

April 20, 2014 (Easter)

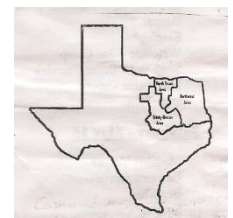
Sermon: "Full of Joy"

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Synopsis: I'm struck by the simple word "joy" in this Easter Sunday reading of Matthew's Gospel. Fear? Yes. Some of that. Surprise? Yes? Surely some of that, too. Regret? Yes. That was inevitable. The women began the day rehearsing their personal failures. Doubt? Yes, that too. Matthew said Jesus' resurrection was so incredible, that the angels had to contend with the women while they came to terms with what they were hearing. I understand fear, surprise, regret, doubt. But joy? That's less common. Today, we're reminded that we are a people of joy!



67TH ANNUAL TRI AREA CMF SPRING RETREAT



This year's theme will be Men & The Church. The retreat will be at Disciples Crossing Retreat & Conference Center in Athens, Texas on May 16 - 18, 2014. The retreat will be hosted by: North Texas Area, Northeast Area and Trinity-Brazos Area. Registration is available on our website www.fccgarland.org.

LAKE COUNTRY JUBILEE

The Ruth Mix class will be going to the Lake Country Jubilee on Saturday, May 17th, they will meet at the church at 4pm and will take the bus to Terrell. Tickets are \$20 each and you need to let Sondra Martin (469.298.3363.) know if you are planning to attend.

Spring Craft Show

Presented by First Christian Church Youth

May 3rd 9am-3pm

FREE ENTRANCE & FREE PARKING

Great gifts for Mother's Day!

Over 40 Vendors!



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COMING THIS SUMMER

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

