



# The Messenger

**In Essentials...Unity  
In Non-Essentials...Liberty  
In All Things...Charity**

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Please get your articles in by  
Monday at Noon so it will be in the  
2nd & 4th Tuesday Newsletter.  
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## MESSAGE FROM REV. BRENT POMEROY

Last Sunday, Karen Brown invited us to "GIVE IT UP FOR GOD" throughout the weeks of Lent. We hope that you will prayerfully consider making this one of your Lenten disciplines this year. Here's a summary of how it works:

Take a few moments to think about something you are willing to GIVE UP FOR GOD. Something like coffee, soda, sweets, cigarettes or caffeinated-nicotine-flavored donuts. Whatever you choose to give up, you'll be giving it up for God!

Once you have decided what to GIVE UP FOR GOD, we are asking you to take it one step further and place the money you would have spent on that item in the offering plate instead.

For example, say you've decided to give up your daily visit to Starbucks. If you add up the \$5 you would have spent each day, you can put an extra \$35 in the offering plate that week. Over the six weeks of Lent that works out to an extra \$210 of offering when you GIVE IT UP FOR GOD!

Next Sunday you will find some yellow envelopes in the back of the pews. We'd like you to use those envelopes for your special GIVE IT UP FOR GOD offering. All of the gifts received in these yellow envelopes will go towards Youth Ministries here at Western Hills, so please be sure to **ONLY** use the yellow envelope for your Lenten offering. If you are putting cash in the envelopes there is a place to sign your name so you will be credited on your year-end Statement of Giving.

One last thing. Our Stewardship Committee also wanted to have a way to help keep all of us accountable to our pledged Lenten sacrifice. So, inside the yellow envelopes next week, you will find a green leaf. We'd like you to take the leaf out of the envelope, write on it what you have decided to GIVE UP FOR GOD, and then place that leaf in the offering plate. You don't have to sign your name on the leaf although you are certainly welcome to do so if you'd like. We will collect these leaves and fix them to the bare aspen tree out in the foyer.

When you think about all that Jesus gave up for our Salvation, giving up caffeinated-nicotine-flavored donuts for 6 weeks doesn't seem like all that big a deal. We hope you will give some serious thought to participating in this Lenten challenge. It will interesting to see how much money we can raise for our Youth Ministries when a bunch of us decide to GIVE IT UP FOR GOD!



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### Bible Book For

**February**  
Isaiah 45-66



### "Meet Your Elder"

The 2018 Elders have shuffled the flocks around so that we have the opportunity to get acquainted with more people in our congregation. To get acquainted we would like you to join us following Worship on Sunday, March 4th. Elders will have assigned tables and we ask that you sit at your Elder's table so that we can all get to know each better. Elder's will be bringing finger foods. If you have any questions please call Cathy Bee at 884-4750.

## Please Pray For:

Marilyn Banfich  
Pat Janke's brother "Joe"  
Pam Neuman  
Keith & Dot Kolars  
Becky Anderson  
Ken & Marlene Long  
Luis Farias and Parents



*Prayer requests for family and friends will be listed for four weeks. If you feel they should be listed longer, please let us know and we will be happy to do so.*

## Birthday's



### February 2018

- 12 Garret Collenback
- 14 Cheryl Johnson
- 17 Serena Morgan Diaz
- 18 Jennifer Edwards



## Anniversaries

### February 2018

- 22 David & Edith Rico
- 28 Maurice & Eva Pina



Norman Jacobson joined our WHCC family on February 4, 2018 by transfer of membership.

# Announcements and Upcoming Events



**Souper Bowl Chili Cook Off**  
**1st Place—Rev. Brent Pomeroy**  
**2nd Place—David Rico**  
**3rd Place—Bernie Frausto**

**2018 BBA/CPA CMF Retreat**

Keynote Speaker:  
**Dr. Warren Carter**  
 Professor of New Testament  
 Brite Divinity School

Music by:  
**Joel Pereira and Band**

February 16th and 17th  
 Disciples Oaks Camp, Gonzales, Texas

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## 2018 Week of Compassion Offering

For many people 2017 was kind of an apocalyptic year filled with unbelievable storms, earthquakes, floods, mud slides, fires, and violence. I read last week that 900 thousand households filed forms with the government for relief. Goodness! That is almost a million homes damaged, mostly because of Hurricane Harvey that hit Texas like a train wreck.

We prayed with, stood with, and gave to people and causes from neighbors next door to neighbors across the world whom we will never meet...we gave generously. We even organized mission trips to help those within our reach like the Good Samaritan Center in south Texas. And this year a group called "Disciples Volunteering" based in Texas City is looking for groups who will come down to repair homes. It will take years to rebuild and recover from the hurricane Harvey damage.

In addition to the hurricane, flood, fire and mud slide relief, we gave financially through Week of Compassion to work with Church World Service in giving food, water, shelter and even education to refugees from violence and persecution in Somalia.

In St., Thomas, as in Puerto Rico, where 100's of homes were damaged or destroyed, we gave dollars to put up canvas tarps for roofs, and to support and encourage the people there. One leader in St. Thomas said, "We are resilient and will battle back, but we need help along the way."

