



THE LONG VIEW

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:30 am – Worship Service
(Worship currently on Facebook
Live and Youtube only)

OFFICE HOURS

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

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Hello First Christian Church Family:

I hope that each of you are doing well. In these times of uncertainty, it will be interesting to see how the weeks and months unfold as we try to put structure back into our lives, e.g. the opening of schools, the re-opening phases for Texas, the types of ministries and activities for the church, you name it. Whatever these steps may look like, please stay safe and healthy. Make wise decisions for yourself and those around you.

Here are two thoughts and activities for you to consider. The first is a prayer challenge that we can do together as a church family. In these uncertain times when we are trying to seek and re-structure the unknown locally and nationally, consider reading the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah in the Old Testament. Ezra was a priest and Nehemiah was a governor. Together, with the assistance of God, they helped rebuild the wall and repopulate the city of Jerusalem.

As the cupbearer to the king, Nehemiah is distressed at the ruined condition of Jerusalem, becoming a reformer and protector of the distressed. Ezra helped to restore the Temple and the city after the exile. As you read these two books, you will be amazed that the wall around the city was rebuilt in 52 days. Here's your challenge: As we each continue to walk through these pandemic days, will you consider praying for 52 consecutive days? There is so much for which to raise our prayers: those effected by COVID-19, those struggling in our current economy, prayers for restoration and civility in our cities, prayers for peace and compassion, for the mental, physical and spiritual health of so many people and families, for our church, the poor and needy, our mission and outreach ministries. I am sure you have additional prayers. Let's all be in intentional prayer together until the end of September.

I hope that you will discover this second thought and activity to be a lot of fun. Miracle stories are common in scripture. The Feeding of the 5,000 story is one of those miracles. We all enjoy reading them in the Bible. Here is what I would like you to do: Share your own personal miracle story from your life. What miraculous work of God has happened to you? We all have our story. If enough stories are submitted it would be fun to create a booklet perhaps named The Miracles of First Christian Church. Email your miracle to bkirkindoll@fcclongview.org.

Reading the Bible and praying will reassure each of us during these strange times. Identifying that miraculous moment with God will rebuild your spiritual foundation. Is there any better time than now to do so? The peace of Christ be with you
Dr. Richard Emerson

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!

AUGUST

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As most of you know, Creative Cottage and Corner Workshop will no longer be selling Pepper Jelly.

I would like to make some to sell for some of our church organizations or the garage sale auction when we have one.

I am out of ½ pint jars. Those are the little jars that I use for Pepper Jelly. If you have any you would like to donate, they will be gratefully accepted. They can be left in the church office or inside any entry into Disciple House.

PLEASE, NO PICKLE, SALSA OR PINT JARS. I have a bunch of those and cannot use any more.

Also, if you want some of the Pepper Jelly, you can call me at 903-738-2931 and I will make some. Your donation will go to the church.

Thanks so much!
Betty Hudson

The Fall 2020 *The Secret Place* devotions are now available in the church office. Stop by and pick up a copy.

FCC would like to THANK!! Vernon and Sue Davenport for the 25 years they have given to delivering Meals on Wheels and now, Meals with Love. Vernon took over the route that Tom Dickey delivered. Tom Landers joined him. They were a team for many years until Tom had to retire for health reasons. Vernon served many more years and then Sue joined him. It is hard to replace people like Vernon and Sue . . . they will be missed.

We do need to find a team that will take the Davenport's route. Can you give a small amount of your time for the ministry of delivering to shut-ins?

Please contact Nancy Humphreys @ 903-738-6820 or Wanda Green @ 903-237-9486.



FELLOWSHIP DINNERS ARE
CANCELED TILL FURTHER NOTICE

If you are able to make your offering/tithe, please do so. Remember you can mail your tithes to the church office at 720 N. 6th St., Longview, TX 75601 or give online at www.fcclongview.org/give.



EVEN MORE Prominent People who are or were Disciples

Tom Landry – football coach, Dallas Cowboys
Vachael Lindsey – 19th century poet
Harold Lloyd - comedian
David Loyd-George – Prime Minister, Great Britain
Oren Long - Senator
Edwin Markham – Poet, “The Man with a Hoe”
Frances McDormand, actress, won best actress for “Fargo”
J. Irwin Miller – Industrialist, Columbus, Indiana
John Muir – Naturalist
Carrie Nation – 19th century Temperance activist
Mary Kate & Ashley Olsen – actress twins
Austin Pendleton – actor of Alexander Campbell
Michael Pollard – actor, role of driver in “Bonnie & Clyde”
Drew Powell – actor, young Hoss on the new Bonanza TV series

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Longview Community Ministries is in need of volunteers on Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm. Choose which day will suit you best. Please call Longview Community Ministries for details at 903-753-3561.

Thank you!

GARAGE SALE!

The annual garage sale has been scheduled beginning Labor Day, September 7 through September 11.

Chris Shelton is needing volunteers to help price the items that have been set up in Disciple House beginning the week of September 10.

If you can help, call Chris at 903-353-4063 or Betty Kirkindoll in the church office.



PREP SCHOOL

Greetings Church Family!

