

The Long View

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 Traditional Service in
Sanctuary
10:15 Sunday School
11:16 Praise Service in
Disciple House

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
8:30 – 4:00
Friday
8:30 – Noon

OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, January 16



FCC STAFF

DR. RICHARD C. EMERSON
Senior Minister

DR. JAMES H. LEWIS
Associate Minister

REV. GALA STRUNK
Minister of Music/Organist

REV. DAVID FARMER
Minister of Outreach

REV. BRENT PARKER
Associate Minister
of Family Life

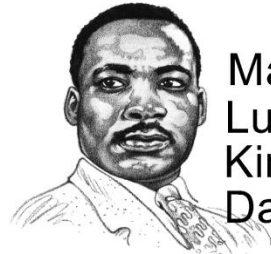
LYN BLOUNT
Dir. of Children's Ministries

CHERYL MCNULTY
P.R.E.P. School Director

ALICIA FARR
Financial Secretary/
Office Coordinator

GEORGE TERRELL
Facility Coordinator

BETH GRANT
Childcare Coordinator



Martin
Luther
King Jr.
Day

There will be a Community Worship Service
commemorating the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

Sunday, January 15th
First United Methodist Church
6:30pm

Bridges Service Sunday, January 29th

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, our Bridges partner, invites First
Christian Church to dinner at 5:00pm and worship at 6:00pm.
Mt. Olive is located at 306 S. MLK Boulevard. Dr. Emerson will
bring the message

Calling All 2012 Diaconate

A training, scheduling and planning meeting will take place
before the Board meeting. Please meet in the sanctuary
Monday, January 16th at 6:00pm



Monday, January 16 7:00pm – General Board Meeting in Cornerstone Hall
Tuesday, January 24 10:00am – Heritage Bible Study in Parlor

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Worship with Us!

Average worship attendance in 2011 (2 services) was 241. Worship attendance should be above 275. Please make weekly worship your family priority in 2012.



*Dear Members of FCC,
 All of you have been such a wonderful blessing to us. We want to thank you very much for your calls, cards, gifts, prayers, prayer*

shawls, and all your concerns for us. We love you and are so glad to have been involved with you. May God bless each of you.

*With our love,
 Doyle & Mary Flatt*



to Blake Jennings, senior at White Oak High School, who placed 1st chair Bass in the Texas All State Mixed Choir and to Brenna Jennings, freshman at White Oak High School, who placed 2nd alternate Soprano! Way to go!!

General Fund

<u>Donations</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>December</u>
Budget	61,401	Budget	61,227
Actual	59,012	Actual	65,481
	YTD		YTD
Budget	736,813	Budget	736,813
Actual	682,922	Actual	714,679

Income less expenses -6,469

Building Fund

Donations received 27,157



Ladies Bible Study

Beth Moore's James: Mercy Triumphs
 Sundays through February 26
 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. in Cornerstone Hall

**2012 Leadership Team
 (Elders, Diaconate, Cabinet, Staff)
 Planning Event**

**January 27th, 6-9pm
 January 28th, 9am – 3pm**

Those who are to attend this event received a letter with scheduling information.



Walk to Emmaus

Seeking a spiritual boost in 2012?

Walk to Emmaus – 72 hour event

Men's Walk: March 15 – 18

Women's Walk: April 19 – 22

Please contact Dr. Emerson if you are interested.

**National Mentoring Month
 January 2012**

The ranks of our nation's poor have swollen to nearly 1 in 6 Americans with 22% of all children living in poverty. As Christians, God calls us to "be salt and light" to the world (Matt. 25:40). Partners in Prevention Mentoring Program invites you to do just that as you "inspire, encourage, and mentor a child." You can make a difference!

To bring hope to our community's children, call 903-237-1257 or email lmcallister@longviewtexas.gov to find out how you can become a mentor. Our next mentor trainings are Jan. 20, Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 2, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at 140 E. Tyler, Suite 400. For more information, please contact Vicky Green, Priscilla Eaker, Susan Ellison, or Linda Gutierrez.



Bell Festival
 First United Methodist Church
 February 19th
 Mark your calendars now!



**Saturday, January 14th + ALL REGION BAND
CONCERT + HALLSVILLE HS**

Come out and support the many youth who were awarded All-Region honors. Concert starts at 5:30pm, so don't be late.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

CYF LUNCH BUNCH @ noon + This will be the first of a monthly gathering of HIGH SCHOOL only for lunch and some hangtime. Meet right after the late worship service in Disciple House (12:15ish) and we will vote on our destination! We will eat and then decide where to head next. Bring \$10 for lunch.

