

THE VISITOR



First Christian Church of Denton
(Disciples of Christ)

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A thoughtful church for thoughtful people

February 7, 2017

VALENTINE PARTY

The FCC Men's Group will host a Valentine Party on Sunday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. We will be serving New York strip, baked potato, special green beans, and cheese cake for \$10.00 per person. Please call or email the Church Office for reservations



RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and must be received no later than noon, **Feb. 9**. You then pay \$10 per person at the door on Sunday. Make plans on being there. *Pat Waddle*



Be Our Valentine

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.



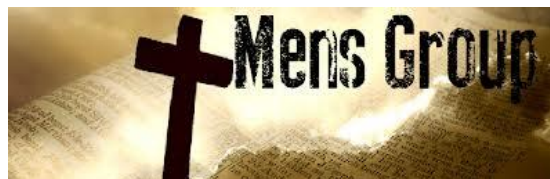
Our group has chosen to focus on children & urban poverty or bridges (working with a population outside of our own context). CFW will plan all of our service projects and lead reflections through games, journaling, speakers & worship. Reflections will help our group look at the issue they are encountering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

As I have further reflected upon the idea of “What will the church have to show for all of your years of membership...” I have decided that this is an idea which needs further development. I hope that it is a church that is vibrant, with an eye toward the future and a heart toward those in need and a spirit which embraces the diversity of humanity. I hope that it is a church grounded in faithful worship of God in all of its variety of forms, a church that seeks to instill passion for Scripture and hope for eternity. I hope...

What will be our legacy left to future generations? Are we leaving behind a vibrant program of Christian and Biblical education or not? Are we leaving behind inspirational, uplifting and meaningful worship? Are we acknowledging changes in the attitudes and perceptions of rising generations? Or are we simply responding to our likes, our preferences and our memories of what was special? These are questions for every generation.

At some point in the future there will come another with hopes and dreams to share with this congregation. Remember that the words “We don’t...”, “We always...”, “I don’t like...”, “If that’s what it takes...” are the words of the eulogy of a church. For every church that closes its doors there should be a tombstone where the church once stood with those words engraved upon it. Even though it is a cliché, the comment is still important: “You can’t move forward if you are always looking back!”

See you on Sunday!

Jack

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC MINISTER

What a blessing it was for all of us to have Russell Robertson in worship, singing with the Sanctuary Choir! Maybe he’ll be up to a solo soon.

Speaking of solos, our worship was enhanced by contributions from Michael Grijalva (“Give to My Eyes, Lord”) and Jack Duncan (“Jesus Loves Me” with the Sanctuary Choir).

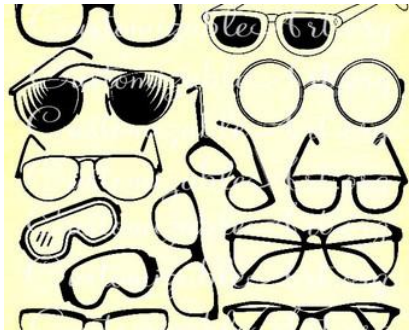
This coming Sunday, the youth are offering our special worship music. The choir will sing “Amazing Grace / My Chains are Gone” and Khaleigh Rose Hopkins will sing “Woman in the Night.” We will also hear a duet from Allie Smith and Marcelina Reza – “Cantamos al Señor.”

I’ll see you in worship.

Mark

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

THIS WEEKS LECTIONARY

February 12th, 2017

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany • Green

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 or Sirach 15:15-20

Psalms 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb. 8

- 9:30 am Denton Music Teachers
- 6:00 pm WNL Dinner -
- 7:00 pm Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Youth
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, Feb. 9

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

Sunday, Feb. 12

- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:50 am Worship Service
- 3:00 pm Vintage Service
- 6:30 pm Valentine Dinner

Monday, Feb. 13

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

Tuesday, Feb. 14

- 12:00 pm Discussion Luncheon
- 6:00 pm Unity Group - AA, Al-Anon

*Happy
Valentine's
Day*

Wednesday, Feb. 15

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

STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Feb. 5, 2017

ATTENDANCE: Worship: 70 Nursery: 1

GENERAL FUND INCOME

Pledges, Checks, Loose Offering \$6,132.50

Building Use 154.29

Total for General Fund \$ 6,286.79

SPECIAL FUNDS (Not for General Fund)

Community Food Center 5.00

Our Daily Bread (Chili Cook-off) 335.00

Total for Special Offering \$340.00

TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERING \$6,626.79

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

PRAYER CONCERNS:

New: Andrew Morrow had surgery on Monday and doctors successfully removed the tumor on his kidney.

Lasca Stephens is hospitalized at Medical City Denton, Rm. 604. Visitors are welcome

Those fighting cancer:

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

Continuing Concerns:

Rae Barron, Steve 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, Doris Laing, Betty Lytle, Pat Martin, Jim Massoud, Andrew Morrow, Rodney Preston, 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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SERVING SCHEDULE – Feb. 12

Worship Leader: Jacque Walston

Table Elders: Bread: Charlotte Nabors

Cup: Kevin Deal

Diaconate Serving: Eric and Marianne Burns,
Khaleigh Hopkins, Marci Reza

Prepare: Cindy Venables

Clean Up: Bill McMillin, Janis Tully

Greeters: Hardy Burke, Bill Farris, Doris Laing,
Dixie Smalley Lasca Stephens

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