



# 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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FCC Kids will be holding a silent auction for handmade Scripture art to benefit the Week of Compassion! The pieces will be on display in the First Christian Church Parlor, along with bidding sheets, until March 5<sup>th</sup>. At the close of worship service that day, the winners will be announced! Please make checks payable to Week of Compassion and memo Silent Auction. You can also check out the paintings on Facebook: First Christian Church - DOC, Longview, TX. If you are unable to bid in person, contact Lauren Warren on Facebook or call the church office.



## PENCIL IT IN

**Sunday School** @ 9:30 am (In-Person)  
**Worship** @10:30 am (SAN)  
**Pickleball** Mondays @ 2:00 pm (DH)  
Thursdays @ 10 am and 4:00 pm (DH)  
**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 pm (AC)  
**Tuesday Fellowship Dinner** @5:30 pm (TBD)  
**Handbells** Wednesday @ 5:15 pm (MS)  
**Choir Practice**-Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm (MS)  
**Tai Chi**-Thursday @ 9:00 am (CH)  
**Bingo 2<sup>nd</sup>** Thursday of the month @ 5:30 pm (CH)  
**Men's Bible Study** Thursdays @ 6:30 pm (CR)  
**Grief Recovery Support Group** Fridays @ 10:00 am (CR)

## Attention: FCC Ladies



We invite you to help us prepare and serve a meal on March 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm for the House of Hope. If you are interested, please contact Amanda Grimes @ (903) 649-8011.



It's Time to Gather!  
Spring is near and so is  
Our Spring Fling  
Fellowship Luncheon!  
Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>  
Join us for a Pot Luck

We will provide the fried chicken. You bring the sides or a dessert. There will be a place on the action card to note your name and how many will be attending! Surprise everyone with what you bring!



If you watch the Sunday morning Worship Service on Facebook, please like, love or comment so

we can know how many people are actually watching and how many people just click on us to see what is going on.  
Thank you!

## Inside Information

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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



Children, JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship) &  
P.R.E.P. School  
(Children-Infants-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

- **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** will meet March 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in the Cornerstone Hall. All ladies are welcome to join us.
- **NTA DWM SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT FOR WOMEN**  
It is time to register. Early Bird: Through March 27, 2023  
Deadline is April 10, 2023. For information or a registration packet please contact the church office.  
Dates are April 21-23, 2023,  
Disciples Crossing - Athens, TX.



- **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.
- **Men's Bible Study** meet at 6:30 on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm.



Chi-Rho (Grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>)  
Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) (Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

- ✚ **Chi-Rho/CYF** Parents keep your eyes open for Remind texts. Mrs. Amanda and Mrs. Meagan are planning an event March 5<sup>th</sup> after the Worship Service. We are encouraging all our youth to regularly attend and be involved in Sunday school, worship, choir practice and all youth meetings.
- ✚ Something to think about. We will need your assistance with the **Easter Egg Hunt again.**



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.

- ❖ **Calling all JYF's!** Meet Lauren after worship for lunch and a scavenger hunt. Parents pick up at 2:30 pm.
- ❖ **Mini/Day Camp** is set for the week of June 12th. More information coming soon.

### GUESS WHAT?

**Grand Camp** is Back!!! Coming Summer 2023 Grand Camp will rejoin the camp line up. Mark your calendars Grandparents and Grandkids ages 4-10 for June 2-4.

- February 19, 2023: Summer Camp Registration Opens
- April 1, 2023: Early Bird Registration Deadline
- May 1, 2023: Regular Registration Deadline
- Two weeks before camp: Late Registration Deadline

**DC Kids** - (Grades 1-5) - DC Kids campers will engage faith and Bible stories through interactive learning stations and creative and energetic worship experiences. DC Kids 1st-2nd are Co-Camping with DC Kids 3rd-5th. These are different camps happening at the same time sharing the same spaces.

Arts and crafts, games, swimming are also part of the experience. DC Kids 1: June 26-30 DC Kids 2: July 31-Aug 4  
**DC Youth** - (Grades 6th-12th) - DC Youth campers will connect with their faith as they explore spiritual disciplines, play, pray, and worship. **DC Youth Middle School** (6th-8th on the CREATIVE side) June 19-24 **DC Youth High School** (9th-12th on the MAIN side) June 19-24

**Imago Dei** - (Grades 6th & 7th) - Previously known as Eighters Camp, Imago Dei is designed to teach campers about spirituality and sexuality through a Christian curriculum. Imago Dei is in transition as we move from Summer after 8th grade to Summer after 6th. Imago Dei: June 25-July 1 (CREATIVE CAMP side)

**DC Family Camp** - (All ages accompanied by an adult family member) - This camp is for families of all ages as long as one child attending is under the age of 18 and one adult is over the age of 21. The goal of Family Camp is Sabbath! Families come to rest, play and worship together. What a great way to kick off the summer! DC Family Camp May 26-28

**Attention Parents:** Please go online to register and pay in full to Disciple Crossing. Then notify the church office that your child/family is going. Scholarships are available if requested.

