SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:00 Traditional Worship in Sanctuary
10:15 Sunday School
11:16 Praise Worship in Disciple House

OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday
9:00 – 4:30
Friday
9:00 – Noon

CHURCH STAFF
DR. RICHARD C. EMERSON
Senior Minister

REV. BRENT PARKER
Associate Minister

REV. GALA STRUNK
Minister of Music/Organist

REV. DAVID FARMER
Minister of Outreach

LYN BLOUNT
Dir. of Children’s Ministries

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P.R.E.P. School Directors

ALICIA FARR
Financial Secretary/Office Coordinator

GEORGE TERRELL
Facility Coordinator

BETH GRANT
Childcare Coordinator

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1st

Please Note:
Sunday School @ 9:30am
Worship @ 10:45am
in Sanctuary

Chili Cook-off
with our friends from
Trinity Episcopal Church @ noon
in Disciple House

Please plan to join us for the full morning of activities, and prayerfully consider your monetary donation to Longview Christian Ministries to help us feed the hungry in Longview!
SARA’S SISTERS

Heifer International Update

Here we are already into a new year. We will be making new decisions. Good luck to you. Hope you enjoyed your holidays.

At Sara’s Sisters December meeting, we decided how we would spend our Heifer Offering. We noted as the following: send 2 girls to school for $550.00; buy 2 irrigation pumps for $300.00; one Heifer for $500.00; a batch of bees for $30.00; a goat for $120.00 and 3 chickens for $60.00, for a total of $1,560.00. We thank all who donated.

Vicky Green brought us a most interesting lesson on Mary, the mother of Jesus. Surprisingly, the name, Mary, means “bitterness.” This Mary was a young woman of unusual faith and humility. Her unqualified “yes” to God’s plan for her life entailed great personal risk and suffering. She was noted as Jesus’ first disciple. Mary was returning from the well and an Angel spoke to her. “Mary, do not be afraid — you have found favor with God. You will have a son and He will be called the Son of the Most High. The Holy Spirit will come upon you. Also your cousin, Elizabeth, is with child even in her old age.” As she listened to the Angel’s words, she felt confusion, fear, awe, gratitude and then a rush of joy and peace. No woman had been blessed as Mary was — to be the mother of the Messiah. Angels played a big part in Mary’s, Joseph’s and Jesus’ lives. There are 291 references to angels in the scriptures. An Angel told Mary about her baby; an Angel told Joseph to take the family to Egypt; an Angel took care of Jesus many times.

Sara’s Sisters will be meeting January 12 at 11:00 am in Cornerstone Hall. We are asking for items for Longview Community Ministry for our Service Project. Suggested items are; canned vegetables, fruits, chili, crackers or peanut butter. Our lesson will be brought by Betty Scott on another woman in the Bible. Our gracious hostess will be Margaret Griffin. Hope to see you there.

In Christian Love,
Sara’s Sisters

Heifer International

While much has changed since our first overseas mission in 1944 to deliver heifers to families in need, our mission to provide people with an opportunity to support and feed themselves remains the same.

In those early days, heifers were the best choice — they provided milk for hungry families to drink, and also a calf so they could Pass the Gift. We sent shiploads to communities all across the globe.

Today, 70 years later, heifers are just one of dozens of animals that enable families to lift themselves out of poverty.

So many people like you are choosing to honor those near and dear to their hearts by giving alternative gifts from Heifer International.

This year, The Visions Class has given a heifer and a water buffalo. In the last two years, they have given 2 heifers, 2 goats and a water buffalo. Sara’s Sisters also donates every Christmas to this organization.

Welcome to Kingston Wright Parker born on December 18 weighing 9.6 lbs to Kori and Brent Parker and big brothers, Caedmon and Kai.

Bell Choirs

Bells Choirs will begin again in January – Morning Bells on Monday, January 12 @ 10:30 and Chancel Bells on Wednesday, January 14 @ 5:15 pm. See you there!

Welcome to our newest member, Mrs. Billie Mayberry by Transfer of Membership. She was a member at FCC in the 80’s and is happy to return to her church family.
Midweek youth groups begin this Wednesday. Jr High meets from 4-6pm and Sr High meet from 6-7:30pm. Jr High will have a short study on New Year’s Resolutions. SR High will begin a 6-week study called "Reasons For God".