It has been quite a roller coaster ride since March, and I sure have missed seeing my church family. PREP School continued on through May. The PREP school teachers did an amazing job providing online learning and went above and beyond to connect and support our families throughout the school year. They blew me away with their positive attitudes, willingness to learn new things, and incredible work ethic. We ended this crazy year with a drive through parade and virtual graduation ceremonies. 🎓

📣 I am excited to announce that **PREP School's First Day** will be **Tuesday, September 8th**. The staff and I have worked throughout the summer to create new guidelines and procedures that will help keep our kids, families and teachers safe and healthy when they return to school.

Some of our fabulous PREP teachers had to make the tough decision of staying home to do online schooling with their own children. I am on the lookout for dedicated, compassionate professionals to add to our amazing team! Below are the positions available.:

- 2 & 3 year old Classroom Teacher:
8:15 AM - 3:00 PM - Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday
- Computer Teacher:
Monday & Friday 8:15 AM - 12:15 PM (Positions 1 & 2 can be combined)
- Preschool Teacher:
8:15 AM - 3:00 PM - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday & Friday 8:15 AM - 12:15 PM

If you have questions or know of anyone that would be interested, please call me at 903-649-8011, Monday - Friday 9 AM - 4 PM. Please send resumes to agrimes@fcclongview.org.

♥ Amanda



1905 to 1960

In the fall of 1905, the “frame church” was demolished and the next year the “stone church” was erected at the same location. There were 75 members. The last worship service in this building was held in February of 1935

Rev. John E. Montgomery served from 1936 to 1942. Rev. William O. Harmon came to Longview in 1942 and served until December, 1944. He, Mrs. Harmon and two daughters were the first to occupy the parsonage at 1005 Turner Dr.

Rev. Sloan Gentry served from 1945 to 1960. Some events which occurred while Rev. Gentry was minister are:

Annie Lea Latham Library – established in 1945

Dedication of Hearne memorial Chimes in 1947

The church camp established in Athens in 1948

The lot on corner of Seventh and Turner Dr. purchased in 1949

The seventy-fifth anniversary of First Christian Church celebrated in 1950

The balcony, extended to seat 100 people, enlarged the sanctuary capacity to 625

The educational facility was expanded in 1956 to include the children’s building

Excerpt from *The History of the People of First Christian Church, Longview – 1875 to 2015*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



ABC Class – *Honoring God, NIV Standard Lesson Commentary*

Meets 4th floor, West End, Last Room

Teacher: Rotating

ACTS Class – *Epic of Eden: Johan by Sandra Richter*

Meets 4th 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 – Lectionary

Meets in the Conference Room

Teacher: Rotating

Seeker's Class – *Epic of Eden: Isaiah by Sandra Richter*

Meets 4th Floor, East End, Last Room on Right

Sojourners – *Parables by John White*

Meets in 4th Floor Library

Teacher: Jodi Bachtell

New Class – *The Book of Luke by J. Ellsworth Kalas*

Meets 4th Floor "old" vision's Classroom

Teacher: Charles Bachtell

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR:

Sunday, August 9

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28; Psalm 105: 1-6,

22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15;

Matthew 14:22-33

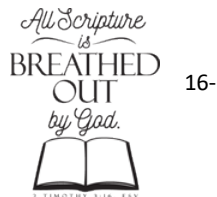
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Sunday, August 16

Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew

15: (10-20), 21-28

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The next publication of "The Long View" will be mailed on
Thursday, August 20. If you have an article you wish to include
in "The Long View", please email it to
bkirkindoll@fclongview.org or bring it to the church office no
later than noon Thursday, August 13.

Members and Friends Prayer List

Members: Pam Roberts, Lisa Jones, Melanie Dolive and family, Steven Brizius, Vernon Davenport, David Dolive, Gay Gilbert, Ric McNulty, James Egner & family, Howard Buchanan family, Aaron Turner, Donna Park, Glenda Bruce, Rick Johnston, The Williams family, David Farner, Don Auderer, Jolene Auderer, Sharon Lundgren, Pat & Bob Terrell, Colton Rieger, Fran Grimes, Jodie Johnson, J. C. Fort, David Grimes, George Terrell, Isabel Terrell family, Sue Davis, Lacey Cline, June Green, Debi Plaxco, Bill Moorman, Barbara Dickinson, Ramona Dickinson, Nita Lindsay, Martha Cochran, Margaret & Carlos Griffin

Friends: Raymond Floyd, Erin & Matt, Kissell Family, Cecile Braden, Ali & Cole Allen, Lauren Allen, Michelle & family, Gloria Rojas' mother, Jamie Harper, Sara Ricci Vuoso, Donna O'Sullivan, Cora Taith Brewer, Deb Cloutre, Teresa Turner, Brittany Gill, Ted & Rhonda Martin, Jamie, the Kisner Family, The Gilbert Family, the Lomelo Family, The Marsh Family, David Smelley, Dede Baumgarner, Lori Hughes, Eva Davis, Sarah Cotter, Kenneth Reece, Children with cancer, Caregivers, Dementia Patients

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

We extend Christian sympathy
to the following families:



Anthony Anderson and family
upon the death of his mother.

Roger Ogden and family upon the death of his wife, Billie Ogden.

Bob Terrell, George Terrell and family upon the death of Steve Terrell.

Barbara and Ramona Dickinson upon the death of their sister, Loretta Newton.

Melanie Dolive and family upon the death of her husband, David Dolive.

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