



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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1. Sign-up sheets were given to the adult Sunday School classes on 11/7. Thank you in advance for your yummy food! If anyone not attending Sunday School wants to offer food, please contact Donna McFarland @ 903-720-1480 or dfmcfarland9@gmail.com. The food will be delivered to HOH on Sunday afternoon on December 5th. The food you contribute needs to be at the **DH parking lot between 3:30-4:00 Sunday afternoon-12/5**. If you cannot get your dish/dessert delivered to us in the parking lot in that time span, please make arrangements to get it to Beth G. or me beforehand. Anyone bringing a potato casserole needs to have it in a foil pan/foil cover to heat up once it is delivered to House of Hope. HOH staff is anticipating an increase in their census between the date of the newsletter and the night of the dinner, so we are planning for 40-45 gift bags. If the census is lower on 12/5, we will donate the extra gift items to staff to use throughout the year.

In Love,
 Donna McFarland 903-720-1480
 Beth Grant 903-238-1750

*Join us for our
 Christmas Eve Service
 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary*



FCC will be hosting a Lunch & Store Items Give Away! (The residents will be able to pick an item or two that they can't afford to buy) Page Place 2 on Thursday, December 9th. **If you are bringing a cake, please have it at the church by 10 am.** There are about 50 residents. We are asking for donations to purchase the giveaway items for the store (make checks payable to Faith Fort). The residences are wanting paper goods and other household items if you would like to purchase and leave in the Mission Cart. The items most requested are:

Cans of dog/cat food	Dish towels and cloths	
Fingernail files & Clippers	Toothpaste/brushes	
Kleenex	Dish Soap	Paper plates
Napkins	Paper Towels	Hand Lotion
Hand towels	wash cloths	Socks
Bath Soap	Shampoo	Puzzle Books
Note pads	Pens	Cards

Individually wrapped or small packs of toilet paper
 Any other items you can think of that they would love to have. Nonfood items only.



FCC Family, please help welcome Jamie Hill as our new Children's Director, she will transition us into the new year. We are so excited to have her join us!



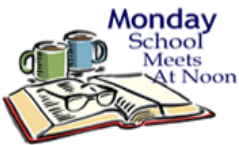
First United Methodist Has invited us to join them & others for a Blue Christmas Service Sunday, December 5th @ 6pm



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

Friendly Reminders

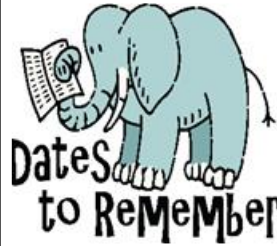
All names will be coming off the prayer lists at the 1st of the year.



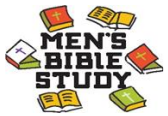
Hope to see you at Jason's Deli!



Women's Bible Study
Is now in person and zoom.
Call Beth Grant at (903) 238-1750



Sunday School-Sundays @ 9:30 am
Worship-Sundays @ 10:30 am (Live Streamed & In-Person)
CHI-RHO/CYF-Sundays @ 11:45 am (Ping-Pong Table)
Mat Yoga-Mondays & Wednesdays @ 8:00 am (Zoom Only)
Monday School-Mondays @ Noon (Jason's Deli)
Women's Bible Study-Mondays @ 12:00 pm (Seekers class)
Men's Bible Study-Mondays @ 6:30 pm (Mansinger House)
Chair Yoga-Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 8:00 am (Zoom Only)
Tuesday Fellowship Dinner @ 5:40 pm
Choir Practice-Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm (MS)
Tai Chi-Thursdays @ 9:00 am (DH)
Pickle Ball-Thursdays 10:00-11:30 am (DH)
Disciple Women's Ministries/Sara's Sisters-2nd Monday of Each Month @ 10:30 am (CH)



Join us at 6:30 pm on Monday evenings in the Mansinger House!

Samaritan's Purse



Samaritan's Purse is still accepting donations to ship the boxes. The cost is \$9.00 per box. Please make checks payable to Samaritan's Purse. You can put your check/Cash in the offering plate or drop it by the office.



Date Change:
from **December 20th**
to **December 13th**.

CCSW Elder Retreat

January 21-23, 2022
Visit www.ccsw.org/northeast-area for more information.



The Sanctuary will be decorated with Poinsettias for Christmas. The deadline to purchase a plant for (\$10.00) is Monday, December 13, 2021. The Poinsettias can be In Memory of, In Honor of or in Thanksgiving for. Fill out the action card on Sunday or come by the office to get yours ordered.

Our PREP Children have been asked to bring an unwrapped gift on Wednesday, December 8th for our Giving Tree Program. Our Christmas Program begins with the Giving Tree Procession. During the Giving Tree Procession, our children will walk down the aisle to the front of the church carrying a gift for another child. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn about the spirit of Christmas giving. These gifts will be distributed to foster children in Longview by the Child Welfare Board. If you would like to donate a gift for PREP School., please bring it to the office by Tuesday December 7th.



Every Tuesday evening at 5:30/5:40 pm. Join us for good food and great company. On December 7th & 14th, we will be eating at Newk's on the Loop. Call Lyn Blount @ (903) 237-8019 or Teresa Mitchell at (432) 553-6305 for more details.



