

THE VISITOR



First Christian Church of Denton
(Disciples of Christ)

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A thoughtful church for thoughtful people

February 14, 2017

2017 Special Offering February 19-26



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Week of Compassion

Week of Compassion works through a remarkable network of church partner organizations and partnerships that insures that our response to humanitarian needs in the world is efficient, effective and faithful. Through these partnerships, Disciples are able to join a tapestry of caring that brings help and hope to hurting people in every corner of the world.

[Rebuilding Homes in Texas](#)

[February 7, 2017](#)

Alan and Sheri lost two-thirds of their home to the EF4 tornado that struck Rowlett, TX the day after Christmas in 2015. The loss was devastating. Almost as devastating was the news they were under insured. Their insurance barely covered the remainder of the mortgage. Alan said, "We own our home free and clear - what's left of it, that is."

From Alan's first visit, three volunteer college students and a long-term volunteer from Disciples Volunteering began a journey with Alan and Sheri. Together, they rebuilt a house. At the same time, they also built a lasting relationship.

Alan and Sheri are back in their home, but many more residents in Rowlett are still in the process of recovery. Week of Compassion and Disciples Volunteering are here to help make more stories like this possible. You are here by your gifts to Week of Compassion, and you can be here, too, by volunteering your time.

VALENTINE LUNCHEON

Don't forget to remember our Luncheon meeting on Tuesday, February 14th! Salads are the menu -come share yours. There are all kinds of salads: fruit salads, meat salads, Jell-o salads, veggie salads - all are welcome. If salads are not your 'cup of tea' we also need crackers, cheese, etc. Just come and join us.

We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall and have lunch, then go to the Parlor for our discussion of ways of service fitted to our abilities/talents. Anyone is welcome: singles, couples, golden years, homebodies; if you are at home during the day and want to find out what this is all about, come join in the discussion. We're excited!





Our youth are in the process of planning their Spring Break Mission Trip !



The trip is being coordinated through Connect Fort Worth, a program in association with Ridglea Christian Church (DOC) of Fort Worth.

The goal of this trip is to minister to the needs of children and youth in poverty and to put their faith into action through relational, sustainable, and dignity-giving service and justice in order that they might be empowered to put their faith into action in new ways when they go home.



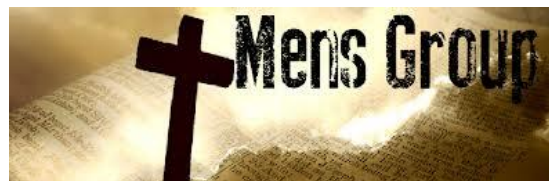
Our group has chosen to focus on children & urban poverty or bridges (working with a population outside of our own context). CFW will plan all of our service projects and lead reflections through games, journaling, speakers & worship. Reflections will help our group look at the issue they are encountering through a theological, sociological and historical lens

and will empower them to address it in ways that are relational, sustainable & dignity-based when we go home!

We will be hosted at Ridglea Christian Church in Fort Worth TX. The cost is \$150 per person for groups staying 3 or more nights or \$50 per person for groups staying 2 or less nights.

This event is open to all ages, children through adults! The dates of our trip are March 13th – 17th. Adults may “come and go” or come for only a portion of the event for a reduced cost. For more information you may go to their Facebook page:

[\(https://www.facebook.com/Connectfortworth/about/\)](https://www.facebook.com/Connectfortworth/about/)



As a gift to the Church the men will start serving a pancake breakfast once a quarter for our entire congregation. Our first will be on Easter Sunday after the Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. We will have breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and we will be finished in time for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. You are invited to join one of the classes before church so bring your appetite and enjoy the fellowship. Cordially, *Pat Waddle*

MULLIN' IT OVER...

Two weeks ago, Amy Churchill shared with our congregation that, due to the declining health of her mother and in-laws, she and her husband were moving back to Wichita Falls. Due to the speedy sale of their house, the move is occurring much more quickly than they had anticipated, probably by mid to late March.

Amy will be deeply missed. She brought a sense of leadership and style to us by which any congregation would be blessed, her pleasant and positive personality and outlook were always a joy to experience. She worked with our youth, our board, she served faithfully as a member of the diaconate and was always ready to serve in whatever capacity was needed!

As I shared with Amy, I understand the factors which are necessitating this move for them. I regret the circumstances for Amy, for I have lived through those (as have many of us) and they tend to be trying, challenging and heartbreaking. I know, however, that wherever she goes, she will continue to be a blessing to the Church. We have been blessed by Amy sharing her gifts with us for these past several years.

May God bless her and keep her and may God's face shine upon her!
See you all on Sunday!

Jack

A graphic with the text "Happy Valentine's Day" in a red, cursive, script font. The word "Happy" is at the top, "Valentine's" is in the middle, and "Day" is at the bottom, all connected in a flowing script.

