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AN INTRODUCTION

Let me introduce myself as your transitional minister. I am Dick Lord, a retired Disciple minister, who for the last twenty-eight years of ministry was pastor of Rush Creek Christian Church in Arlington. Janice and I still live there where we have several grandchildren.

I plan to be in the office a couple of days a week, probably Monday and Friday. However, if there is an emergence or a special meeting, I will adjust my schedule to meet that need. If needed, my home number is 817-492-8249 and my cell is 817-470-7724.

What I look forward to most is our Sunday morning worship where I will use the gospel according to Luke as our focus. Two years ago I was asked by a former youth minister of Rush Creek to come to Lincoln NB and fill in for him while he was on a three month study leave. I took Mark as our focus and worked through it during my stay. The past four months I have done a transition at Highlands Christian Church in Dallas and took Matthew as our focus. So when the opportunity opened up to come to Cleburne, I thought I would take Luke and move through it.

My concern is that while we know stories and teachings from the different gospels, we often don't see them in their literary context and how the gospel writer weaves that story into the story of the gospel as a whole. In other words, there is a synergistic effect of hearing a story as part of a larger narrative, where one story strengthens another. I hope this happens as we slowly make our way through Luke.

COFFEY BREAK by Carole Coffey

Did you know that the first Texas automobile was built



by a Disciples minister? I didn't until George Stephenson of the Horseless Carriage Club of America, and his pastor, Jerry Kirkpatrick, forwarded an article about the

manufacturer from the club's magazine, The Drip Pan. If you have ever ridden in the old-fashioned cars at Six Flags over Texas, you've ridden in a replica of one of Harry Eugene Luck's Chaparral cars.

When Luck was pastor of First Christian Church in Cleburne, he apparently got fed up with the flat tires he kept having on his 1903 Cadillac Model A while he was making his rounds.

This inspired him to build his own car with solid rubber tires and a bunch of other features too numerous to mention. He called it the Chaparral (after the bird also called the roadrunner), but it was the Luck Utility when it was manufactured by the Cleburne Motor Car Manufacturing Company. It was called "utility" because it could be a passenger car or a light truck with a change of bodies.

Twenty cars and one Luck Truck were produced before the company closed its doors in 1914. The Ford Model T was available then and was cheaper. According to information from the Layland Museum in Cleburne, Luck remained in the car business as a garage owner and continued preaching until his death in 1934.



FEBRUARY YOUTH NEWS & NOTES

What an awesome week! We have had a flood of applications for the mid winter retreat and they are still coming in! I am so excited for the number of kids that will be going with us! It is a great opportunity to spark new relationships and to grow closer with Christ.

It was a great opportunity I had when I was able to preach two weeks ago and thank you all so much for your support.

The JYF youth will leave this Friday at 5 for the midwinter retreat.

Love you all!
Pastor Steven

SERMONS FOR FEBRUARY

- February 5 Pastor Richard Lord
"A Message for the World" Luke 1:1-4
- February 12 Pastor Richard Lord
"The Birth of John" Luke 1:5-23
- February 19 Pastor Steven Burr
- February 22 Ash Wednesday
- February 26 Pastor Richard Lord
"The Birth of Jesus" Luke 2:8-20

ELDERS AT THE TABLE

- February 5 Ken & Susan Ellis
- February 12 Chuck Bailey & Karen Cowan
- February 19 Ken Ellis & Adrienne Anderson
- February 26 Alice Finley & Jeff Cooper

LAY LEADERS

- February 5 Susan Ellis
- February 12 Fred Bennett
- February 19 Adrienne Anderson
- February 26 George Smithwick

SERVING DEACONS

- February 5 Rick Blaine, Randy Hightower, Scott Moore, Deondra Owen
- February 12 Bryant Smalley, Charles Collins, Brad Cowan, Dwain Christophersen
- February 19 Rick Blaine, Gabe Jackson, Ricky Vidaurri, Robby Owen
- February 26 Roger Ray, Scott Moore, Deondra Owen, Robby Owen

WEDNESDAY MEALS

- February 1 Alfredo Linguine
- February 8 Tacos
- February 15 Taco Soup
- February 22 Beef Stew
- February 29 Hot Dogs

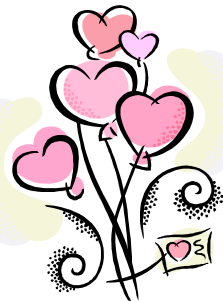


FEBRUARY CLASS HOSTING AND COMMUNION PREPARATION

- Class Hosting Pairs & Spares
- Communion Robby Owen

ATTENDANCE & GIVING REPORT

		Attendance	Reg Offering	Other Giving
Jan	1	110	\$3619.00	\$25.50
Jan	8	161	\$6246.00	\$25.50
Jan	15	106	\$2081.00	\$37.80
Jan	22	101	\$2900.00	\$275.00



*We sometimes get so
busy
That we may not make a
fuss
About the ones we care for
And who mean so much to
us...*

But...

