



THE LONG VIEW

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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

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Hearts on Fire!

*FCC Ladies
Special speaker:
Rhonda Hamilton
Monday,
February 13
10:30 am
Cornerstone Hall
Sign-up in the office*

Finance Meeting
Tuesday,
2/14/23
At 5:30 pm
Conference Room



HAPPY Valentine's DAY

Tuesday Night Fellowship Dinner has been canceled on 2/14/23. It's Valentines Day and there is a finance meeting the same night. Contact Teresa Mitchell @ (432)553-6305 or Lyn Blount at (903) 237-8019 for more info.


IN OUR hearts AND prayers

We extend our Christian Sympathies to Dottie Bachtell and her family upon the death of her brother John Garrett. Also, to Terry McKnight and family upon the death of his aunt Margaret Alice Moore. As well as Ray Hatcher and his family upon the death of his father.

The Seekers Class will begin The Epic of Eden: a Christian Entry into the Old Testament, by Sandra Richter DVD series, starting February 5. All are welcome to join our study, whether it's your first time through the series, or you are looking for a refresher course. Though further materials are available, none are necessary to be able to fully benefit from this study. Contact Bill Holloman (903.240.8289) or Beth Grant (903. 238.1750) for more information.

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

THIS WEEK'S GLANCE



Sunday School @ 9:30 am
Worship @ 10:30 am (SC)
Pickleball Mondays @ 2:00pm
Thursdays @ 10:00 am
Thursday @ 4:00 pm
Sara's Sisters/DWM 2nd Monday of the month at 10:30 am (CH)
February Canceled due to Hearts on Fire!
Monday School Mondays @ Noon (Jason's Deli)
GIFTS Mondays @ Postponed until 12:30 on 2/13 only (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 2nd Thursday 5:30 pm (CH)
Men's Bible Study Thursday @6:30 pm (CR)
Grief Recovery Support Group Fridays at 10:00 am (CR)

Care & Concern will meet Wednesday, 2/15/23 at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room

Care & Concern




Here's what's happening!

Children's SERMON

Please continue to bring those nonperishable food items for LCM (Longview Community Ministries). As always, the children will collect Your food items when they walk down the aisle after the Children's Sermon. We believe the children are really enjoying the opportunity to collect and participate in this ministry.

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

DC Youth: High School



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 is closed)

Please go online at 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.



- **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! **Note: Postponed this week for Hearts on Fire.**
- **Sara's Sisters/DWM** - Instead of our February meeting, please join us at the FCC ladies program Hearts on Fire featuring Rhonda Hamilton.

February

CCSW Women's Leadership Event

WHERE: SOUTH HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FORT WORTH TX

WHEN: FEBRUARY 17-18, 2023

REGISTER AT: WWW.CCSW.ORG/EVENTS

COST: \$40



REV. DOTTIE COOK
Keynote Speaker



Join us for a weekend of leadership development and fellowship as we hear from our amazing keynote speaker - Rev. Dottie Cook.

This will be a time to get inspired by all the amazing things women from across the region are doing, to learn and develop your leadership skills, get hands on knowledge on the nuts and bolts of what makes a good leader, and fellowship together around a shared table.

Date: February 17-18, 2023

Location: South Hills Christian Church, Fort Worth TX - 3200 Bilglade Rd., Fort Worth TX 76133

Cost: \$40, *this cost includes all meals*

Registration online at www.ccsw.org/events. Deadline was February 1st.

PICKLEBALL



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.

BINGO Time!

Hope everyone can join us on February 9th at 5:30 pm. Bring a soup/chili or desert to share.



Preparing for Easter

Important Dates to Remember!
February 19 – Transfiguration Sunday
February 22 – Ash Wednesday
February 26 – 1st Sunday of Lent
March 3 – Friday, World Day of Prayer
April 2 – Palm Sunday
April 6 – Maundy Thursday
April 7 – Good Friday
April 9 – Easter Sunday

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



Call Chris Shelton @ (903) 353-4063 for large items pick-ups or for more information as to where to drop-off your donated items. Make sure all items are secure in a box or on a clothes hanger.



Don't forget to come by the office to get a Donation Receipt!