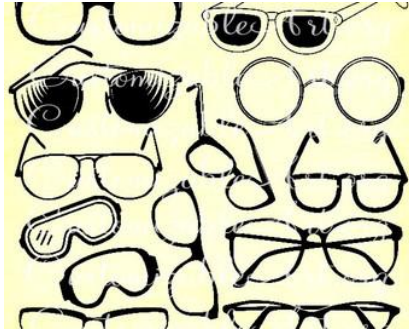
THANK YOU

Forty Six of our members and guests enjoyed a very Happy Valentine's party at the church Sunday evening, dining on rib eye steaks, green beans and baked potatoes. Special music was provided to us by our own vocalist Susan Phillips and was enjoyed by all. A great big thank you goes out to the following for making a great evening: Decorations- Charlotte Nabors, Connie Watson, Pat Martin, and Billie Waddle; the Great Cooks- Bill McMillin, Roy Watson, and Joe Smith; the young ladies of our Youth who served the meal.

Cordially, *Pat Waddle*

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Have you seen the "eyeglasses" basket in the Outreach Corner of The Gathering Area? It is getting filled, thanks to all of you! We will wait another week or two, and then take all of the glasses over to Interfaith Ministries. And the basket on the floor is filling with toilet paper! Great! That's our February offering to the Food Pantry, which appreciates our generosity.



Also, what a wonderful Spring work trip that the Youth are planning, and it is open to all of us! We don't necessarily need to go for a few days, nor overnight, but it would be wonderful if a few of us could go for a day or two to support the good works of both the agency and our youth. Let's try to support our youth!
Your Outreach Team

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a called Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on February 19 for the purpose of nominating and electing "Members at Large" for the Nominating Committee.

The elective members of the Official Board and the officers of the Congregation and the Official Board shall be nominated by a Nominating Committee in accordance with the timetable established in Article VIII, Section A and shall consist of one representative from the Board of Elders, two representatives from the Diaconate, and four representatives elected from the Congregation at-large, one of whom may be a youth of high-school or college age. All members of the Nominating Committee shall be active members of the Congregation.

THIS WEEKS LECTONARY

February 19th, 2017

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany • Green
Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

Psalm 119:33-40

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb. 15

6:00 pm WNL Dinner -
7:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Youth
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Feb. 16

6:00 pm Unity Group - AA
7:30 pm Nar-Anon

Sunday, Feb. 19

9:30 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship Service
12:00 pm Congregational Meeting

Monday, Feb. 20

6:00 pm Unity Group - AA
8:00 pm DAA - Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 21

6:00 pm Unity Group - AA, Al-Anon

Wednesday, Feb. 22

6:00 pm WNL Dinner -
7:00 pm Bible Study
7:00 pm Youth
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Feb. 12, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Worship: 74 Nursery: 3

GENERAL FUND INCOME

Pledges, Checks, Loose Offering \$ 9,192.15

Total for General Fund \$9,192.15

SPECIAL FUNDS (Not for General Fund)

Men's Group 108.00

Youth Fundraising 125.00

Total for Special Offering \$233.00

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING \$ 9,425.15

**Pledges and Contributions received through
Jan. 31, 2017 total \$17,814.68**

THANK YOU!

Pat Martin and the congregation would like to thank Amy Storey for arranging the flowers every Sunday while Pat was in the hospital. The flowers looked wonderful every week- thank you Amy!

FREE TAX PREPARATION

January 23- April 18

IRS Certified Volunteer Tax Preparers

Income Limit: \$53,000 or below

For more info and a checklist of items to bring:

Visit UnitedWayDenton.org/VITA or call 940-566-5851 x111

Location in Denton: Tuesdays 5 pm- 7:30 pm and Saturdays 9 am – 12:30 pm

Denton North Branch Library 3020 N. Locust

SERVING SCHEDULE – Feb. 19

Worship Leader: Amy Storey

Table Elders: Bread: Deanna Deal

Cup: Pat Waddle

Diaconate Serving: Karen and Lee Fry, Judy Gohlke, Suzy Holt

In-Home Communion: Joe Smith, Deanna Deal

Prepare: JoAnn Boyd

Clean Up: Amy Storey, Cindy Venables

Greeters: Sid Graham, Linda Morrow, Lasca Stephens

PRAYER CONCERNS:

New: Andrew Morrow is doing well following his surgery.

Cricket Choate is beginning an aggressive chemo and radiation treatment to shrink a tumor on her ovaries so that surgery can be done.

Those fighting cancer:

Ed Burnett, Linda Fischer, Allison Fry-Roettger, Exie Nicolas, Sue Quinney, Joe Sears, Connie Pack Stonebraker.

Continuing Concerns:

Rae Barron, J Cantwell, Lucie Chapman, Bob Collier, Ron Dickson, Jinx Ferris, Mark Gohlke, Belva Hennen, Betsy Holt Johnson, Judd Holt, John Hoover, Jan Hunter, Dorothy Koone, Neal Koone, Betty Lytle, Pat Martin, Jim Massoud, Andrew Morrow, Rodney Preston, Lasca Stephens, Charlice Talbott, Gina Gohlke Wicker.

Homebound:

 Jean Hartline

In Military: Marine Corps Sgt. Cody Pensabene Adam McNairy in the Marine Corps.

Commander William Koone, US Navy Reserves, on a 1-year mobilization.

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