

The Messenger

May 15, 2014

CASEY TANGUAY-PETERS CALLED

Casey Peters has been called to be part-time minister (25-30 hours per week) to our church's emerging Professionals and Young Families Ministry. Casey graduated from Brite Divinity earlier this month with a Master of Divinity and was also recently approved by the Regional Committee on Ministry for Ordination. She will be ordained July 13th at Northway Christian Church, her home church.

Casey is also a Licensed Registered Nurse with certification in Oncology. She has a bachelor's degree in nursing from TCU. Casey will continue to work 4 or 5 days a month as a Registered Nurse (on days that do not conflict with her primary ministry with the church).

Casey lives with her husband, Andrew, and their 4-year old son, Asher in Fort Worth. Casey and family are currently in the process of selling their home in Fort Worth and moving to Garland. Andrew, a banker, is also in the process of securing a new position in the Garland area.

Casey plans to begin her ministry with us June 1. A reception is planned for Casey and family, June 15, during coffee fellowship time.

The Board gave its unanimous and enthusiastic vote of approval for Casey's call in its meeting, May 9.

ALL YOUTH END OF YEAR PARTY

The end of the year party is May 18th at Central Park located at 1310 W. Avenue F, Garland, TX. Plan to meet at the park at 5pm and pick-up at 8pm. There will be a cook-out and some awesome games. Be sure to wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty and bring a towel!



COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be a combined Sunday School on June 8th and our guest speaker will be Dennis Kavanaugh with CRU E.A.S.T. A note from Dennis: "Following Christ is an adventure. When He sent me to minister in Japan in the early 90's, I thought I'd stay there until He called me home. Four years later the Lord showed me my need for further biblical study and I returned to the US to enroll in Dallas Theological Seminary, completing a PhD in 2011. After serving DTS as an adjunct professor for two years, I again heard the call to missions! This time in Southeast Asia. Next stop is Singapore!"

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.

MOMENT'S REFLECTION

I bought George Sander's book a couple of weeks ago. It's a lovely little book with colorful illustrations. Only 33 pages. Takes about 10 minutes to read. I've read it several times.

The book is a copy of Sander's commencement speech given at Syracuse University last spring.

Congratulations by the way: Some Thoughts on Kindness.

That's the name of the book.

"Who in your life do you remember most fondly, with the most undeniable feelings of warmth," Sander's asks? "Those who were kindest, I bet. It's a little facile, maybe, and certainly hard to implement, but I'd say, as a goal in life, you could do worse than: try to be kinder."



Jenny and I went to an annual Spring-Fling at the Hella Temple last Friday night. The regularly-gifted kids have a Prom Night. The kids Jenny teaches, the differently-abled, have a Spring-Fling. For as many years as Jenny has taught those wonderful kids, we've gone each May to eat dinner and dance with some of them. And to meet their parents.

This year, a church from Sachse asked if they could sponsor the event. I was so deeply touched by their extraordinary kindness. It puts a lump in my throat to simply write about them. They treated the kids and their parents with such grace and respect. At the end of the night, I couldn't decide who impressed me more: the kids and their parents, or the folk from that church who took a whole night to help some of the ones we often choose to ignore.

I have great admiration for the folk at the Hella Temple, too. I respect the causes they sponsor. And, as the picture shows, I really like their parking signs. I'm wondering if maybe I could get the Trustees to make me a sign like this. High Priest and Prophet.

I'm joking, of course. Last Friday night had nothing at all to do with titles and credentials. Nothing to do with designer prom dresses. Nothing to do with a person's relative importance. It had to do with kindness. Sander's is right, of course. I won't soon forget the people of Northside Church of Sachse who made a lasting memory for "Jenny's kids." People who serve others with kindness like that don't need special signs. You can tell by watching the manner of their lives that they're God's greatest "High Priests and Prophets." The rest of us are still trying to learn with what they already know. —Dan

PRAYER REQUEST

MARTY ROGERS-CUP OF LIFE
GARY CARROLL-HANDS OF FAITH
PAT ASTON - FISHERS OF FAMILIES
PEGGY GUTHRIE-THE GRAPEVINE

JUDI ARCHIBALD-THE GRAPEVINE
MARTHA FERRELL - CIRCLE OF FELLOWSHIP
RUTH REMEUR-HANDS OF FAITH
HELEN PLATT - FISHERS OF FAMILIES

NEW CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Photo make up day is Saturday June 14th. Please call the church office to schedule your appointment for pictures or you may go to our website at www.fccgarland.org and schedule your appointment.

Thanks again to everyone for participating in making our new church pictorial directory a success. If you have questions, please call Brenda Crosthwaite at 972-495-3681.