Disciple Women/Sara's Sisters



Will meet Monday, December 13th @ 10:30 am
Don't forget your Angel Tree Gifts

Calling all Pickle Lovers! We're not talking dill, sweet, sour, or bread and butter pickles. We're talking PICKLEBALL! Pickleball is a paddleball sport that combines elements of badminton, table tennis, and tennis. It can be played indoors or outdoors, by doubles or singles, and enjoyed by all ages and skill levels. The newly formed FCC Longview Pickleball Club will meet for pickleball practice and play every Thursday at 10:00 A.M. in the Disciple House. The only membership requirement is an interest in enjoying a lighthearted activity with friends. FCC has a small number of rackets for use currently. There's no fee at this time, but donations are always accepted. Come play or just observe! For more information, contact Susan Goodson (512)853-0365, Ruth Lewis (903)235-4367 or Beth Grant (903)238-1750.

Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser was a huge success! Thank you for your support! We raised \$2,999 for PREP School.



GGD kids are needing supplies again. Most wanted items are juice, bottled water, and cookies! Thank you for all you do for the precious Kids.



9:30 am-Sunday School
10:30 am-Worship
11:30-Choir Practice
12:00 Lunch and Activities

Chi-Rho/CYF Calendar of Events

12/05 Geocaching
12/12 Music Sunday & Something Fun
12/18 Christmas Lock-In

December 18th
Chi-Rho/CYF
@ 4:00 pm



Come spend the night at the church. There will be fun games and lots of fellowship. We will be attending Sunday school & worship the following morning.



12/8 Giving Tree Program
12/20 Christmas Break Begins
01/05/22 School Resumes

Retreats 2021-2022

Register online at <https://disciplescrossing.campbrainregistration.com/>

DC Kids Mid-Winter Retreat

- Fri, Jan 28, 2022 8:00 PM - Sun, Jan 30, 2022 11:00 AM

1st-5th Grade DC Kid Campers will engage in faith and Bible stories through interactive learning stations and creative & energetic worship experiences. Please notify the church office when you have completed your child's registration.

DC Youth Mid-Winter Retreat: Middle School

- Fri, Feb 4, 2022 8:00 PM - Sun, Feb 6, 2022 11:00 AM

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. Please notify the church office when you have completed your child's registration.



Front Side

Back Side

The youth and sponsors are working hard at moving forward. The new t-shirts are at the printers now. They will be vinyl instead on screen-printed (which will last longer). The price is \$20.00 for small, medium, large & x-large, short sleeve t-shirts or \$25.00 for XX large or larger or any long sleeve t-shirt. Make checks payable to Garage Sale and in the memo section write t-shirts. You can come by the office anytime and prepay. Call Chris Shelton at (903) 353-4063 if you have any questions.

Some PREP School students were asked "what do you think your parents want for Christmas?" Here are some of their answers: a dinosaur, a choo choo, some pudding, robots, some spray for their hair, a purple present for mommy and a plane in a blue present for daddy, earrings and clothes and a Barbie mermaid.



FCC Kids Schedule

Wednesday 12/08 - GGD 4-6 pm Nativity Activity
Wednesday 12/15 - GGD 4-6 pm Christmas Party-
End of Year

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

ABC Class –Justice, Law History

Meets 4th floor, West End, Last Room
Teacher: Rotating

ACTS Class – Because of Bethlehem by Max Lucado

Meets 4th floor, East End, Last Room
Teacher: Rotating

Cornerstone Class – The Present Word –

Meets in Cornerstone Hall
Teacher: Rick Shepherd

GNG Class – Lectionary

Meets in the Conference Room
Teacher: Rotating

Seeker's Class – Psalms

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

Visions – The Book of Acts

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

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR:

Sunday, December 12th

Zephaniah 3:14-20,
Isaiah 12:2-6, Philippians 4:4-7
Luke 3:7-18
Dr. Richard Emerson



Sunday, December 19th

Micah 5:2-5a, Luke 1:46b-55 or
Psalms 80:1-7, Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)
Dr. Richard Emerson



	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
November 21	105 in person 86 Facebook views	70
November 28	93 in person 98 Facebook views	52



Members and Friends Prayer List

Members: Susan Goodson, J. C. Fort, David Starr, Colton Rieger, Lauren Warren & Archer, Patsy Pliier, James Wood, Sue Davis, Debi Plaxco, Pat Terrell, Bob Terrell, Kathy Hayes, Melanie Dolive, Kathy Jackson, Aaron Turner, Pam Roberts, Sharon Lundgren, Monika Roberts, Jeannie Dykes, John Roberts, Charlie Bachtell, Dottie Bachtell, Jolene Auderer, Sue Ann Putman, Shirley Holloway, Billie Maberry, Logan Damewood, Nelson Bates, Cara Cline, McFarland Foster kids,

Friends: Ray Stanley, David Smelley, Jack Reeves & Family Walker Lovell & Family, Marsh Family, Gilbert Family, Lomelo Family, Bettye Gilbert, Brittany Gill, Jim Beville, Dorothy Skeans, Children of Malawi, Billie Madding, Ruth Lewis, Billy Lewis, Jane, Mike Cline, Drew, Kenneth Reece, Katie Reece Wilson, Smith Family, Kathy S., House of Hope, Venn Family, Patrick L.

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

The next publication of "The Long View" will be mailed on Thursday, December 16th. 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.**

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