The Outreach Team along with our Co-Chairs of the Board– Lyn and Beth hosted our annual Souper Bowl Luncheon last Sunday, February 5th

in the Disciple House. We will continue collecting Non-perishable food items through February 13th. Cash, or checks made payable to LCM are always accepted. As of today, we have raised \$1,700.00 and 149 cans of food and another \$58.00 is other items. The luncheon was a huge success and the Chilis and Soups were amazing.

Congratulations Brannon Robertson for you award winning Whole Smoked Piggy Chili!

Ann Grimes won 2nd with her Extra Special Taco Soup!

Beth Grant won 3rd place with her Deer Chili!

The Outreach Committee would like to **Thank** each of you for your giving hearts and your generosity to all our many endeavors.

What is Ash Wednesday?

Each year, Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is **always 46 days before Easter Sunday**. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and **resurrection**.

Often called the Day of Ashes, Ash Wednesday starts Lent by focusing the Christian's heart on repentance and prayer, usually through personal and communal confession. This happens during a unique Ash Wednesday service.

During Mass (for Catholics) or worship service (for Protestants), the priest or pastor will usually share a penitential and reflective sermon. The mood is solemn – many services will have long periods of silence and worshipers will often leave the service in silence.

Usually, there is a responsive passage of Scripture, usually centered around confession, read aloud about the leader and congregation. Attendees will experience communal confession and moments where they are prompted to confess sins silently and pray.

After all of this, the congregation will be invited to receive the ashes on their foreheads. Usually, the priest or pastor will dip his finger into the ashes, spread them in a cross pattern on the forehead, and say, "From dust you came and from dust you will return."

In many congregations, the ashes are prepared by burning palm branches from the previous **Palm Sunday**. On Palm Sunday, churches bless and hand out palm branches to attendees, referencing the Gospels' account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when onlookers lay palm branches on his path.

The ashes of this holiday symbolize two main things: death and repentance. "Ashes are equivalent to dust, and human flesh is composed of dust or clay (**Genesis 2:7**), and when a human corpse decomposes, it returns to dust or ash."

"When we come forward to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, we are saying that we are sorry for our sins and that we want to use the season of Lent to correct our faults, purify our hearts, control our desires and grow in holiness so we will be prepared to celebrate Easter with great joy" (The **CatholicSpirit.com**).

With this focus on our own mortality and sinfulness, Christians can enter into the Lent season solemnly while also looking forward in greater anticipation and joy to the message of Easter and Christ's ultimate victory over sin and death.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ABC Class** – *Gods Exceptional Choice* - International Sunday School Lessons – Fall Quarter NIV
Meets 4th floor, West End, Last Room
Teacher: Rotating
- ACTS Class** – *They Walked with God* by Max Lucado
Meets 4th 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** – *Epic of Eden* by Sandra Richter
Meets 4th Floor, East End, Last Room on Right
- Sojourners Class** –
Meets on 4th Floor East Wing
Teacher: Rotating
- Visions Class**– 1 Corinthians
Meets 4th floor, Middle of Hall, South Room
Teachers: Charlie & Dottie Bachtell

Members and Friends Prayer List

MEMBERS- Colton Rieger, Jennifer Fields, Dale Ellison, Ann Grimes & Family, Kathy Hayes, JoAnn Malone, Dottie Bachtell

FRIENDS- Jim Beville, Jamie Waiziel, Brady Storar, Tony Sasser, Family of John Garrett, Valerie Garrett, Everardo Delmas, The Gravells, Paul Kellner, Kenneth Reece, MISD students & Family, Renee Byers, Don & Deb Howard, Madison Skinner, Family of Glenn Allen, Kellie Plier, Darcy Hales, Anna, Family of Mindy Randolph, Cynthia Mesker, Family of Margaret Alice Moore, Sylvia Whitlock, Lacey Cline, Family of Alan Mitchell, LaToya, Joe Pinson, Janice Williams, Thomas (Tuck) Kemper.

Lectionary Texts For:

Sunday, February 19

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2 or 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9
Dr. Richard Emerson



Sunday, February 26

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11
Dr. Richard Emerson

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
1/29/23	105 in person 24 Facebook views	57
2/5/23	122 in person 20 Facebook views	70

If you watch the Sunday morning Worship Service on Facebook, please like, love or comment so we can tell the difference between how many people are actually watching and how many people just click on us to see what is going on.

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