



# The Long View

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## Sunday Worship

9:15 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Worship Service in Sanctuary

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9:00am - 4:30pm

Friday

9:00am - Noon

## OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY, DEC. 24 @ NOON

TUESDAY, DEC. 25

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26

## CHURCH STAFF

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# Merry Christmas



**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

- Mondays - Men's Bible Study @ 6:30 pm (Man)
- Monday & Wednesday - Mat Yoga @ 9:00 am (CH)
- Tuesday & Thursday - Chair Yoga @ 9:00 am (CH)
- Yoga will be on break after Dec. 18 and resume Jan. 14
- Prayer Group will not meet in December
- Dec. 15 - Choir Dress Rehearsal @ 10:00 am (Sanc)
- Dec. 16 - Christmas Music Sunday "Gloria" @ 10:30 am (Sanc)
- Dec. 16 - Delivery of Treats to our Homebound
- Dec. 16 - Faithful Families @ 6:00 pm (Buses to Carmela's Santa Land)
- Dec. 17 - Elder Meeting @ 5:30 pm (MS)
- Dec. 18 - Heritage Bible Study @ 10:00 am (P)
- Dec. 19 - Kid's Caroling @ 4:30 pm Buckner
- Dec. 21 - Blue Christmas Worship Service @ 6:00 pm (Sanc)
- Dec. 24 - Candles and Carols Worship Service @ 7:00 pm (Sanc)



The Tuesday Trippers will be heading to Natchitoches, La. for the Christmas Festival on December 18. We will leave a little later than usual to enjoy the lights after dark. We will meet at the bus barn at 1:00 pm.



You are cordially invited to a Retirement Reception for Rev. David Farmer Sunday, December 16 following Worship in Disciple House. Sign up in the church office.

Christmas Creative Cottage Creations will appear in the parlor on Sunday, Dec. 16.



See you there and thank you for your support!



**Lindy & Ava Rowland  
Emily, Rayna & Alyza  
McFarland**



Fellowship Dinner  
with Friends

**Tuesdays @ 5:30 pm**

**December 18 – Fisherman's Market  
(Will not meet on December 25 or January 1)**

**JOIN US FOR:**

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY**

**Mondays 12:00 – 1:00 pm**

**Beginning January 14, 2019**

**Mansinger House**

**(Books can be purchased at  
Lifeway Bookstore for \$12.99)**

**Sign up in the church office.**

**Contact Jodi Bachtell @ 903-736-0087 for more  
information.**



**Can You  
Step In?**

After decades of faithful service, Sue and Vernon Davenport are resigning from their positions as volunteers at Bethany Home. We are thankful for the dedication to this ministry.

Now it is time for others to help. The volunteers serve for one week every eight weeks. During that week, the volunteer is on call to receive new guests from both hospitals and to orient the guests on the use of Bethany Home. If a guest checks out during the volunteer's week, the volunteer is responsible for washing the linens and getting the room in order for the next guest.

One person or a couple can do this job. If you would like to help in this ministry, please contact Don or Jolene Auderer at (903) 759-0506.



### Chi Rho (grades 6 – 8) & CYF (grades 9-12)

We will start our spring semester on January 6, 2019! We have a lot of great things planned for 2019! Mark your calendars for Youth Sunday which will be March 3, 2019!

If you haven't picked up your youth shirt yet, they are in the youth room.

Have a great Christmas and New Year!

### UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

JYF (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders) Midwinter Retreat, Jan. 25-27  
Pastor's Class for 5<sup>th</sup> Graders starts Sunday, Feb. 24  
Day Camp 2019, June 17 - 21

### Sojourner's Sunday School Class

We have revamped our Sunday School class and moved into the "old" GNG room on the 4th floor.

We are trying to grow our membership by bringing in friends but we would like to extend a church wide invitation to any member that does not have a Sunday School class they attend.

For the month of December, we are studying our Christmas Advent study, "Because of Bethlehem," by Max Lucado.

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Shelton at 903-353-4063.



The Blue Christmas Service, also known as the Longest Night Service, takes place on the longest, darkest day of the year. The Blue Christmas title addresses the "mood/emotion" of some individuals. While this

is a joyous season of celebrating Christ's birth, many individuals grieve or have sadness due to the death of a loved one or because a certain experience has occurred. If you are experiencing a "winter of discontent" in your soul, this worship service allows moments of prayers, scripture and carols to bring hope and comfort.

