



First NEWS

February 7

Our First Weekly E-Newsletter

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February begins with many wonderful changes! We celebrate our Office Admin, Rega Hilgers' move to Florida and new adventures for her. And we thank God for our new FCC church members, Leta and Prince Altom, who have joined the staff of our church. They will be sharing the admin role and, God willing, helping our church grow young.

Outside the admin duties Prince will serve us as Associate Pastor for Corporate Life and Congregational Revitalization.



Leta will be our Director of Communications and Media Presence in addition to sharing the church admin duties and helping us envision and enter a more preferable future.

Prince will also go to a lot of movies and drive a very fast car around the Hill Country while observing the speed limit. Leta will continue to design and create unique, handcrafted jewelry. As often as possible they spend time with their daughter, Courtenay, who is children's pastor at the Methodist Church in Wimberley, their son-in-law John, and grandsons Hudson, Dexter, and Phoenix.

Thanks to Leta for this very attractive and informative new weekly eBlast. Let us know if the format is not readable on your device. And let's look forward to new tools and processes to help us serve one another and our communities in 2019!

February Birthdays

Tony Rash • February 3
Mildred Scott • February 4
Sydney Morris • February 4
Brenna Eliaz • February 5
Claire Eliaz • February 5
Peyton Crabill • February 11
Dale Fowler • February 11
Wayne Fowler • February 12
Kellen Casparis • February 13
Gina Pruett • February 13
Desiree Richardson • February 17
Steve Towan • February 18
Ashley Ralph • February 19
Katy Clayton • February 21
Barrie Breed • February 23
Martin Briceno • February 23
Mary Olenick • February 24
Charles Scott • February 24
Clinton Sutphen • February 25
Sierra Richardson • February 26
Chris Carson • February 27
Sawyer Mann • February 27

February Anniversaries

Beth & Vickie Judkins-Mickloas • February 7
J.D. Elshoff & Margo Gregory • February 14
Britney & Tom Richie • February 15
Joy & David Pardo • February 28

February Serving Schedule

February 10

Elders:

Teri Stapp
Chase Stapp

Deacons:

Lois LaCross
Greg LaCross
Richard McDaniel
Rita McGuire

Communion:

Olga Gerhart

Lay Leader

Mitchell Howard

Important February Dates

February 14 - Valentine's Day
Membership Committee - 2:00 pm
Education Committee - 7:00 pm

February 17 - 3rd Sunday Potluck
Bring your Favorite Italian

February 21 - Church Board - 6:00 pm

February 21 - United Campus Ministry Board - 5:30 pm



Fellowship Time Each Sunday at 10:00 am.

A Special ***Thank You*** to Shepherd Group #1 for hosting the Fellowship time on February 3. Please join us this Sunday, February 10 at 10:00 am and our host group will be Shepherd Group #2.

Disciple Oaks Camp & Retreat • WORK DAY
February 23, 2019

Come join your friends from the Area as we work at our campgrounds in Gonzales on Saturday, February 23, 2019. We will start at 8:00 am and work until around 3:00 pm.

Lunch will be provided

If you need to spend the night Friday or Saturday at camp you can do that for free in the dorms (there is a group in the Lodge). There are some good restaurants in town you can check out for dinner and breakfast. You can pay for the breakfast we are providing for the group at the Lodge.



BBA/CPA Men's Retreat!
Only One Week Left to Register
We Need to Have A Final Count By February 11th
to Order Food!
Register With The Evenbrite Link
at the end of this Email.

February 15-16
"The Joy of Leaving a Legacy of Faith"
Mentoring • Coaching • Teaching • Discipleship

Join us at the Disciples Oaks Conference Center in Gonzales to worship together and participate in a discussion of this important topic.

Registration - Friday 4:00 pm at the Lodge.

Dinner - 6:00 pm

You are welcome to arrive earlier to fish or just enjoy the outdoors. The retreat will end at 1:30 pm Saturday, in time for the dedication of the new office building completed

as a CCSW Men's Work Project last year. We are planning for great food, inspirational singing and a challenging message from our speaker, with discussions to ensue.

We also will have access to the property during the weekend for nature walks, camp fires, fishing and indoor table games.

**Registration - \$60.00 / \$40.00 Saturday only. - online preferred:
(go to ccsw.ORG/IDISCIPLES-MEN/)
OR mail check and form to the CCSW Regional Office.**



Jackson Karlik Eagle Scout Project

Jackson started thinking about his Eagle project long before he became a Life Scout, actually about two years before being able to start working on it. He had been asked multiple times by several different people if he would consider a project they had in mind, but he knew what he wanted to work on. He wanted to improve the Stations of the Cross and make it more usable year-round. He had pretty grand ideas of what he wanted to do, including mulch and border the entire trail! It became obvious pretty quickly that a project like that wasn't feasible, but other suggestions were given to him, including making permanent signage. The old signs were intended for only occasional use. They were flimsy, blew down frequently and certainly couldn't be left out year round.

Jackson approached Reverend Gregory and several others who were involved with the Stations of the Cross over the years to get more ideas. Design ideas for the signs were discussed, and people began to get excited about the potential for a year round devotional hike! Pretty soon, there were plans for 14 station signs along with directional signs and posts for flyer boxes that would hold devotions. The devotions could be the narrative of the Stations of the Cross, or they could be alternative spiritual devotions; the hiker could choose what they wanted to take.

To date, Jackson has all 14 sign faces prepared for upcoming work days that he will lead with his troop, Troop 18. The younger Scouts will help sanding and prepping the sign faces for the older Scouts and adult helpers to router and paint the Station titles onto them. The younger Scouts will also help with staining the signs once the messages are complete. Jackson is also currently making plans for digging all of those holes in the wonderful Hill Country rock



we have. He has had an offer with a jackhammer and generator. If anyone else has equipment or contacts who could assist with this part of the project please contact Jackson or his mom, Stephanie.

Jackson would like to thank everyone for their support. He has had a wonderful response to requests for donations and is very close to having the entire project funded, barring any issues with digging the holes. Augers, jackhammers and laborers are Jackson's greatest need at this time. Please stay tuned for more updates on the rejuvenation of our beloved Stations of the Cross trail.

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***YOUTH: CYF Spring Rally •
March 1 -3
information and registration at
campdoc.com/#!/home/auth/login?r=oaks***