



the Gazette

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

GOD'S GIFT OF LONGER LIFE

## The Gathering Monday, August 13th Coleman Family Hall

**9:15 am SR. ADULT COUNCIL BFLC, 2A**

**9:30 am SENIOR GAMES Coleman Family Hall**

**10:30 am \*\*New Location For Lecture\*\* Rm 1D– BFLC**  
A PATRIOT PAWS SERVICE DOGS local representative will tell us about this amazing program which helps needy veterans by training and providing SERVICE DOGS! Who knows, perhaps they will bring one of these amazing dogs to show us their intensive training and commands. Don't miss this – see you in 1D – BFLC!

**11:45 am LUNCH Coleman Family Hall**

**1:00 pm ENTERTAINMENT Worship & Arts**  
LINDA FREEMAN and the "Queens of Country". Get ready for some good old country entertainment from Linda Freeman. The "Queens of Country" show will feature songs from Patsy Cline, Kitty Wells, Tammy Wynette and Patsy Montana. Can't wait to hear this fun music and songs!

Thank you to the Plaza at Edgemere for a wonderful, light lunch, perfect for summer days. A special thank you to Nancy Drege for providing bags of caramel corn. Special memories seem to come with this treat.

Look forward to seeing you at the Gathering August 13th!

Don and Valerie Tarrant



Our heat wave is depressing, but not abnormal. It seems to be hotter earlier this year, so let's hope August is cooler than normal.

August 13<sup>th</sup> is our next Gathering. Our 10:30 am lectures and 1 pm entertainment have been very informative and interesting. Please note that our lecture series will move from the Worship and Arts Center to Bartula Fellowship Hall, room 1 D & 1 E. Part of the reason is that we have the "Patriot Paws" service dogs coming up and we wanted to be able to create a more intimate setting.

At the August Gathering we will hear from Jessica Wiseman and Lindsay Feldman during our lunch hour about a program called "Skratch." Skratch offers an opportunity for our church teens to earn some extra money, or donate to their youth ministry, and provide some valuable services to those of us who choose to hire them. I am excited about Skratch for our youth, and for us who will benefit from their services. I hope you will receive Jessica and Lindsay warmly. I want you to be thinking about participating in Disciple Bible Study this fall. I am offering the 13 week Disciple program beginning October 10<sup>th</sup>, on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00 -4:30 p.m. This short version is more thematic than the 34 week version, but it will offer us an opportunity to study scripture together for better understanding and fellowship.

And finally, some sad news. Our senior ministry leaders, Mike and Joanne Patrick, have decided to exit their leadership roll at the end of the year. I can't thank them enough for the direction they have provided. They have provided solid leadership for our senior ministries program. Now, we will be seeking some one (or a couple) to step in and move us into the future. Thank you Mike and Joanne!

Dan Flanagan



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

## Beat the Summer Heat with Movies in the Worship and Arts Center!

Monday, Aug 20 1:30 pm "The Greatest Showman"

Movies are free, popcorn and beverages served.

Sign up at the August Gathering or call Mary Ann Whitmire at 214-823-1777.

## Wednesday, Sept 5 9:30 am Sulphur Springs (wait list only)

This is a repeat of a trip we took last year, but this time we will tour the Southwest Dairy Museum. Cost is \$11 which includes lunch at FUMC Sulphur Springs. 9:15 am board buses at Women's Center, 9:30 am depart, 4-4:30 pm return to the church.

Contact Mary Ann Whitmire 214-823-1777.

## Disciple 1 Bible Study Various dates October 10, 2018 - March 6, 2019

Wednesdays, 3 - 4:30 pm Room 203 Cost: \$13 for Study Guide

Meeting dates: October 10, 24 and 31, November 7 and 14, January 9, 16 and 23, February 6, 13, 20 and 27, March 6 is final class

Facilitated by Dr. Dan Flanagan, Disciple 1 is designed to guide you through private study and preparation for weekly group meetings. There will be daily scripture readings and lessons in the study guide that will prepare you for the meetings each week. These practices will help you to establish a disciplined pattern of daily reading, writing, study, reflection and prayer.

Register online after beginning Sept 3rd [fumcr.com/main\\_senior-adults](http://fumcr.com/main_senior-adults)

**Mon, Oct 15—Wed, Oct 17 (3 days, 2 nights) Senior Adult Fall Retreat "Catch the Spirit"**  
Prothro Conference Center at Lake Texoma. Cost is \$225 per person (payment plans available).  
This retreat is almost full. Contact Betty Nickell at (214) 505-5535



**BRIDGE:** Wed, Aug 1 (tables above Soul Purpose Cafe) and Aug 15 (BFLC 1D)  
Top July bridge scores: 1) Gladys Wende 1950, 2) Beverly Whitley 1790, 3) Carolyn Kennedy 1110

**Senior Adult Game Day: Monday, Aug 27 1 pm BFLC 1D**



## Gathering Services Handyman Program

Help with Minor Home Repairs /  
Medical Equipment Loan Program

info@FirstRichardsonHelpers.org Hotline Number 972-996-0160  
Call Howard Kennedy 972-661-9088 if you need medical equipment or would like to donate same.

