



# THE LONG VIEW

Volume 58, Issue 1, January 12, 2023

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 am – Sunday School  
10:30 am – Worship Service  
(Worship also available live  
streamed on Facebook)

### OFFICE HOURS

8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Monday – Thursday  
8:30 am – 12:30 pm Friday

### CHURCH STAFF

DR. RICHARD C. EMERSON  
Senior Minister

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The office will be  
Closed Monday,  
January 16, 2023  
In Observance of  
Martin Luther King



We are looking for volunteers to serve  
Communion again this year. You do  
not have to participate  
in Board Meetings or  
prepare Communion  
(unless you want to).  
so, we need your assistance.  
Call the office to sign up to be  
an additional server.



## thank you

*Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for your  
support for the Christmas party for the  
folks that call Page Place 2 home.  
Over 50 people enjoyed a holiday  
lunch, singing and helpful gifts.  
The extra food and gifts were  
taken to House of Hope.*

*Again, thanks for caring & sharing.  
Faith Fort  
Susan Ellison*



### THIS WEEK AT GLANCE



**Sunday School** @ 9:30 am  
(In-Person)  
**Pickleball** Mondays @ 2:00pm  
Thursdays @ 10:00 am  
Thursday @ 4:00 pm  
**Sara's Sisters/DWM** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of  
the month at 10:30 am (CH)  
**Monday School** Mondays  
@ Noon (Jason's Deli)  
**GIFTS** Mondays @ 12:00  
(Upstairs)  
**Tuesday Fellowship Dinner**  
@ 5:30 pm  
**Handbells** Wednesday @ 5:15  
**Chancel Choir Practice**  
Wednesday @ 6:30 pm  
**Tai-Chi** Thursdays at 9:00 am (CH)  
**BINGO** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday  
5:30 pm (CH)  
Men's Bible Study Resumes  
**Grief Recovery Support Group**  
Fridays at 10:00 am (CR)

**Board Meeting**  
Monday, January 30, 2023  
6:00 pm  
Cornerstone Hall

**Cabinet Meeting**  
1/22/23  
Immediately after  
Worship

### GRATEFUL GRAM

Hello FCC!

Dec. 24, 2022

What a way to celebrate Christmas Eve! The blessed Holy Observance of Our Savior's birth, and a reminder of my considerable minor and modest arrival! Bet God's Number One Son deserves all the attention every time of the year!

I appreciate the Birthday Card a lot, although my absences hardly make me Mister Reliable. But Mother and I always appreciate the thoughtful and sweet visits, notes and calls from the Church Family.

We hope all had a Merry Christmas and – as I have lately written – Good Fortune be in Twenty-Three!

Cordially, J.M. Jones

**The mission of this congregation is the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through all areas of its life and work, witnessing in all situations to the grace of God in Jesus Christ, thereby seeking in all people a response in faith and commitment to him. Matthew 28:18-20**

# Here's what's happening!

Don't forget to bring those nonperishable food items for LCM (Longview Community Ministries). We are now collecting for the Souper Bowl Contest through our Souper Bowl party. As always the children will collect your food items when they walk down the aisle.



**DC Youth: Middle School (Chi-Rho) 6th-8th grade**  
**DC Youth Middle School is for our 6th-8th grade youth. Campers will have the opportunity to grow their faith and to play and pray with others in a camp setting.**  
 Midwinter Feb 3-5 (Registration Closes Jan 20 @ 11:59PM)

Please go online at [www.disciplescrossing.org/retreats101](http://www.disciplescrossing.org/retreats101) To register and pay. Then notify the church office that your child/ren will be attending.

**DC Youth: High School 9th-12th grade**  
**DC Youth High School is for our 9th-12th grade youth. Campers will have the opportunity to reconnect with their faith, grow in it, and to share with their fellow campers in a life-giving retreat weekend.**  
 Midwinter Feb 17-19 (Registration Closes Feb 3 @ 11:59PM)

Please go online at [www.disciplescrossing.org/retreats101](http://www.disciplescrossing.org/retreats101) To register and pay. Then notify the church office that your child/ren will be attending.



**Hello ROMEO!** (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Most are retired, but not all of them. Come join the fellowship of these experienced men. Mondays at noon at Jason's Deli.

Tuesday night fellowship Dinner will be at Fisherman's Market on January 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Contact Teresa Mitchell @ (432)553-6305 or Lyn Blount at (903) 237-8019 for more info.



**BINGO! New Time**  
 Hope everyone can join us on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. Bring a soup/chili or desert to share.

**FCC Pickleball**  
 If you would like to try Pickleball but do not have a paddle. Come on and join us. We have paddles to rent for \$5.00 so you can make sure it is something you want to do before purchasing your own. There is also a training class on Mondays, Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per session.



