

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



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Ash Wednesday February 22, 2012

7:00am Impose Ashes, Sanctuary

12:00pm Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary
Followed by Beans & Cornbread Lunch, Cornerstone Hall

6:30pm Impose Ashes, Sanctuary

COMING SOON...SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH!

Children & Youth Sunday 2012



See what great love the Father has lavished on
us, that we should be called children of God!
And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1

For the first time in a long time, the children and youth (grades 1-12) are joining together to lead us in a very creative worship experience. There will be special music, meaningful prayers, and a sermon that will remind those of us in every age bracket that we are the "Children of God."

After worship, there will be a youth fundraiser lunch of soup and chili. We invite you to join us for good food, and for the chance to "hire" a teenager to do some jobs around your house that need accomplished. All funds will go to help offset the costs of summer mission trips.

Schedule for Sunday, February 26:

9am - Sunday school

10:30am - Combined Worship Service in the Sanctuary

NOON - Lunch in Disciple House



Monday, February 20, 7:00pm – Elder's Meeting

Tuesday, February 28, 10:00am – Heritage Bible Study in Parlor

Sunday, February 19 & 26, 4:00pm – Ladies' Beth Moore Bible Study, Cornerstone Hall

Sunday, February 26, 6:00pm – The Table @ Lent Service in Cornerstone Hall

Tuesday, February 28, 7:00pm – Prayer Group

Friday, March 2, 6:30-9:00pm - First Friday Parent's Night Out. Call Beth Grant (903)663-0081 by noon Thursday for childcare reservations.



Gotta Toccata - Sunday, February 19 at the close of the 9:00 am service! Gala Strunk will be performing "Toccata for Organ" by John Weaver. Feel free to come up to the chancel to watch --kids (and adults) LOVE to watch the pedal work!



What a blessing it has been to have this family of faith be so supportive of me on my post-seminary journey! Through your kind words and actions from graduation to ordination to my first call, you have

really made an impact on my spiritual life. I want to thank you for continually being there for me, for allowing me the opportunity to sharpen my ministry skills in worship, youth ministry, and other church settings so that I can continue to develop into the ministry God has prepared for me. Thank you especially to my family and the staff of FCC for continually nurturing the minister within me, I hope that I can fulfill the potential that all of you have seen in me for many years even before I was able to grasp it! I'm excited about my first call into full-time ministry at FCC San Marcos, and want to extend an invitation to anyone who is ever in the area to find your way to the church or find time to meet me somewhere nearby so we can catch up and I can thank you again in person. May God's blessings and the peace of Christ be with you always.

Alec Ylitalo

Thank you so very much for the constant prayers, food and the gorgeous prayer shawl that were so graciously offered during my surgery and recovery. It has meant so much to all of us. FCC is truly the best, most caring church body!

*In love,
Cara Herbert*



The Combined Handbells Choirs

*First Baptist Church
First Christian Church
First Presbyterian Church
First United Methodist Church
Greggton United Methodist Church*

Present an evening of handbell music

**Sunday, February 19, 2012
6:00 p.m.**

**First United Methodist Church
Longview, Texas**



The Longview Symphony sponsored Bach's Lunch Concert series will be at 12:20 p.m. Friday, February 24 at First Christian Church. If you would like to bring a sack lunch to eat before

the concert, Cornerstone Hall will be available at 11:30. John Wink, tenor and Gala Strunk, piano and organ will present a concert of music by Creston, Thiman, Strauss, and of course, Bach. Make your plans to attend!



**BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE
NEEDS COOKS**

The Bereavement Committee is making a new list of cooks that are willing to provide a dish. The usual method is to ask classes whose members are involved to supply all that is required, but many times that is difficult. If you would like to volunteer to help when needed and have not signed up in your Sunday School Class, please call Betty Hudson (903-297-1118) or e-mail (dhudson309@suddenlink.net).

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

If you are interested in being a part of Evangelism, please let either Kathy Jackson, Elaine Kauffman or Beth Ylitalo know that you would like to be on the committee.



SUNDAY, FEB 19

In **Sunday School**, Dr. Emerson will do a review of the things that you learned in Pastor's Class. You may be surprised how much you have learned since that year!

CHI RHO & CYF HELPER: Emerson

Children & Youth Sunday 2012 Schedule

Wednesday, February 22

5-6pm Youth Sunday practice in sanctuary

Sunday, February 26

9am - Final Run Through

10:30am - Worship Service

Noon - Fundraiser Lunch

Last Call for Spring Break Trip to New Mexico + March 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).

