

The Long View

First Christian Church, 720 N. Sixth St, Longview, TX 75601 903.753.7611 www.fcclongview.org
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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



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

Night for Ladies

Food, Fellowship, and Spa Relaxation
&

MAN NIGHT

DINNER AND A VIEWING OF "COURAGEOUS"

Friday, February 3rd 6:30-9:00pm

Childcare is available.

Please call Beth Grant (903)663-0081 by noon Thursday for reservations.



Souper Bowl Day of Caring

Sunday, February 5th after each worship service

The Souper Bowl of Caring is our way of joining other churches, schools, organizations and individuals across the country to fight hunger and poverty by collecting dollars in soup pots next Sunday. **Last year we raised \$3,000.** Let's see how many folks we can feed through **LCM Food Box** this year!



Friday, February 3, 6:30-9:00pm – Night for Ladies & Man Night. Call Beth Grant (903)663-0081 by noon Thursday for childcare reservations.

Wednesday, February 8, 9:30am – Care & Concern meeting in Conference Room

Tuesday, February 14, 7:00pm – Prayer Group @ Jodie Johnson's

**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.



I want to thank the amazing caring members of First Christian Church for inviting us for a fabulous Christmas meal and making everything so special for each of the

ladies. You made them each feel really special, which they don't get a lot of. The children's play was particularly dear. The blankets were a special gift. They cover the beds of the ladies and warmly remind us of you every day. The wondrously moving meditation affected the ladies a great deal. Some of them have so much to overcome.

Thank you for being a part of the House of Hope Ministry to and for the care and healing of my dear ladies.

Sister Helen Johnson



Bell Festival
First United Methodist Church
Sunday, February 19th
6:00pm
Mark your calendars now!

Minister's Week is February 6th – 9th. Our ministers will be in and out of the office during the week to attend this event.



Welcome Our New Members

Ann Herberger joined our church family by transfer and her son, Travis, by confirmation of faith on January 15. Welcome Ann and Travis!

Ladies Bible Study

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

The Membership Department will be meeting Tuesday, February 7th at 5:30 in the Seekers Classroom. Listed are the heads of each area, but if you have any interest in working in any of the following ministries, please attend this meeting. We need fresh, creative, energetic people to join us. (Don't let that stop you from coming!)

Bereavement – Betty Hudson, Norma Bates, Patsy Plier

Bulletin Boards/Scrapbook – Nancy Ruff

Care & Concern – Still need a coordinator

Chancel Flowers – Freddie Wood

Host Families – Still need a coordinator

Ministers' Aid – Vicky Green

Newborn Recognition – Still need a coordinator

Prayer Chain – Bill Moorman

Receptions & Social Events – Nancy Holloman

Wednesday Night Dinners & More – Penny Leak & the Kitchen Divas

This is a large department and we need LOTS of volunteers to carry out the duties of this ministry. Come see where you can help on Tuesday, February 7th, at 5:30. If you have any questions, please contact the department chairman, Janet Bussey at (903)746-1747 for more information.



Rev. Gala Strunk and John Wink will be performing in the Bach's Lunch series on Friday, February 24th in the sanctuary. Please bring a sack lunch and join us in Cornerstone Hall at noon for a brief lunch prior to the performance



Mystery Lesson??

Calling all Sara's Sisters to our meeting February 13th at 11:00am in Cornerstone Hall. We want to thank Karen Lowrey for a wonderful lesson on Missionary Elliott, in Bolivia. Our lesson for February will be presented by Vicky Green. She will give us a surprise lesson.

A check from Sara's Sisters will be sent to Gregg County ARC for our service project.

Hope you will come and join us.

In Christian Love,
Sara's Sisters



There will be no Youth Meeting Sunday, February 5th. See you at Man Night or Night for Ladies!

Mid-Winter Rally: February 17 - 19

Deposit due 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).

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

PASTOR'S CLASS

Pastor's Class begins February 12th during the Sunday School hour (10:15am in the Scout Room).

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

Ash Wednesday Services - February 22nd

7:00am - Ashes Imposed

Noon - Worship & Ashes Imposed

6:30pm - Ashes Imposed

FCC Yoga

PLACE: Disciple House

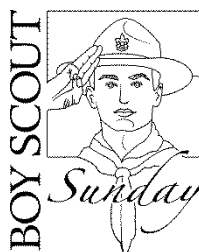
DAYS AND TIMES:

Mondays Chair Yoga 2:00pm

Wednesdays Gentle Yoga 9:00am
Chair Yoga 10:15am

Come join us on the yoga path to improve health and fitness of both body and mind.

* On bad weather Mondays, yoga practice will be held in Cornerstone Hall.



This year the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate 102 years as an organization. Since 1910, the Scouts have provided a strong foundation of leadership, service, and character for millions of America's youth.

To commemorate this anniversary, Scouts across the nation will be observing Scout Sunday on February 12. Our FCC Troop 219 will be attending an anniversary campout on that weekend and will conduct an outdoor chapel service honoring the American flag, the Christian flag, and the Holy Bible.

Troop 219, which presently has seven of its Scouts working on their Eagle Rank, will also observe its 30th anniversary this year. FCC has been the sponsor of the troop for the past 20 years and the Scouts and leaders wish to thank the members of the church for their continuous and abundant support.