COMING SOON!
1/7: SPRING SEMESTER MIDWEEK PROGRAM BEGINS
1/30-2/1: CHI RHO MIDWINTER RETREAT
2/20-2/22: Niners CAMP (finishing 9th grade) & CYF CAMP (finishing grades 10-12)
6/29-7/3: YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO NASHVILLE
7/6-7/11: CHI RHO CAMP (finishing grades 6-7) & 8ERS CAMP (finishing 8th grade)

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners will resume on January 7th @6:00. Lee Carmel will be cooking for us. The cost is only $5.00 per meal. Where else can you get a delicious meal for that price? Please come and join us for a wonderful time of eating and fellowship as we begin this new year.

2015 Board Officers
And Committee Chairs

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Bethany Home James Gray
Library Mackenzie & Brandon Hunter
Prayer Chain Bill Moorman

Board Meeting Dates:
February 9, May 11, September 14, November 4

Jane Debenport Bingham, daughter of Hazel and Jimmy Debenport, lives in Cowdrey, Colorado, with her husband, James “Mac” McEntier. Jane runs the Jackson County Mental Health Center in Walden, Colorado, which is an out-patient mental health center in the western frontier at 9,000 feet altitude where, as Jane writes, “There are more cows than people.” She is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Jane loves hiking, cross country skiing, and for those who remember her mother Hazel, bird watching.

Jane was ordained at First Christian Church, Longview. She attended Texas Christian University and graduated in May, 1984 from Brite Divinity School. Her specialty was in Pastoral Care and Counseling. Her certification for ministry meeting happened at Eva Jean and Peppy Blount’s home. Jane writes, “What a wonderful memory to pull to my mind. Rev. Tommie Bouchard is the one who helped me realize and pursue my calling.”

“I retired in 2009 from the U.S. Navy after serving 25 years as a Chaplain. I was honored to have served most of that time with the Marine Corps, deploying with them to Afghanistan in 2003 for Operation Enduring Freedom. Following that deployment, I worked out of the Pentagon coordinating care and ministry for our military members and their families who were evacuated from the Gulf Coast after Hurricane’s Katrina, Rita, and Wilma. There were many wonderful opportunities for ministry at every step of this long and rewarding career. I retired as a Captain in the Navy but to the Marines, the Eagle on my collar meant Colonel. And all I agreed to do when I joined was to serve as long as God needed me. Little did I know it would result in rank and retirement benefits!”

“ It was very hard to walk away so I am now a consultant for the Department of Defense working with returning warriors and their families who must learn to re-adjust after experiencing the changing aspects of war. I also do some pulpit supply locally for the Methodist Church when their pastor is away (no DOC church within a hundred miles). And don’t let me forget all of the volunteer work!”

Part 1 of a series:
Timothys and Priscillas from First Christian Church
And other students from our congregation headed for the ministry
LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR

Sunday, Jan 11 – 9:00 am – Dr. Richard Emerson
   11:16 am – Rev. Brent Parker
   Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7
   Mark 1:4-11

Sunday, Jan 18 – 9:00 Dr. Richard Emerson
   11:16 am – Rev. Brent Parker
   1 Samuel 3:1-10, 11-20; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18;
   1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Sunday, Jan 25 – Dr. Richard Emerson
   Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:5-12;
   1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20


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, 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, January 28. If you have an article you wish to include in “The Long View”, please e-mail it to erainey@fcclongview.org or bring it to the church office no later than noon Wednesday, January 21.

ABC Class – “Acts of Worship”
   Teacher: Rotating

ACTS Class – “Discovering God’s Will” by Andy Stanley
   Teachers: Rotating

Cornerstone Class – The Present Word “The Days are Surely Coming” - Jeremiah
   Teacher: Rick Shepherd

GNG Class – Lectionary Readings
   Teacher: Rotating

Seekers Class – “Unlocking the Message of the Bible”
   by Sharon Warner
   Teacher: Rotating

Visions Class – “What’s the Least I Can Believe and Still Be A Christian?” by Martin Thielin
   Teacher: David Farmer

The Unit – “Reasons for God” by Time Keller
   Teacher: Rotating
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### January Elder/Diaconate Schedule for Homebound

**January 4th**

- **Morning**
  - **Elder:** Kim Emerson, Dale Cox, Jeannie Dykes
  - **Junior Elder:**
  - **Diaconate:** Don Auderer, Jolene Auderer, Shawna Brown
  - **Junior Diaconate:** Travis Herberger, Jordan Weiss

**Afternoon**

- **Elder:** Susan Farmer

**January Communion Tray Preparation:**

- Jeannie King

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

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