That's what we do through our Week of Compassion offering which is set for two Sundays in February. That's what we do because that's who we are!



# Sweetheart Cafe

5:30-8:00 pm  
Saturday, February 17, 2018  
Dining and Dancing  
Atmosphere with Attitude  
Childcare Provided!

Plate: \$8 Adult, \$5 Child under 12 years.      Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert, Beverage

All proceeds benefit the Youth Program. 

Attention 6th-12th graders! We are having a Dinner & Dancing Fundraiser (Sweetheart Cafe) on Saturday, February 17, 5:30-8pm. **Please be at the church at 3pm to set up and decorate.** Also, since you are the wait staff, please wear black/red/white. (Black pants, white shirt is fine.) We will be serving a spaghetti dinner with all the trimmings, and providing child care, while our patrons have a fun evening with friends or their lover. Tickets are \$8 adult, \$5 children under 12 years.

**WANTED:** Easter Bunny lover to coordinate the Community Easter Egg Hunt. Duties would include helping to secure filled eggs with treats (eggs provided), ensure that eggs will be hidden on Saturday, March 31, 2018, 10am in three different sections so children may hunt them by age group, then facilitate the collecting of the plastic eggs for future use. Compensation: The undying thankfulness of a caring congregation.



**WANTED:** Outdoor Games Coordinator for the Community Easter Egg Hunt event. Duties include securing volunteers and games to be enjoyed by the neighborhood children after the egg hunt. Prizes and some of the games are available. Compensation: The gratefulness of an overworked youth minister. Let Maggie know of your interest to minister to our children and community.

**CYF Spring Rally** (9-12th grades) @ Camp Gonzo, is March 2-4. The fee is \$115, and Western Hills pays half for all members. Additional scholarships may be available. Feel free to invite your friends! Forms and Fees are due Sunday, February 11, 2018. Please give them to Maggie.

**JOIN US ON THE SECOND ANNUAL BUILDING BRIDGES ALL-AGE MISSION TRIP** where we build bridges to relationships! Mark your calendars for Wednesday, July 11 - Monday, July 16, 2018! Everyone is invited on the All-Age Mission trip to Aransas Pass. Youth 6th grade and older may come without a parent. Children 5th grade and younger must bring a parent with them. We will be rebuilding after Hurricane Harvey's destruction. We will need painters, sheet-rockers, kitchen coordinator, safety director, food/menu coordinator, etc. If you can only come for the weekend, that is fine as well. The details of cost and registration are coming soon. Please direct feedback and questions to Maggie.

### SUMMER CAMP 2018 DATES



CYF Conference (finished 9-12th grades) - June 10-16.  
Eighter's Camp (finished 8th grade) - June 17-23.  
Chi Rho Camp (finished 5th-7th grades) - July 22-28.  
Beginner/JRS. Camp (finished 2nd-4th grades) June 26-30.

**Christian Youth Fellowship:** (CYF-High School): SUNDAY's, 5:30PM-7:00PM

**Chi Rho**(6th-8th grades) You have your choice of group time! Sundays, 9:15AM is Sunday School. Sundays, 5:30PM-7:00PM, is fellowship time. Wednesdays, 6:00PM-7:00PM is another fun time to learn and play.

**Kidtime** (4yrs - 5th grade): We meet Wednesdays, 6:00PM-7:00PM. We learn through art, story, games, service, and fun. This semester, we are Super Heroes for God!

**Free Guitar Lessons** Wednesdays, 5:30PM-6:00PM. Anyone in the surrounding community is welcome, any age. If you would like to help Maggie teach the basics, she would love the help! This is a great way to praise our God in the middle of the week.



Pastor Brent will be offering a Pastor's Class for any youth interested in baptism and church membership. We'll be using the *Prepare the Way* curriculum published by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The class will be held on Sundays at 9:30am beginning February 25 and ending on March 25. Baptisms are tentatively scheduled for Easter Sunday April 1. Please contact Pastor Brent, Pastor Maggie or the church office if your son or daughter would like to be part of the class.