Deadline for NEA Midwinter + February 17-19 +

This weekend retreat is for all youth grades 6-12 and is held @ Disciples Crossing in Athens.

+++ Cost is \$80 if paid by January 22nd. +++

**Deposit due for Spring Break Trip
to New Mexico + Mar 10-16**

This 6 day trip is designed for families, but is open to all youth grades 6-12 and will include stops at Carlsbad Caverns, White Sands National Park, and snow fun in Ruidoso, NM. We will be staying in hotels along the way and will have a skiing package option for those looking to ski. Total cost will land between \$250-300/person for non-skiers. Skiers will pay roughly an additional \$200 (2 days @ \$100/day).

Deposit of \$80/person is required to hold your spot.

**Souper Bowl Day of Caring
Sunday, February 5th after each worship service**

The youth will be collecting money to support The Food Box of Longview Community Ministries after each service. Please plan now to help the youth in their efforts to raise awareness and funding for the hungry in our community. Last year, we raised nearly \$3000. Let's see if we can beat that total this year!

PASTOR'S CLASS

Pastor's Class begins February 12th during the Sunday School hour. This class prepares 5th graders (and older) for baptism on Easter Sunday, April 8th, and teaches major faith components of the church.

Contact Lyn Blount to join in.

DAY CAMP 2012

JUNE 25TH - JUNE 29TH

WOW! 35 GREAT YEARS!!

**Join us for a FCC Day Camp Reunion
Saturday night, June 30th
And
Sunday morning, July 1st**

NFL: Night for Ladies

Friday, February 3rd

6:30pm - 9:00pm

Hosted at Parsonage

Man Night @ Mansinger

Friday, February 3

6:30pm - 9:00pm

Join us Friday night, February 3rd, from 6:30-9pm for dinner and a viewing of the fascinating movie, COURAGEOUS. We invite all men (and youth guys) who are looking for encouragement in being (and/or becoming) strong fathers and husbands. This is a Don't Miss event! Cost is \$5/person to defray costs of food.



We have a new webpage in the works. This will become the main communication for FCC so please visit the website soon and often at fcclongview.org.

10 more Rusk State Hospital Cake Cookbooks will be available soon. Please sign up in the church office or call Sue Davis (903)758-7695.



ABC Class – Standard NIV Lesson Commentary “God Establishes a Faithful People”

Teacher: Rotating

ACTS Class – Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith by Andy Stanley

Teacher: Rotating

Cornerstone Class – The Present Word “We Worship God”

Teacher: Rick Shepherd

GNG Class “Total Truth” by Nancy Pearcey

Teacher: Rotating

Seekers Class – Book of Revelation

Teacher: Jim Lewis

Visions Class “The Traveler’s Gift” by Andy Andrews

Teacher: David Farmer

Unity Class - The Present Word “We Worship God”

Teacher: Barbara Lewis

The Unit – “Nooma” Video Series by Rob Bell

Teacher: Rotating

Young Singles 18-26

Teacher: Kelly Green and Karen Lowrey

Members and friends prayer list: **(members in bold)**

JC & Gloria Fort, Julia Taylor, Martha Nash, Lois Kuykendall, JoAnn & Charles Malone, Juanita Brown, Wanda King, Graham Johnston, Sarah Cotter, Lydia Schneider, Betty McNeill, Louise Smith, Paul Rogers, Laura Auderer, Larry Partain, Mary Foree, Rex Pickens, Clark Ellison, Marion Benson, Elaine Rainey, Nancy Humphries, Linda Jarvis, Jodie Johnson, Bob Cearley. Our Military Personnel, Firefighters, and Police.



Memorials Gifts can be made to the church in memory, honor or celebration to many different church funds such as the Building Fund, Property Fund, Bethany Home, General Memorial Fund, Library, Music Fund, Pipe Organ Fund, Youth, Info Tech, BS Troop 219, etc. There is a memorial book in the parlor that lists memorials given. Take a moment to review this book.



FCC Flower Ministry is a great way to acknowledge your loved ones in honor/memory/celebration, etc. FCC provides a rosebud for birth of a child of active church member. Purchasing a flower arrangement for the chancel is a great way to honor the birth of grandchildren and their parents. We have many dates available; please check with Alicia in the church office.

The next “The Long View” will be mailed on Tuesday, January 31. If you have an article you wish to include in “The Long View”, please e-mail it to afarr@fclongview.org or bring it to the church office no later than noon Wednesday, January 25.

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR

Sunday, January 15 Dr. Emerson
 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20);
 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians
 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Sunday, January 22 Dr. Emerson
 Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12;
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Sunday, January 29 Dr. Lewis
 Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111;
 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP SERVICES

January 1	167
January 8	265

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