



# 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

Tuesday, December 24 @ noon  
Wednesday, December 25  
Thursday, December 26

## CHURCH STAFF

DR. RICHARD C. EMERSON  
Senior Minister

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Associate Minister

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Minister of Music

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Organist

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## Schedule of HOLIDAY Events

- 12/8 *Hand bells in Worship*  
12/9 *Morning Bell Concert, Sanctuary @ 11:00 am*  
12/15 *"Holy Light", a service of Carols with Choir and Brass Ensemble during worship*  
12/18 *Chancel Bells concert at Heartis of Longview @ 5:15 pm*  
12/20 *Blue Christmas Service, Sanctuary @ 5:30 pm*  
12/22 *Contemporary Songs in Worship*  
12/24 *Christmas Eve Musical Prelude @ 6:45 pm; Candlelight Service @ 7:00 pm*  
12/29 *Carols and Communion in Worship Service*



"HERE WE COME R-CAROLING!"

Sunday, December 8

## All Church Caroling

Meet at 4:00 pm in the parking lot  
at the corner of Seventh and  
Turner Streets

*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*

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Mondays @ 12:00 pm - Monday School (Jason's Deli)  
Monday, Dec. 9 - Ladies Bible Study @ 11:45 am (Man)  
Monday, Dec. 9 & 16 - Men's Bible Study @ 6:30 pm (Man)  
Mondays & Wednesdays through December 18 - Mat Yoga @ 9:00 am (CH)  
Tuesdays & Thursdays through December 19 - Chair Yoga @ 9:00 am (CH)  
Wednesdays - Creative Cottage @ 10:30 am (Man)  
Wednesdays - Roman's Bible Study @ 5:00 pm (C)  
Saturday, December 7 - Parent's Night Out @ 5:00 pm (DH)  
Monday, December 9 - Women Disciples/Sara's Sisters @ 11:00 am (CH)  
Monday, December 9 - Cornerstone Class Sunday School Party @ 6:00 pm (DH)  
Tuesday, December 10 - Prayer Group @ 6:30 pm (Bykes)  
Wednesday, December 11 - Care & Concern @ 9:30 am (C)  
Sunday, December 15 - Youth & Faithful Families @ 5:00 pm (Carmela's Mini Santa Land)



### Christmas Decorating Schedule

Fri., 12/13 Poinsettia setup @ 1:00 pm  
(contact Miranda if you can help.)  
Sun., 1/5 Soup Luncheon & Christmas  
Décor Take Down after  
worship. Bring a soup to share.

### One Day Craft Sale!

Creative Cottage is having a one day craft sale on December 8. Shop for last minute Christmas gifts. Lots of treasures are half price! All proceeds go back into the church or the community.



The Sanctuary will be decorated with Poinsettias for Christmas. Poinsettias are \$9.00 each and the deadline to purchase a plant is Monday, December 9. The forms for purchasing the poinsettias are on the Action Card in Sunday bulletins and in the office.

### Fellowship Dinner

with Friends



**Tuesdays at 5:45 pm**

December 10  
The Butcher Shop  
December 17  
Martha Cochran's Home

Coffee & Conversation in December will be a trip to Dallas to process shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. The date is December 10 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. We will meet at the church at 7:30 am. Bring a sack lunch. We will stop for dinner on the way home. Sign up in the church office.



Elder Meeting  
December 16  
5:30 pm in the  
Parlor

Please be present to welcome our new Chair.

The Tuesday Trippers will be heading to Bear Creek Smokehouse at 3:00 pm on December 17 and then to Marshall to a restaurant before checking out all the pretty lights at the old Harrison County Courthouse.



Sign up in the church office.



Sign up today for Mid Winter retreat at Disciples Crossing at [disciplescrossing.org](http://disciplescrossing.org).

Chi Rho Retreat (Grades 6-8)  
January 31 – February 2

CYF Retreat (Grades 9-12)  
February 14 – 16

Cost: \$110 per person (either retreat)



### CHILDREN'S WINTER 2019 SCHEDULE

Wed., December 11 & 18

Growing God's Disciples/Genesis Singers  
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Sunday, December 15

All church caroling. Meet at busses, 4:00 pm.  
Parents and siblings invited!

Sunday, December 15

Youth & Faithful Families to Carmela's Mini Santa Land, 5:00 pm

Wednesday, December 25

No meeting, Merry Christmas!

Year end contributions for 2019 must be in the church office by noon on Tuesday, December 31 or postmarked by December 31.

As you evaluate and plan your distributions, please prayerfully and thoughtfully consider the FCC Endowment Fund.