# February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7PM Bible Study	2	3
4 End Souper Bowl Challenge 9:15AM Sunday School 10:00AM Coffee Cup 10:40AM Worship Svc Super Bowl of Caring Chili Cookoff	5 1PM Quilting Bee 6PM Praise Band	6 7:30PM AA Meeting	7 5:30PM Guitar Lessons 6:00PM KidTime 7:00PM Chhor	8 7PM Bible Study	9	10 9AM Men's Breakfast Open Table/Food Bank 4-6PM
11 9:15AM Sunday School 10:00AM Coffee Cup 10:40AM Worship Svc Elder Meeting after worship 5:30-7:00PM CYF Group CYF Spring Rally Forms Due	12 11:30AM Alamo Cluster @ Luby's, 901 Main 6PM Praise Band <i>Newsletter</i>	13 5PM Caring & Sharing Group in Fellowship Hall 7:30PM AA Meeting	14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 5:30PM Guitar Lessons 6:00PM KidTime 6:30PM Ash Wednesday Svc	15 7PM Bible Study	16 Men's Retreat@Camp Conzo February 16-17	17 10AM-2PM Sr. P.J.'s BBQ 5:30-8PM Dinner & Dancing Youth Fundraiser
18 9:15AM Sunday School 10:00AM Coffee Cup 10:40AM Worship Svc 5:30-7:00PM CYF Group	19 <i>President's Day</i> 1PM Quilting Bee 6PM Praise Band	20 7:30PM AA Meeting	21 9:30AM DWF 5:30PM Guitar Lessons 6:00PM KidTime 7:00PM Chhor	22 7PM Bible Study	23	24 8AM-3PM Camp Conzo Work Day Open Table/Food Bank 4-6PM
25 9:15AM Sunday School 9:30AM Pastor's Class 10:00AM Coffee Cup 10:40AM Worship Svc Board Meeting after worship 5:30-7:00PM CYF Group	26 6PM Praise Band <i>Newsletter</i>	27 5PM Caring & Sharing Group meet @ Luby's (Huebner/Floyd Curd) 7:30PM AA Meeting	28 5:30PM Guitar Lessons 6:00PM KidTime 7:00PM Chhor			

## Honored to Serve

	<u>Sunday February 18, 2018</u>	<u>Sunday February 25, 2018</u>	<u>Sunday March 4, 2018</u>
<b>Sermon Text</b>	Mark 1:21-28	Mark 1:29-39	TBA
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Frank Gloria	Brian Brown	David Rico
<b>Bread Elder</b>	Bernie Frausto	Bill Mann	Betty Wright
<b>Deacons</b>	Team 1	Team 1	Team 2
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Anne Griffith	Frank Gloria	Betty Wright
<b>Children's Church</b>	Tammy Miller, Joel	Anne Griffith, Sadie	Tammy Miller, Joel
<b>Acolytes</b>	Rhianna Burgess	Rorie Griffith	Sadie Griffith
<b>Stewards</b>	Earl & Lou Critchlow, Myrna Lorenzana	Jim Collier, Frank Gloria, Linda Kirk	Cathy Bee, Ruth Wilson, Linda Kirk

### EMERGENCY CONTACTS

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<b>Elder Chair</b>	Sharon Newbold 210-647-5350
<b>Prayer Band</b>	"B" Moore 210-492-5284

### Lectionary Readings



#### February 18, 2018

Geneses 9:8-17  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15

#### February 25, 2018

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22:23-31  
Romans 4:13-25  
Mark 8:31-38 Or Mark 9:2-9

#### March 4, 2018

Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
John 2:13-22

## Marketplace

### Catering

Doug Critchlow 210-414-6948  
c/o Annie Marie's Catering 210-545-2249

### Mom's Maid to Order

Cleaning, Decluttering, Organizing & Household Needs  
Pat Janke 512-787-4087

### House & Garage Cleaning/ General Organizing & Independent Advocare Consultant/Distributor

www.advocare/130457732.com health and wellness  
Supplements  
Loretta Clayton 210-872-8726

### Fire and/or carbon monoxide detectors installed in your home.

- someone will be sent out to install them for free (for single-family dwellings only)!

Call the Fire Chief's office at 210-207-8400

### Real Estate

Irene Lime 210-681-8818/cell 210-573-6169  
SA Homefinders—Buy/Sell & 10% donated of the commission to WHCC  
Property Management

Dianne Cortez 210-535-2059/cell 210-684-7349  
Spiros Realty, LLC

### Health and Wellness Consultations

Alternative Health Protection Donna/Bob Gebing 210-521-9111  
or NASA Purifiers Air/Car/Heater/Laundry Join/Learn FREE at  
[www.Vollara.com](http://www.Vollara.com)

### Roofing

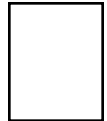
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**SUNDAY MORNING**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:15 AM**

**COFFEE CUP  
10:00 AM**

**WORSHIP SERVICE  
10:40 AM**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

Feb 16-17		Men's Retreat @ Camp Gonzo
Feb 17	5:30PM-8:00PM	Dinner & Dancing Youth Fundraiser
Feb 24	8:00AM-3:00PM	Camp Gonzo Work Day
Mar 2-4		CYF Spring Rally @ Camp Gonzo
Mar 4	After worship	"Meet Your Elder" - Elders bring finger foods!
May 5	9:00AM-1:00PM	Community Garage Sale
May 12		BBA Assembly @ Hill Country Christian, Bulverde
July 11-16		All-Age Mission Trip to Aransas Pass



5:30pm-7:00pm

**Hey CYF & Chi-Rho**  
(6<sup>th</sup> Grade- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
**Join us Sunday Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>**  
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**THINAIR**  
EXTREME AIR SPORTS  
Snack Dinner  
Parking Lot  
Pizza Party  
4902 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, TX 78229  
Bring a friend and \$10.00 each  
Please go online and fill out Wavier Before you arrive  
<https://thinair.pfestore.com/waiver/>  
Text RSVP to Tawnya 210.386.9701

 **"We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us."**