Children & Youth Sunday

We will have one combined worship service on Sunday, February 26th followed by a luncheon. More information is coming soon.

Sunday, February 26th

Week of Compassion special outreach offering for the Disciples' world-relief, rehabilitation, and development ministries.



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 Traveler’s Gift” by Andy Andrews

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, David Gilmore, Don & Edith Wilson, Bob Cearley, Virginia Goolsby, Jim Presley, Cara Cline, Rev. Fred King. Our Military Personnel, Firefighters, and Police.

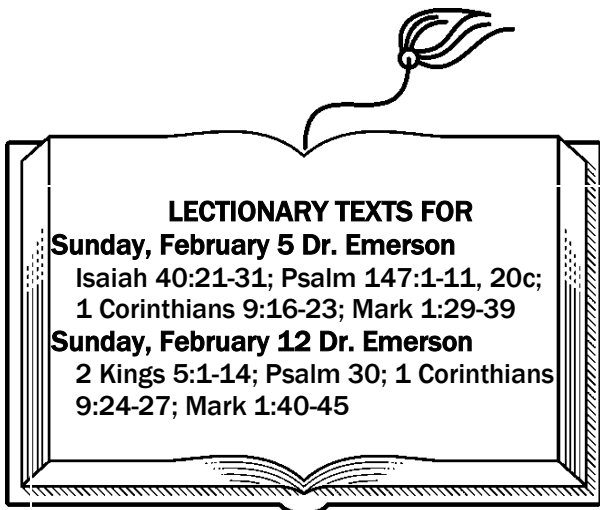


Memorials Gifts can be made to the church in memory, honor or celebration to many different church funds such as the Building Fund, Property Fund, Bethany Home, General Memorial Fund, Library, Music Fund, Pipe Organ Fund, Youth, Info Tech, BS Troop 219, etc. There is a memorial book in the parlor that 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 Wednesday, February 15. 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 9.



ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP SERVICES

January 15	249
January 22	233
January 29	253

SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 15	168
January 22	163
January 29	151

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**If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute from the appropriate lists below.*

FEBRUARY ELDER SCHEDULE FOR TABLE*

FEBRUARY 5

9:00

Dale Cox
Bill Moorman

11:16

Bill Moorman

FEBRUARY 19

9:00

Ron Bussey
Judy York

11:16

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FEBRUARY 12

9:00

Susan Farmer
Jeb Blount

11:16

Jack Darby

FEBRUARY 26

9:00

Jane Anne Blount
Whitney Ford

FEBRUARY SERVING SCHEDULE FOR DIACONATE*

FEBRUARY 5

9:00

Team 5 & 6

11:16

Team 1

FEBRUARY 19

9:00

Teams 5 & 6

11:16

Team 3

FEBRUARY 12

9:00

Team 7 & 8

11:16

Team 2

FEBRUARY 26

9:00

Teams 7 & 8

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO SERVE YOU ALSO WILL BE GREETERS

FEBRUARY ELDER/DIACONATE SCHEDULE FOR HOMEBOUND FEBRUARY 5TH

Morning

Elder: Dale Ellison, Susan Farmer, Dale Cox
Worth Payton, Daniel McKnight

Afternoon

Elder: Bill Moorman

FEBRUARY PRAISE TEAM SET-UP

	<u>Set-Up</u>	<u>Chairs</u>	<u>Powerpoint</u>
5 TH	Cara C.	Jason C.	Becky W.
12 TH	Woodie T.	Jim Ruth	Beth G.
19 TH	Charlotte L.	Keith O.	Lori W.
26 TH	Combined	Worship	Service

FEBRUARY PRAISE TEAM

WORSHIP LEADERS

FEBRUARY 5

John Roberts

FEBRUARY 12

Kim Emerson

FEBRUARY 19

David Roberts

FEBRUARY Communion Tray Preparation:

Vicki Cole

2012 SERVING ELDERS

Jeb Blount
Ron Bussey
Cara Cline
Dale Cox
Wayne Dolive (LE)
Dale Ellison
Susan Ellison
Kim Emerson
Susan Farmer
Bill Holloman
Joe Bob Joyce
Terry McKnight
Bill Moorman (LE)
Steve Rash
Betty Scott
Bob Terrell (LE)
Beth Ylitalo
Judy York

2012 DIACONATE TEAMS

<u>Team 1</u> David Grimes Ann Grimes Charlotte LaGrone Mack LaGrone	<u>Team 2</u> Micah Lewis Nick Holyfield Madison Woodard Dylan Carruthers
<u>Team 3</u> Meme Woodruff Geff Grimes Becky Whitenack Brian Whitenack	<u>Team 4</u> Bianca Johnson Alissa Rash Emily Emerson Rachel Grant
<u>Team 5</u> Philip McKanna Vicki Cole Elaine Kauffman Kathy Jackson	<u>Team 6</u> Priscilla Eaker Melanie McKnight Frank Lucy Ray Allen
<u>Team 7</u> Nelson Bates Delmer Pfler Miles Darby Randy Cook	<u>Team 8</u> Karen Lowrey Eddie Mulanax Van Arnold Edith Wilson

Life Elders (LE): *Eva Jean Blount, Wayne Dolive, Mildred Johnston, Tom Landers, Bob McGaw, Bob Terrell, Bill Moorman*