*You can be sure you're thought about
And loved a whole lot too. Because there
could never be
Anyone more dear than you.*



JOYCE MEYER is coming to Arlington, Feb. 23-25!
We have some folks who want to go! Call the office if you are interested. Also, remember that we have a lot of Joyce's C.D.s in the office to check out.



IN THE DAYS AHEAD.....MARK YOUR CALENDARS SO YOU DON'T MISS OUT!

Tuesdays- Starting on February 7th- Battlefield Sisters meet at 6:30 PM and will be studying the book of James.

Tuesdays – 7:15 PM The Resolution For Men Study Group meets in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Nelson Gagne if you want more information (817-994-9516).

Feb. 3- Game night, 6:00 PM we all gather in the Fellowship Hall, bringing food to share and games to play and laughs to laugh, a church that plays together stays together!

Feb. 4 & 5 – Chi Rho Mid-Winter Retreat

Feb. 8 - Evangelism Meeting at 6:30 PM

Feb. 9 - Agape meal, we feed the Lodge (our local homeless shelter) at **6:00 PM**, although if you can help cook, we will need you to start earlier. Call Beverly Boyer or Robby Owen and find out how you can help!

Feb. 10 – P.E.A. will meet at **6:30 PM** to go to **Godley**

Feb. 11 & 12 – CYF Mid-Winter Retreat

Feb.12 - Meal & Operation Blessing - When we eat, the poor eat too. **The meal in February** will be a **Potluck Lunch**. Bring food for Operation Blessing!

Feb. 14 – Don't forget Valentine's Day!!



Feb. 19 - Cabinet meets at **4:00 PM**, working on the work of the church, Committee leaders of FCC are expected to be there.

Feb. 20 - Elders meet at **6:00 PM** to pray and share concerns of the Body, asking God for insight and vision for leading this church to be what God wants us to be.

Feb. 20 -The Board of FCC will convene at **7:00 PM** to hear reports and do the business of the church; this meeting is open to any and all who wish to be there.

Feb. 22 – Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 PM.

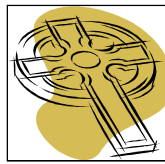
SIGN UP TO GO ON THE MISSION TRIP!



It is time to find out who will be going on the Mission Trip to Joplin, Missouri (**Trees for Joplin**). The dates are **March 10-16**. If you are going you need to put down your \$50 deposit by Feb. 14th so we can get a count and start putting together work teams. We will need laborers, cooks, "go-fers", drivers

and pole dancers (Jerry McDearmon will explain this). We think the total costs will be **\$150/ person** plus spending money. This price includes 6 nights, most meals and transportation costs. Any person can come, 6th grade up to 100 years of age Sign up today!! Signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary Hallway. Call Beverly at 817-558-2434 if you have questions.

A CROSS FOR THE SANCTUARY



We want every family to bring a cross for the Sanctuary Wall representing the fact that we are the family of God. Bring your cross and put it on the Communion table. Thanks!

BATTLEFIELD SISTERS – MYSTERY BEHIND THE NAME!

You may have been in a service where a meeting of the Battlefield Sisters was announced. You may have even heard someone mistake the name saying Battleship Sisters or maybe even in jest, the Battleaxe Sisters. You may have wondered why these women call themselves the Battlefield Sisters. As one who has been with the group from the beginning, I can tell you we have stood beside each other and prayed for one another in times of joy, pain, illness, waiting, celebration, sadness, failure and successes. It was during a time when we were standing by a sister in her time of illness and another in her time of grief that we came up with the name Battlefield Sisters. I can only liken it to the relationship that is built when military troops fight in a war and stand by each other, fighting for each other in the foxhole, and how their lives are affected from that point on. Forever after, they consider those they stood beside as their brothers and sisters. That is what this group is, and we are not exclusive. We would love to include each of the ladies in this church in our group.

We are beginning a new study in the book of James. This will be a video study led by Beth Moore. If your life is busy, but you can come for one and a half hours a week, come join us for the video presentation and discussion and our fellowship and prayer. That will be enough to bless your life, but you also have the option to go deeper by completing the daily study book and taking the study as deep as memorizing the book of James.

I can tell you from one who sometimes cannot even find her book before the class begins, you will be blessed simply by coming and being with us as we stand together as sisters. Join us Tuesday nights at 6:30 starting February 7 in the Fellowship Hall.

BUILDING FUND

It would be great to pay the note in a year or two. We can get that done by ALL of you giving extra to the Building Fund each month. Pick a Sunday and give EVERY month!