SUMMER FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Movie Night at 7pm - June 11th, July 9th, August 6th

Game Night at 7pm - July 20th, August 6th, August 20th

THIS WEEK'S SERMON

May 18, 2014 (Senior Graduate Sunday)

Sermon: "The Next Act: Playing the Part"

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

Synopsis: This week's text recalls the familiar story of the call of young Isaiah to be a prophet. Isaiah's story plays out the way a lot of our life stories play out: we get called to do jobs, to go places we never dreamed possible. Recall the story of young Jeremiah who protested God's claim on his life. Recall the story of Moses who had the passion for leading, but wasn't so good at public speaking. Recall Jonah who said God's claim on his life was absolutely the last thing in the world he wanted to do, but despite a bad attitude did what God asked anyway. Here on this bright Sunday in May, with the leaves still fresh on the trees, and all of life before us, I have a word for this year's graduates. Dream big, but in a world with God, be prepared to do anything, go anywhere. And don't be surprised if ten years from now you find yourself saying: "Never thought I'd do this." Here on the cusp of commencement, I want to reflect on the next act our graduates and their young lives will play. Here I want to say that like Isaiah, like Jeremiah, like Moses, perhaps even like Jonah, what will matter most in your Christian life is not that you think you're ready for all that comes next but that, in faith, you step up with courage and conviction to play the part God calls you too.

Scripture Link: <http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=266510126>

SNACKS FOR MISSION TRIP

If you would like to donate individually wrapped snacks to our 17 youth and adults going to Galveston, TX from July 13th-19th please place them in the bin in Fellowship Hall. We would love things like granola bars, snack pack chips, fruit snacks. We are not asking for water or Gatorade this year.



DAY TRIP TO HAM ORCHARDS

The Elite Group would like to invite you to take a day trip to Ham Orchards on Friday, June 20th in Terrell, TX. We will take the church bus and plan to leave the church at 9:30am. We will visit the orchard and then have lunch on our way back. Contact Sondra Martin at 469.600.3168 for any additional information.

PRESCRIPTION EYEGLOSS/SUNGLASS DONATIONS

The Disciples Women's Ministry would like to ask for everyone's help in collecting prescriptions eyeglasses or sunglasses you no longer wear. All the glasses will be taken to the 2014 Disciples Women's Quadrennial Assembly in June to donate to the Lions Club. This outreach project is in honor of FCCG member, Tom Daniel and his many years of dedicated service to the Lions Club organization. There will be a box in Fellowship Hall in which the glasses may be deposited.



2014 CCSW MEN'S RETREAT

The CCSW Men's Retreat will be held at Lake Brownwood Christian Retreat on September 19th-21st at 9030 Retreat Road, Brownwood, TX 76801 (325) 785-5133. The theme will be "In, NOT Of This World". Guest speakers will be Rev. Dr. Raumone Burton, Senior Minister, University Christian Church in Houston, TX and Rev. Mark Denton, Senior Minister, West Mesa Christian Church in Albuquerque, NM. Highlights are: PREACHING * TEACHING * SINGING * WORSHIP * FELLOWSHIP * WORKSHOPS *

RELAXATION. There will be special offerings: *Saturday* - 2015 Men's Mission Project; *Sunday* – ½ to Men's Leadership Fund and ½ to Speaker's Fund.

- **WORKSHOPS: (Preliminary list)**

One by each Keynote Speaker, Social Networking Technology for Churches, Spirituality, Update on CCSW Area Structure Changes, How to Coordinate and Fulfill a Mission Work Project

- **RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Pre-Retreat Golf Tournament, Bridge, Horseshoes, Basketball, Volleyball, Golfing, Fishing, Dominoes, Card Games, and Rest & Relaxation

- **POWERFUL SINGING**

Rick Linn will come from Georgia to be our Song leader -Accompanied by your Instruments: Bring your instrument and join in with the music.

- **AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS:**

Layman of the Year Minister of the Year Attendance Awards Golf Tournament and Recreational Winners

Registration is available on our website (www.fccgarland.org). Mail in Your registration!

NOTE FROM ALLISON

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise." Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Sometimes, one of the hardest things about being a Christian is figuring out how to share our faith with our children. How do we talk about a loving God when the family pet has just died? How do we help our children understand the mystery that is Communion? How do we share our faith at home? Vibrant Faith at Home is a wonderful online resource created specifically to help families answer these questions. Created as a resource to span denominations, Vibrant Faith at Home has articles, videos, and ideas on sharing faith outside the church building. I encourage all of you to log-on and explore the site: <http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org/>

COMING THIS SUMMER

2014 Vacation Bible School will be June 15th-19th 5pm-8:15pm. Registration can be found on our website at www.fccgarland.org/forms. You may also find forms in Fellowship Hall.

