



Y'all, we are lucky to be alive and enjoy the many blessings of life. To have the gift of the church, laughter with good friends and the sustaining love of God, we cannot ask for a whole lot more. BUT. That doesn't mean life isn't challenging. Everyone one of our lives could read like an encyclopedia of unique sorrows and difficulties. It is important to look for a word of encouragement from the scriptures.



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Too often we consider the gift of eternal life something that happens after we're dead. But if it is eternal...,hasn't it already started? By definition, eternal life is already underway. During the month of January, we are going to examine passages of scripture that have unfortunately been reserved for the celebration of life after death. We are going to ask those scriptures to speak to us now, while we're alive!

Is life hard? *Absolutely!* Are we blessed to be alive? *Absolutely!*

I look forward to worshipping with you all this new year. Peace - *Peter*



Month At A Glance

- 1st *HAPPY NEW YEAR!*
- 14th Stewardship Budget Meeting
- 17th *MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY*
(Church Office will Close)
- 19th Stewardship
- 23rd Elder Meeting
- 24th FCC Board Meeting



2022 GIVING ENVELOPES

2022 Numbered Offering Envelopes are available on the table outside of the worship area. Please note your envelope number **may have changed** this year.

If you do not find your name or if you would like to receive a box of giving envelopes, please contact the church office. You may also contact the office if you need your envelopes delivered to you.



This year FCCM is planning a mission trip to Southwest

Good Samaritan Ministries located in Los Fresnos, Texas. This trip will take place March 5th-12th. ANYONE affiliated with FCCM, from 6th grade thru adult are welcome (6th & 7th graders must be accompanied by a parent). For more information, please contact Rev. Wright.



Southwest
Good Samaritan
Ministries

Discipleship Class will begin in February

Rev. Katherine Wright will be leading a Discipleship Class starting in February, dates and times to best fit participants' schedules. We are looking for youth or children 4th grade or older who are interested



in learning about Discipleship, baptism, or church membership. The class will learn about different aspects of church life and faith, with the option of baptism at the end of the class. Please contact Rev. Wright if your child is interested.

2021 GIVING STATEMENTS

The church office will be preparing 2021 giving statements this month to be mailed out the last week of January. If your mailing address has changed in the last year, please confirm that the office has your current address on file.



FOCUS OF WORSHIP 'ALIVE!'

January 2nd

Scripture: Romans 8:31-39

Theme: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus - especially not "life" and the challenges and heart ache we face here and now.

January 9

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Theme: Love is the greatest. Let's act like it.

January 16

Scripture: John 14:1-4

Theme: If you're keeping an eye out, the places prepared for you aren't just after you die.

January 23

Scripture: Psalm 121

Theme: Keep an eye out! How often do we forget wisdom like this? The rhetorical question to self "from where does my help come?" is a reminder that we already know that God is with us...we just need to turn our attention that direction.

January 30

Scripture: Psalm 23

Theme: "My whole life long..." The final words of this passage contextualize this psalm to be about life here and now. Every bit of what the Psalmist describes is about daily living: rest, wisdom in decisions, the reality of death, comfort in loss, bodily sustenance. In every phase of life, God's shepherding power is present before us.

Katherine's Korner

It was incredible to celebrate Advent and Christmas with my church family! It has been a season of anticipation in more ways than one. We have anticipated new chapters starting soon and "getting back to normal" for a while and we could feel the spirit of normalcy in the air.

I couldn't be more excited for 2022 with you! We are continuing to grow our relationships with one another, meet new families, and do church in amazing ways. There is so much to look forward to: mission trip, Lent, Discipleship Class, Baptisms, Easter, graduations, Vacation Bible School, church camp, bible studies, and of course, two wonderful worships every Sunday.

Let us continue to pray for our church and the community around us. May we reach out and share what we have with God's people near and far. May we be there for each other in 2022, in ways we don't yet know.



Peace, Katherine

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MIDWINTER RETREATS REGISTRATION OPENS 12/1/21

DC Kids
1/28-1/30



DC Youth Middle School
2/4-2/6

DC Youth High School
2/18-2/20



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GOD IS CALLING

FCC MCKINNEY
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
K-12TH GRADERS

STARTING FEB. 16TH
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
WORSHIP, STUDY,
PRAYER, & GAMES



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

New Year -New You -New Volunteers Needed!

FCC is looking for more volunteers to serve on our Sunday morning rotations. Would you be interested in a test run with any of the following teams to find your best fit?

Technology ~ Security ~ Chair set-up (9AM) ~ Greeters (11AM)

Please contact Rev. Mitchell, Rev. Wright, or the church office for more information.

