



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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THANKS to every single one of you brothers and sisters in Christ who contributed to the 2021 House of Hope dinner.

The toiletries, puzzles and coloring books, socks, gloves, toothbrushes/ toothpaste, paper goods, hand-made crafts, and your fabulous, crocheted scarves and hats were warmly received. The delicious food was a hit! Lots asked for seconds, and your desserts were scarfed down very quickly! I wish you could have seen their faces as they brought each item out of their gift bags.

It was a fun evening for all because of FCC and Mt. Olive folks sharing God’s blessings with these wonderful and grateful ladies.

In Christian love, Donna McFarland and Beth Grant

The Page Place 2 Christmas Party was a huge success! The residents were so happy to be in a group setting again.



The gathering included 48 residents, 3 staff members and 6 FCC hostess'. The residents were so thankful and had a real good time. They even had a special treat! Miranda Dolive and Ben Shepherd were there to sing and play Christmas carols with them. Each resident received 8 items of their choosing. There were a few items left, so they will be put away and will be used throughout the year for bingo prizes. Thank you, FCC, for your generosity and sharing the Love of Christ with the residents of Page Place 2.



December

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



James (Jim) E. Montgomery
9/25/1927-12/1/2021
Carlos Griffin
9/21/1932-12/4/2021

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



All names will be coming off the prayer lists at the beginning of the year. Please fill out the action card or call the office to have add new prayer needs.



ELDER RETREAT

CCSW Elder Retreat

January 21-23, 2022

Visit www.ccsw.org/northeast-area for more information.



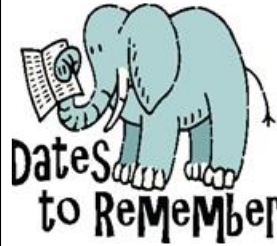
Yoga Class

NAMASTE' and Mark Your Calendars!!

Many of you have asked if and when we might be resuming yoga in person in Cornerstone Hall. Well, I think the time has come!! It's been a long and uncertain road, but it appears that things are finally trending in a positive direction. I am grateful that we have Zoom, but I think we would all agree it's much better and more fun doing yoga together in person. I have made a few schedule changes, but it's nothing too drastic. We will resume our practice on Monday, January 10 from 8:30 till 9:30. We will meet Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday with mat yoga on Monday and Wednesday and chair yoga on Tuesday and Friday. I've switched chair to meet on Friday, as Woodie Terrell is teaching a Tai Chi class on Thursday morning at 9:00 and I didn't want to create a conflict for those who wish to attend her class. Pickle Ball also meets after Tai Chi. As in the past, you can attend as many yoga classes as you wish and wherever you feel comfortable.

So, dust off your yoga mat and slide into your yoga pants and let's get this practice restarted! Know we will ease back into our gentle yoga practice and give ourselves and our bodies permission to be where we are in our journey and our practice. Looking forward to seeing you all and welcoming any new yogis to the group! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 903-806-5149 or catch me at church.

Until then,
Cheers to a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year!!
Kim Emerson



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)
Resumes 1/16/2022
Mat Yoga-Mondays & Wednesdays @
 At 8:30 am (CH)
Resumes 1/10/22
Monday School-Mondays @ Noon
 (Jason's Deli)
Women's Bible Study-Mondays @
 12:00 pm (Seekers class)
Resumes 1/10/22
Men's Bible Study-Mondays @ 6:30 pm (Mansinger House)
Chair Yoga-Tuesdays & Fridays @ 8:30 am (CH)
Resumes 1/10/22
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)

We will not be meeting December 21st!

Join us at 5:30/5:40 for good food and great company. On December 28th & Jan. 4th we will be eating at Fisherman's Market on Johnston Street.

Call Lyn Blount @ (903) 237-8019 or

Teresa Mitchell at (432) 553-6305 for more details.



Disciple Women/Sara's Sisters

We met in December to hear what Ann Grimes said about Mary, the mother of Jesus. She was a small town girl living a subsistence life who got a call from the angel Gabriel saying she was highly favored and would conceive a child, the Son of God. She was truly the first disciple. Our lessons were devotion, obedience/sacrifice and faith. We hope you will join us next month - our service project will be canned goods or cash for Longview Community Ministries. Jeannie King will bring lessons about Jephthah's daughter and Micah's mother. Please join our circle of ladies on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 10:30am.



Women's Bible Study will resume Monday, January 10, 2022, at Noon. We will be studying The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis. We would love for you to join us on this journey.



**JYF Outing
January 16, 2022!**
More details to
follow at a
later date.



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

12/18 Christmas Lock-In
12/19 Worship
12/20 Christmas Break
1/16 1st gathering of the New Year

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.

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 new t-shirts are here! Come by the church office any day except 12/20 and 12/21. 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. Call Chris Shelton at (903) 353-4063 if you have any questions.



12/17/21 Christmas Break

1/5/2022 School Resumes



FCC Kids Schedule

Wednesday 12/15/2021 - GGD 4-6 pm Christmas Party-End of Year
Wednesday 1/12/2022 - GGD 4-6 pm 1st gathering of the New Year

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ABC Class** – *Justice, Law History, The Present Word* –
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** – *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** – *Psalms*, Dr. Richter
Meets 4th Floor, East End, Last Room on Right
- Sojourners Class** – *Anxious For Nothing*, Max Lucado
Meets in 4th Floor Library
Teacher: Jodi Bachtell
- Visions Class** – *The Book of Acts*
Meets 4th floor, Middle of Hall, South Room
Teachers: Charlie & Dottie Bachtell

LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR:

Sunday, December 26th

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
Psalm 148
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:41-52
Dr. Richard Emerson



Sunday, January 2

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1: (1-9), 10-18
Dr. Richard Emerson



	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
December 5	106 in person 83 Facebook views	78
December 12	125 in person 141 Facebook views	67



November, 2021

Income	\$50,836.89
Expenses	\$49,643.94
Net Income	\$1192.95

Members and Friends Prayer List

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

Friends: Ray Stanley, David Smelley, Jack Reeves & Family Walker Lovell & Family, Marsh Family, Gilbert Family, Lomelo Family, Bettye Gilbert, Deb Clouarte, Brittany Gill, Jim Beville, Ruth Lewis, Billy Lewis, Mike Cline, Drew, Kenneth Reece, Katie Reece Wilson, Smith Family, Patrick L, Sharon B., Ann Whitehurst, Sister Helen Johnson, Tornado victims, Gina Dooley, Jan Van Meter, Rhee Tubbs, Jay McAuley, Amy Marin, The family of Carlos Griffin, the family of James "Jim" E. Montgomery.

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 30th. 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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