### BINGO Time!

Now that the days will be longer we hope everyone can join us on March 9th at 5:30 pm. Bring a snacks, sandwiches or desert to share. Our last session was February 9<sup>th</sup>. There was not a big turnout, but we had lots of winners. Freddie W. won two games, her niece, Carolyn won one and her Sister Bobbie was our black out winner. Barbara P. also won two games, with her niece, Karen won two games also. Her great niece, Kelly blacked out at the same time as Bobbie. It was so exciting.



Preparing for Easter

### Important Dates to Remember!

February 26 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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

Join us at 5:30/5:40 for good food and great company. On February 28<sup>th</sup> we will be eating at Pizza King on Hwy. 80. Then on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> we will be eating at The Butcher Shop. Call Lyn Blount @ (903) 237-8019 or Teresa Mitchell at (432) 553-6305 for more details.



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!

### NEWS FROM



First Christian Church Mini/Day Camp will be June 12<sup>th</sup> – June 16<sup>th</sup>. Keep your eyes on the FCC website and Facebook for more details in the coming weeks.

### The History of Lent

Christians honor the 40 days and nights following Christ's baptism when He went into the wilderness without water and food and was tempted by Satan. During that time, Christ did what we do today when we fast: wrestle with temptation. This was not the first fast; biblical figures often fasted when petitioning God for something important. "So we fasted and implored our God [...], and he listened to our entreaty" (**Ezra 8:23**). The Israelites "mourned and wept and fasted till evening for Saul and his son Jonathan, and for the army of the LORD and for the nation of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword" (**2 Samuel 1:12**).

While Protestants also take part, Catholic churches are particularly associated with Lent. No church history indicates the year when believers first took part in the tradition or what was required. Lenten fasting "has consisted of abstaining from all animal products" for some, but "for others, fish and/or poultry were allowed." Certain societies have permitted "only bread" for a time. There were full-day fasts; half-day fasts; and the potential to pay money to be excused from participating.

### What Does it Mean to Participate in Lent?

In other words, there are numerous ways to approach Lent, some more legalistic than devotional. Still, the origins of Lent seem to be rooted in Christians giving up food or money in order to emulate Christ's obedience to the Father. Community fasting provided accountability and support, but also led to pressure and judgment. Today, "some still observe fasts that restrict quantity and type of food," but "many view Lent as a time in which to give up a particular vice, bad habit, or pleasurable thing." In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Christians frequently use the fasting season to motivate them to continue with New Year's resolutions in a blend of secular and Christian observance. Lent is also associated with **Ash Wednesday**, the first day of Lent, where "some Christians mark their foreheads with ash as a symbol of sorrow and mourning over their sin."

## 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** – *Epic of Eden* by Sandra Richter  
 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**– 1 Corinthians  
 Meets 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Middle of Hall, South Room

## Members and Friends Prayer List

**Members:** Dottie Bachtell, Charlie Bachtell, JoAnn Malone, Martha Ruff Murray, Colton Rieger, Pat Terrell, Barbara Dickinson, Ramona Dickinson

**Friends:** Tony Sasser, Deb & Don Howard, Marcus Welch, Jim Quinn, Jim Beville, Jamie Walziel, Joyce, Family of Wanda Bullock, Valerie Garrett, Ronald Currey, Yvonne Virginia, Anna, Kenneth Reece, Sylvia Whitlock, The Gravells, Paul Kellner, Thomas (Tuck) Kemper, Joe Pinson

The next publication of "The Long View" will be mailed on Thursday, March 9th. 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, March 5  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
 Genesis 12:1-4a  
 Psalm 121  
 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
 John 3:1-17  
 Or Matthew 17:1-9



Sunday, March 12  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
 Exodus 17:1-7  
 Psalm 95  
 Romans 5:1-11  
 John 4:5-42



	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
2/12/23	123 in person 108 Facebook views	72
2/19/23	105 in person 112 Facebook views	62

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March 2023 Elder & Diaconate Schedule

**ELDER Schedule for Table**

<b>March 5</b> 10:30 am Cheryl McNulty Brannon Robertson		<b>March 12</b> 10:30 am George Terrell Teresa Mitchell
<b>March 19</b> 10:30 am David Farmer Ellie Cochran		<b>March 26</b> 10:30 am Rick Wilson Mallory Shelton

**DIACONATE/SERVER Service Schedule**

<b>March 5</b> 10:30 am Team 1		<b>March 12</b> 10:30 am Team 2
<b>March 19</b> 10:30 am Team 3		<b>March 26</b> 10:30 am Team 4