ADVENT

Readings and Lighting of the Advent Candles



The Matt & Theresa Knight Family



The Chris & Dondra Dickerson Family



The Robert & Kim Guthrie Family

CHRISTMAS EVE

Spontaneous Christmas Pageant (5:00PM service)





December Memorial Gifts

In Memory of

Given by

Kathryn McCarley	Annie McCarley
Evelyn Nicholson	Bill & Becky Rasor
Linda Waco	Bill & Becky Rasor
Winter White	A.K. & Shirley Armstrong
	Bruce Brown
	Tom & Sue Hensel
	Bill & Becky Rasor
	Lu Rasor-Smith
	Winna & Jerry White
	Don & Charlotte Whitten
	Pairs & Spares SS Class



Congratulations to Grace Magruder on her graduation from Oklahoma State

CPR / AED Training



Scout Troop 909 will sponsor two CPR / AED classes in January and the Church is invited. Learn how to use CPR and the AED's the Church has to save a life when every minute counts. Sign up for a class on either of these dates: Tuesday, January 25th or Thursday, January 27 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm in the Discipleship Center.

The course is \$40 payable the night of class. Make checks payable to the course instructor, Mike Reisinger.

All attendees must be vaccinated for COVID-19. Please sign up for one of the two classes on Sign-up Genius (see link below). If your plans change please return to this link and free up your slot for somebody else. Class size is limited.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E48ACAE2BA4F49-cpraed>



FCCM is one of the Community Lifeline Center's food distribution points for their 'Feeding Friends & Families' program on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. Our church provides the volunteers needed on the 1st Saturdays of the month. In December we had 12 men and 5 teenagers help distribute food to 30 families. What a blessing to be able to help these families during this time. We continue to pray for them and ask blessings upon them.

We are thankful for the Outreach Committee, Youth Group, Women's Ministry, and Men's Ministry for providing the volunteers in 2021. Food comes from the North Texas Food Bank including staples, liquid shelf-stable milk and produce. Also there are snack bags for children attending school in McKinney ISD. FCCM groups rotate coordination of volunteer scheduling. We will NOT host the Food Distribution on January 1st, but will resume on January 15th. Thank you to the Boy Scouts for taking care of the February 5th Distribution! Please contact the church office if you're interested in helping with this ministry.



In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, January 17th.



Remembering Our Loved Ones

In Loving Memory of

Maxine Anderson
Jimmy Gotcher, Richard Knight,
Melvin & Lula Gotcher, Bennie & Kathryn Knight
Jerry & Linda Hanner
Mark Myers, Jim Pfeiffer, Jerry Crawford
Charles Holubar, Dr. Charles & Poppy McKissick
Dickie Horn, Naomi & Oscar Richards
Kathryn Knight & Louise Eubanks
Jerry Kunkle, Arvel, Evelyn & Avalon Dungan
Edward & Helen McGhee
Nan & Ken Matthews
Ralph Youngdale, Donna Parsons
Eileen Paulsen, Mary Paulsen
Buzz & Winnie Rasor, Elizabeth Watson
Woody, Judy & Ernie Wood
Billy Wayne Turrentine
Audie & Josephine Turrentine
Mildred & Matt Villani
Lewis Lyle, Pappa Lou
Glenn & Verna Langemeier
Earl & Helen Whitten
Lee Michael Smith
Charles Wright

In Honor of

The Kenny & Sara Gullickson family
Betty Lyle
Brandon Smith & Matthew Smith

Given by

John & Mary Ann Baltzer
Sharon Gotcher
Steve & Dixie Hanner, Zachary & Lacy Hanlon
Louise Holubar
Kent, Debra & Sue Horn
Allen & Karen Knight
Hannah Kunkle & family
Heidt Matthews
Cliff, Melissa, Caroline & Claire Parsons
Bernie Paulsen
Bill & Becky Rasor
Annette Turrentine & family
Tom & Sally Villani
Don & Charlotte Whitten
Vickie Williamson
Katherine Wright & Josh Wilson

Given by

James & Pamela Patrick
Tom & Sally Villani
Vickie Williamson

Thanks to Women's Ministry for continuing this annual tradition!

January

Birthdays

Allen	Knight	2-Jan
Lorri	Cooper	2-Jan
Steve	Wilson	4-Jan
Charlotte	McCraw	10-Jan
Drew	Woods	10-Jan
Sarah	Hendricks	14-Jan
Yvonne	Moore	14-Jan
Richard	Helland	15-Jan
Tom	Kirby	15-Jan
Karen	Knight	15-Jan
Cheryl	Billings	19-Jan
David	Hinman	21-Jan
Robert	Pennington	22-Jan
Graham	Miller	26-Jan
Ann	Wells	27-Jan
Shirley	Gude	28-Jan
Tiffany	Dres	29-Jan
Robert	Savelsbergh	29-Jan
Beau	Spearman	29-Jan
Karla	Chunn	30-Jan
A. K.	Armstrong	31-Jan

Anniversaries

Jeff & Stacy	Edwards	14-Jan
Les & Connie	Hodson	27-Jan
Cliff & Melissa	Parsons	27-Jan

*We want to celebrate everyone's birthday and anniversary. If we missed yours, please contact the church office so we can make this correction. Thank you.