No GGD (Growing God's Disciples) this Spring Semester 2023



- **Women's Bible study** – This group of ladies has a new name, **GIFTS (Growing In Faith Together Studies)** and they would like to invite all ladies to join them Mondays at noon in the Acts Classroom, even if you don't have the book or study guide. Join us!
- **Sara's Sisters/DWM** met in December and we supported the Haverty/Newgate Angel Tree with a monetary donation. Vicky presented a program on the women in Jesus' genealogy, describing each one and explaining what she had done to be especially mentioned: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba and Mary. Come join us for refreshments, study and service. Jeannie will bring us a program on Phinehas' wife and the women who attended her and we will be bringing canned goods for Longview Community Ministries. We hope to see you the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 10:30 in Cornerstone Hall!



*Special speaker Rhonda Hamilton  
 Monday, February 13  
 10:30 am ~ Parlor at FCC*

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

## 2022 In Kind from the Congregation

- Refreshments for GGD (Growing God's Disciples) for the year \$ 260.00 Value of Products.
- Souper Bowl in February \$1055.00 plus \$75.00 in Canned items.
- Get Behind Our Diaper Drive 3,434 were collected and \$ 1717.00 in Diapers and 3,144 for a total of \$94.32 in Wipes.
- May Cornerstone Class Peanut Butter Collection 573 Jars of Peanut Butter + 2 Jars of Jelly \$716.25
- June Rusk State Hospital Birthday Party \$ 350.00 Value of Products
- June Water Well (Change for Change) \$ 8,390.00 (4 Wells)
- Adopt a School-Ware Elementary \$ 500.00 plus Supplies \$ 350.00 Value of Products
- October-Coats for Kids \$395.00 Includes PREP
- Trunk or Treat \$600.00 (Approximately 400 people attended)
- Operation Christmas Child 303 Shoeboxes plus Shipping and Handling \$6,060.00 Total Value
- House of Hope Bake and Take and Gifts \$1,000.00 Total Value of Products
- Page Place 2 (Food and Gifts for 48 Residents) \$1,200.00 Value of Products.
- LCM (Longview Community Ministries) Collecting Cans from Children's Sermon and drop offs. \$945.00
- Helping Bags from GGD (Growing God's Disciples) \$300.00
- Sunday School Classes \$1,825.00 (Hwy 80 Rescue Mission, Chips for Meals with Love, LCM etc.)
  - Acts Class \$3,318.00 plus 28 Hours
  - ABC Class 25 Hours
  - Cornerstone Class \$250.00 plus 131 hours
  - GNG Class \$575.00
  - Seekers Class \$600.00
- Sara's Sisters/DWM \$3,539.53 (Disciple Home, House of Hope, Heifer International, Angel Tree, East Texas Women's Center, Ware Elementary, etc.)
- Special Offering Gifts for General Church. \$9,499.32 ( Pentecost, Reconciliation, Easter, Christmas, Blessing Box, Thanksgiving, Week of Compassion, ect.)
- Volunteer Hours counted on the Action Card and the Sunday School Class's 5,853.50 hours @ \$7.25 per hour equals \$42,437.88
- 8% of Church Budget which was \$56,000.00 (27 Agencies)
- Endowment Fund \$1,000.00

**Grand Total: \$141,227.30**



♥ Caring  
for the  
community  
& Beyond



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

**ABC Class** – *Gods Exceptional Choice* - International Sunday

School Lessons – Fall Quarter NIV  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> floor, West End, Last Room  
Teacher: Rotating

**ACTS Class** – *They Walked with God* by Max Lucado

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

**Cornerstone Class** – *Justice, Law, History-The Present Word* –

Meets in Cornerstone Hall  
Teacher: Rick Shepherd

**GNG Class** – Lectionary

Meets in the Conference Room  
Teacher: Rotating

**Seeker's Class** – *"The Story"*

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

**Sojourners Class** –

Meets on 4<sup>th</sup> Floor East Wing  
Teacher: Rotating

**Visions Class**– The Book of Romans

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Middle of Hall, South Room  
Teachers: Charlie & Dottie Bachtell

### Members and Friends Prayer List

**MEMBERS**- Colton Rieger, Jennifer Fields

**FRIENDS**- Mary Reece, Ruby Brown, K. Bryant, Lacy Cline, Jim Beville, Jamie Walziel, Brady Storar, Tony Sasser, John Garrett, Valerie Garrett, Ray Wright, Everado Delmas, Alan Mitchell, The Gravells, Paul Kellner, Ann Whitehurst, Ethan Pimantel, Kenneth Reece, Ethan, Antonella & Tony Landerfeld

The next publication of "The Long View" will be mailed on Thursday, January 26, 2023. If you have an article you wish to include in "The Long View", **please call, email it or bring it to the church office no later than noon Wednesday.**

### Lectionary Texts For:

**Sunday, January 22**

Isaiah 9:1-4  
Psalm 27:1, 4-9  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-23  
Dr. Richard Emerson