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

**ELDER/DIACONATE Schedule for Homebound  
March 12, 2023**

**Morning and Afternoon**

**Elders:** Cheryl McNulty, Teresa Mitchell, Bill Holloman,  
Donna McFarland, Mallory Shelton, Jeb Blount  
**Diaconates:** Jim Hurst, Nancy Holloman, Jerald Lewis,  
David Grimes, \_\_\_\_\_  
Jr. Elder: Ellie Cochran

**March Communion Tray Preparation**

Week: 1, 2, 3: \_\_\_\_\_  
Week 4 & 5 : \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please call the church office if you are able to prepare.**

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

**2023 SERVING ELDERS**

Jolene Auderer  
Charlie Bachtell  
Dottie Bachtell  
Jamie Dippold  
David Farmer  
Ray Hatcher  
Bill Holloman  
Donna McFarland  
Terry McKnight  
Cheryl McNulty  
Teresa Mitchell  
Brannon Robertson  
Mallory Shelton  
George Terrell  
Rick Wilson

**Junior Elders**  
Ellie Cochran  
Kennedy Hatcher  
Rylan Roberts

**Life Elders**  
Jeannie Dykes  
Richard Lucas  
Bill Park

**2023 DIACONATE/ADDITIONAL SERVER TEAMS**

**Additional Servers are just that, they only serve communion.**

**They do not perform any duties of a Diaconate.**

**If you are willing to be an Additional Server, please notify the office.**

D-Diaconate Members  
A-Additional Servers

**Team 1**

Alex Avaltroni-D  
Meagan Avaltroni-D  
Danny Matherne-D  
Melanie McKnight-D  
John Roberts-D  
Kelly Green-A  
Kennedy Hatcher-A  
Ray Hatcher-A

**Team 2**

Vicki Cole-D  
Lysa Dykes-D  
David Grimes-D  
Brandon Hunter-D  
Jerald Lewis-D  
Rayna McFarland-D  
Lyn Blount-A  
Rick Johnston-A

**Team 3**

Nancy Holloman-D  
Bobbie Roberts-D  
Brent Thompson-D  
Debra Thompson-D  
Teresa Mitchell-A  
\_\_\_\_\_-A  
\_\_\_\_\_-A  
\_\_\_\_\_-A

**Team 4**

Mark Goodson-D  
Susan Goodson-D  
Jim Hurst-D  
Patti Racicot-D  
Justin Smith-D  
Sherri Tucker-D  
\_\_\_\_\_-A  
\_\_\_\_\_-A

If you would like to be an additional server or Diaconate, please call the church office.

# March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc)</p>	<p>27 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 2:00pm Pickleball</p>	<p>28 2:00pm Heritage Bible Study (P) 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner</p>	<p>1 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>2 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am Pickleball 4:00pm Pickleball 6:30pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>3 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's World Day of Prayer 8:30am Longview Women's Forum 10:00am Grief Recovery Support Group</p>	<p>4 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's</p>
<p>5 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> 9:15am Pastor's Class 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc) 12:00 JYF Event</p>	<p>6 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 2:00pm Pickleball</p>	<p>7 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner-Butcher Shop</p>	<p>8 International Women's Day Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>9 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's Newsletter 9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am Pickleball 4:00pm Pickleball 5:30pm Bingo (CH) 6:30pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>10 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 9:30am Shakespeare Club 10:00am Grief Recovery Support Group</p>	<p>11 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's</p>
<p>12 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Girl Scout Sunday Homebound Communion Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 2:00am Daylight Saving Begins 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc)</p>	<p>13 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 10:30am Disciple's Women/Sara's Sisters (CH) 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 2:00pm Pickleball</p>	<p>14 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner-Butcher Shop</p>	<p>15 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 1:00pm Care &amp; Concern 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>16 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am Pickleball 4:00pm Pickleball 6:30pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>17 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 10:00am Grief Recovery Support Group</p>	<p>18 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's</p>
<p>19 <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 9:15am Pastor's Class 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc)</p>	<p>20 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 2:00pm Pickleball</p>	<p>21 International Day of Forests Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner-El Sombbrero</p>	<p>22 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's World Water Day 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>23 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's Newsletter World Meteorological Day 9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am Pickleball 4:00pm Pickleball 6:30pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>24 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 10:00am Grief Recovery Support Group</p>	<p>25 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's</p>
<p>26 <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b> Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 9:15am Pastor's Class 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc) 12:00pm Spring Fling</p>	<p>27 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 2:00pm Pickleball</p>	<p>28 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 2:00pm Heritage Bible Study (P) 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner</p>	<p>29 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice</p>	<p>30 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am Pickleball 4:00pm Pickleball 6:30pm Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>31 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's 10:00am Grief Recovery Support Group</p>	<p>1 Mini/Day Camp Sign up's</p>