**Connect with FCC Longview by phone at 903-753-7611 or on social media!**

**Like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/fcclongview](http://facebook.com/fcclongview).**

**Follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/fcclongview](http://twitter.com/fcclongview) where you can see scriptures, pictures and upcoming events.**



### PREP SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**"The Giving Tree"**

**Wednesday  
December 11**

**11:00 am  
in the Sanctuary**

For 39 years, "The Giving Tree" has been PREP's way of helping our young children learn about the spirit of Christmas giving, while helping the foster children of Longview enjoy a brighter Christmas morning. PREP kids bring unwrapped gifts to place beneath the manger during the program. These gifts will be distributed to the foster children of Longview. If you would like to bring an unwrapped toy (book, doll, game, puzzle, etc.) to contribute to this wonderful ministry, please lay it under the Crismon Tree in the Church Parlor. The gifts will be taken to the Child Welfare Board and they will distribute the toys to the boys and girls in the Longview foster program. Thank you again for all your support! Merry Christmas!

To:



All who decorated the Parlor and Sanctuary with the beautiful hanging of the greens.

All who participated in the Longview Christmas Parade.



to everyone who helped in any way to make Sunday night's dinner for the House of Hope ladies so special. To those who were on the committee organizing and preparing, or helping out by cooking food or being a hostess at a table or serving dinner to the ladies and to so very many of you who brought personal items for the gift bags – we could not do this without each and every one of you. The ladies were blessed by a nice dinner, gifts and the love everyone showed them. We know those who were involved, especially the night of the dinner, were very much blessed to be a part of this wonderful event. God bless each and every one of you!

Jeannie King

# Adult Sunday School

**ABC Class** – Responses to Faithfulness, NIV Standard Lesson Commentary  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> floor, West End, Last Room  
Teacher: Rotating

**ACTS Class** – Advent Study  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> floor, East End, Last Room

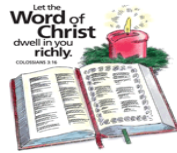
**Cornerstone Class** – The Present Word – Living in Covenant by Donald K. McKim  
Meets in Cornerstone Hall  
Teacher: Rick Shepherd

**GNG Class** — Invitation to John  
Meets in Conference Room  
Teacher: Rotating

**Seekers Class** – Epic of Eden by Sandra Richter  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> floor, East End - Last Room on Right  
Teacher: Bill Holloman

**Sojourners** – Advent of the Savior  
Meets in 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Library  
Teacher: Jodi Bachtell

**New Class** – The Book of Luke by J. Ellsworth Kalas  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor “old” Vision’s Classroom  
Teacher: Charles Bachtell



## LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR:

### Sunday, December 8

Luke 1:47-55; Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12  
Dr. Richard Emerson

### Sunday, December 15, Music Sunday

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

# Attendance

## WORSHIP SERVICES

November 24.....175  
December 1.....155

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

November 24.....88  
December 1.....82

## NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Actual Contributions	37,725
Monthly Budgeted	62,408
Income less expenses	-27,823
Contributions YTD	618,781
YTD income less expenses	- 56,110

## Members and Friends Prayer List

**Members:** Sharon Lundgren, Kathy Hayes, Pat & Bob Terrell, David Dolive, Bobbie Roberts, Colton Rieger, Diana, Davenport, Fran Grimes, Don Auderer, Jodie Johnson, J. C. Fort, Randy Cook & family, Shirley Holloway, Betty Scott, Marilyn Egner, George Terrell, Isabel Terrell Family, Sue Davis, Lacey Cline, June Green, Debi Plaxco, Bill Moorman, Howard Buchanan, Barbara Dickinson, Nita Lindsay, Martha Cochran, Glenda Bruce, Mary Flatt, Billie Ogden, Ramona Dickinson, Andy Malone, Margaret & Carlos Griffin, Geraldine Dickinson

**Friends:** Andy Fleming & family, Hannah Yoder, The Gilbert Family, The Lamelo family, House of Hope, Shannon & Scott Day, Gail & Ricky Lanier, Dr. Cristen Wall, Joe Corning, Everardo Delmas, Bettye Lacy, Gabby, Jamie, Dixie, Stormy, Dorothy McDonald, Julia Bostick, Judy Clendenen, Judy Roye, Phil Valenti, Surles Family, Doug James Family, Bobbie Whitehead, Joyce Hammers, The Marsh Family, Kelsea Langely, Anna, Skip, Children with Cancer, Lori Hughes, Drew, Tiffany, Caregivers, Kenneth Reece, Brenda & Jack Carlton, Mary & Jerry Rhinehart

**As well as:** Our homebound and shut-in members; our nation, government, military, police and fire department personnel; and those who do not yet know Jesus’ love and saving grace.



Memorial 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 19. 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 12.**

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