**Sunday, January 29**

Micah 6:1-8  
Psalm 15  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Matthew 5:1-12  
Dr. Richard Emerson

## ATTENDANCE

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
12/24	170 in person 168 Facebook views	
12/25	37 in person 82 Facebook views	0
1/1/23	90 in person 127 Facebook views	6
1/8/23	115 in person 78 Facebook views	78

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January 2023 Elder & Diaconate Schedule

**ELDER Schedule for Table**

<u>January 1</u> 10:30 am Kennedy Hatcher Mallory Shelton		<u>January 8</u> 10:30 am Dixie Robertson Terry McKnight
<u>January 15</u> 10:30 am Teresa Mitchell Jeb Blount	<u>January 22</u> Melanie Aguilar Cheryl McNulty	<u>January 29</u> 10:30 am Rick Wilson Fe Terrell

**DIACONATE/SERVER Service Schedule**

<u>January 1</u> 10:30 am Team 4		<u>January 8</u> 10:30 am Team 1
<u>January 15</u> 10:30 am Team 2	<u>January 22</u> 10:30 am Team 3	<u>January 29</u> 10:30 am Team 4

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

**ELDER/DIACONATE Schedule for Homebound  
January 8, 2023  
Morning and Afternoon**

**Elders:** Jeannie King, Dixie Robertson, Terry McKnight, Vicky Green, Kelly Green  
**Diaconates:** Melanie McKnight, John Roberts, Mark Goodson, Susan Goodson, Cecily Vick  
**Jr. Elder:** Kennedy Hatcher

**Communion Tray Preparation**

Week: 1, 2, 3: Debra & Brent Thompson  
Week 4 & 5 : Susan & Mark Goodson

**If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute from the appropriate Elder or Diaconate list below:**

**2022 SERVING ELDERS**

Dottie Bachtell  
Kelly Green  
Vicky Green  
Bill Holloman  
Jeannie King  
Donna McFarland  
Terry McKnight  
Cheryl McNulty  
Teresa Mitchell  
Brannon Robertson  
Dixie Robertson  
Mallory Shelton  
George Terrell  
Rick Wilson

**Junior Elders**

Melanie Aguilar  
Kennedy Hatcher  
Mary Catherine Leak  
Rylan Roberts  
Fe Terrell

**Life Elders**

Richard Lucas  
Bill Park

**2022 DIACONATE/ADDITIONAL SERVER TEAMS**

**Additional Servers are just that, they only serve communion.  
They do not perform any duties of a Diaconate.**

D-Diaconate Members  
A-Additional Servers

**Team 1**

Alex Avaltroni-D  
Kelly Green-A  
Kennedy Hatcher-A  
Ray Hatcher-A  
Danny Matherne-D  
Melanie McKnight-D  
Delmer Pliier-A  
Patti Racicot-D

**Team 2**

Vicki Cole-A  
Jamie Dippold-D  
Mark Goodson-D  
Susan Goodson-D  
Amanda Grimes-A  
Elizabeth Grimes-A  
Rick Johnston-D  
Cheryl McNulty-A

**Team 3**

Lyn Blount-A  
Kathleen Cochran-D  
Teresa Mitchell-A  
Jim Ruth-D  
David Starr-D  
Debra Thompson-D  
Brent Thompson-A  
Sharon Wilson-A

**Team 4**

Susan Farmer-A  
David Farmer-A  
David Grimes-D  
Brandon Hunter-D  
John Roberts-D  
Sandi Stanley-D  
Cecily Vick-D

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc) 5:00pm NO YOUTH GROUP	2 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli)	3 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner	4 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	5 9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am Pickleball 4:00pm Pickleball	6 8:30am Longview Women's Forum 10:00am Grief Recovery Support Group 3:00pm Muville Tours	7
8 Homebound Communion 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc)	9 10:30am Disciple's Women/Sara's Sisters (CH) 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli)	10 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner	11 4:45pm Outreach Meeting 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	12 9:00am Tai-Chi 9:30am Shakespeare Club 10:00am Pickleball 4:00pm Pickleball 5:30pm Bingo (CH)	13 10:00am Grief Recovery Support Group	14
15 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc)	16 Office Closed 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli)	17 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner	18 1:00pm Care & Concern 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	19 9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am Pickleball 4:00pm Pickleball 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	20 7:00am Disciple's Crossing-Athens Chi- Rho Mid-Winter 10:00am Grief Recovery Support Group	21
22 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc) 12:00pm Cabinet Meeting	23 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 2:00pm Pickleball	24 2:00pm Heritage Bible Study (P) 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner	25 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	26 9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am Pickleball 4:00pm Pickleball 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	27 Disciple's Crossing- Athens-Kids Mid- Winter 10:00am Grief Recovery Support Group	28 Disciple's Crossing- Athens-Kids Mid- Winter
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