Friends, members, thank you for the confidence you have placed in us by electing us to serve as Co-Chairmen of the General Board of our church.



We appreciate those who have agreed to serve as elected Board Officers and appointed Chairpersons of departments and committees for the ensuing year.

Those who have agreed to serve as Chairpersons of departments and committees for 2019 are:

- Bethany Home: Don Auderer
- Creative Cottage: Karen Lowrey
- Education: Rev. Evan Dolive
- Evangelism: Dottie and Charles Bachtell
- Internet: Rev. Evan Dolive
- Membership: Jolene Auderer and Bobbie Roberts
- Outreach: Janet Bussey
- Personnel Committee: Beth and Doice Grant
- Property: Norman Bates and Kelly Green
- Sports: Chris Shelton
- Stewardship/Finance: David Bachtell
- Worship and Fine Arts: Mindy Soape, Woodie Terrell and Rev. Miranda Dolive

Other departments are:

- Annie Lee Latham Memorial Library: Brandon and Mackenzie Hunter
- Christian Women's Fellowship/Sara's Sisters: Vicky Green
- Corner Workshop: Judy Enlow

Again, we sincerely thank you and covet your prayers as we strive to serve you – the membership.

Dixie Robertson and Betty Scott  
Co-Chairmen, General Board

Year end contributions for 2018 must be in the church office by noon on Monday, December 31 or postmarked by December 31. As you evaluate and plan your distributions, please prayerfully and thoughtfully consider the FCC Endowment Fund.



# Adult Sunday School

**ABC Class** – "Our Love for God"

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> floor, West End, Last Room

Teacher: Rotating

**ACTS Class** – "Epic of Eden" by Sandra Richter

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> floor, East End, Last Room

Teacher: Kim Emerson

**Cornerstone Class** – "The Present Word -Our Love for God" by John Allen

Bankston

Meets in Cornerstone Hall

Teacher: Rick Shepherd

**GNG Class** — "The Bible: An Introduction" by Dr. Jerry L. Sumney

Meets in Conference Room

Teacher: Rotating

**Seekers Class** – "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White" by Adam

Hamilton

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> floor, East End - Last Room on Right

Teacher: Bill Holloman

**Sojourners** – "Because of Bethlehem" by Max Lucado

Meets in 4th Floor "old" GNG Classroom

Teacher: Rotating

**Visions Class** – "The Thirteen Disciples" by J. Ellsworth

Kalas

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> floor, West End, Last Room on Right

Teacher: David Farmer



**Members and Friends Prayer List**

**Members:** Debbie Dalton, Dale Ellison, Jeb Blount, J. C. Fort, Hunter Shelton, Melanie Dolive, Vernon Davenport, Mary Platt, Glenda Bruce, Pat Skinner, Don Auderer, Mildred McNew, Jodie Johnson, Sharon Wilson, David Roberts, Billie Ogden, June Green, Carlos & Margaret Griffin, Geraldine Dickinson, David Grimes, Bunky Grimes, Ramona Dickinson, Debi Plaxco, Martha Cochran, Andy Malone, Lacey Cline, Colton Rieger

**Friends:** Danny Presley, Pam Young, House of Hope, California mud victims, victims of Japanese earthquake, Feldhauser family, Arturo Ortega, J. R. Jones, Evelyn Banda, Nelda Muckleroy, Warren Proctor, Jack & Brenda Carlton, Carla, Sabrina Spect, Tessa Tipps, Camron Wafer, Kurt Latham, Jamie, Jeanette Warner, Theresa Neslony & family, Gloria, David Fowler, Meredith Salazar, Cherie Humphrey, Kenneth Reece, Jerry & Mary Rhinehart

We extend our Christian sympathy to Debi Plaxco and family upon the death of her husband, Les.



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 the birth of a child of an 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 publication of "The Long View" will be mailed on Thursday, December 27. If you have an article you wish to include in "The Long View", please e-mail it to [bkirkindoll@fcclongview.org](mailto:bkirkindoll@fcclongview.org) or bring it to the church office no later than noon Thursday, December 20.

**LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR:**

**Sunday, December 16**

Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18  
Music Sunday

**Sunday, December 23**

Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)  
Dr. Richard Emerson

## Attendance

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

December 2.....210  
December 9.....178

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

December 2.....107  
December 9.....108

**DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS**

Actual	36,162
Income less expenses	28,555
Contributions YTD	638,547
YTD income less expenses	-32,277

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