PREP Registration 2012-2013 Feb. 21-24

Registration will be in the Library for currently enrolled parents and members of First Christian Church. If you have specific days that you prefer, plan to register early! Doors will open at 8:45 am on Tuesday, Feb. 21st.

If you have friends that would like to join our PREP family, remind them that registration opens to the waiting list on Monday, Feb. 27 at 9:00am.

Extra forms are in the PREP office.

Chancel Flowers

Every Sunday between now and March 25 is open for Chancel Flowers. If you are interested in reserving a date to honor a special occasion or recognize someone, please contact Alicia in the church office.

Sunday, February 26th Week of Compassion Special Offering

Week of Compassion continues to focus on the ways "Sharing Brings Joy." This year, specifically, we focus on how "Sharing Brings Joy to Others" through the tangible results of our sharing:

- * A family displaced by natural disaster or political unrest is grateful to receive food, shelter, and the comfort of a safe place to begin to rebuild their lives.
- * A woman who has had to walk miles to carry potable water for her family smiles as she draws water from a clean well near her home.
- * A child excitedly arrives for the first day of class at her village's new school.

Of course, when we "sow bountifully" by giving to others, we reap bountifully by sharing in the joy that our gifts bring to those whose basic needs are met through the important work of all our partners in service.

This year, as you share your offerings with Week of Compassion, remember all the ways your gifts bring joy to others. Sow bountifully and share abundantly, knowing that you are not only helping change the statistics, you are also helping change lives. May we all give cheerfully and multiply the joy!

Sincerely,

Faith Fort, Outreach Chair

Rev. David Farmer, Outreach Minister

The Table at Lent

We will have Sunday evening worship services during Lent on February 26, March 4, 18, and 25 at 6:00pm in Cornerstone Hall. There will be no Table Service on March 11. Please make plans to join us.



Thank you for your generosity in giving to the Souper Bowl special collection. We were able to raise \$947.95 to go to the Food Box.



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 Book of Revelation

Teacher: Rotating

Seekers Class – Book of Revelation

Teacher: Jim Lewis

Visions Class “The Twelve Steps for Christians:

Teacher: David Farmer

Unity Class - The Present Word “We Worship God”

Teacher: Barbara Lewis

The Unit – “Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything” by Timothy Keller

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, Bob Cearley, Virginia Goolsby, Jim Presley, Cara Cline, Rev. Fred King. Our Military Personnel, Firefighters, and Police.



We extend Christian sympathy to: *Michelle Fritz and family upon the death of her father, David Gilmore; and also to Rev. George and Beth Gibbs upon the death of their grandson.*

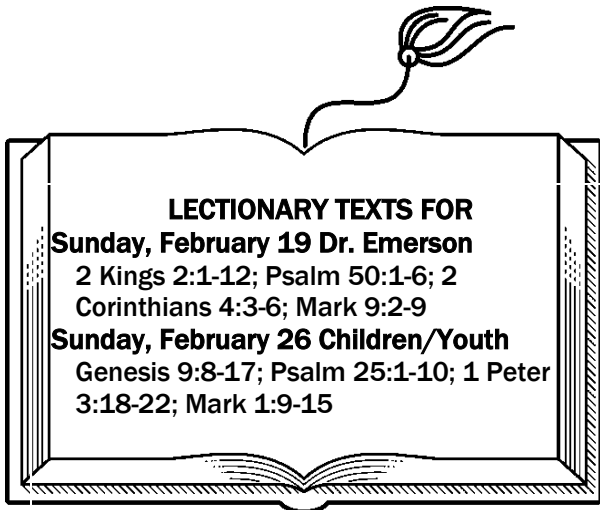


Memorial Gifts can be made to the church in memory, honor or celebration to many different church funds such as the Building Fund, Property Fund, Bethany Home, General Memorial Fund, Library, Music Fund, Pipe Organ Fund, Youth, Info Tech, BS Troop 219, etc. There is a memorial book in the parlor that 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 Wednesday, February 29. 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 Thursday, February 23.



| ATTENDANCE | |
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| WORSHIP SERVICES | |
| February 5 | 240 |
| February 12 | 250 |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL | |
| February 5 | 152 |
| February 12 | 159 |

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