



# 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

## CHURCH STAFF

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The Office will be closed  
Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>!

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome Justin & Kat Smith and their son  
Lincoln to our church family!

Handbells will start  
Wednesday,  
September 7, 2022  
At 5:15 pm in the  
Music Suite.



**Nominations Needed:** It's almost time to form the Nominating Committee. This committee will need names for Elders and Diaconates. Please begin thinking about your nominations and submit them to the church office. The responsibilities of Elders and Diaconates are to attend all Board meetings, promote growth and welfare of the church, greet and usher worshippers, prepare and distribute the Lord's Supper, receive offerings, assist in visitation, give counsel and service in the business affairs of the church and its programs in addition perform other duties as assigned.



To the families of  
Rosemary Redfern,  
Louise Stuart  
and James Martin



## PENCIL IT IN

Sunday School @ 9:30 am  
(In-Person)

CHI-RHO/CYF Sundays @ 11:45

Mat Yoga Mondays & Wednesdays  
@ 8:30 am (CH)

Pickleball Mondays @ 2:00 pm (DH)

Thursdays @ 10:00 am (DH)

Every Other Thurs. @ 4:00 pm (DH)

Monday School Mondays @  
Noon (Jason's Deli)

Women's Bible Study Mondays  
@ 12:00 (Seekers class & Zoom)

Men's Bible Study Mondays  
@ 6:30 pm (CR)

Sara's Sisters/ DWM Monday  
September 12<sup>th</sup> @10:30 am

Chair Yoga Tuesdays & Fridays  
@ 8:30 am (CH)

Tuesday Fellowship Dinner  
@ 5:30 pm

Tai Chi Thursdays @ 9:00 am (CH)

Grief Recovery Support Group  
Fridays at 10:00 am (CR)

## Inside Information

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## Bingo Night!

Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm  
in Cornerstone Hall. Bring finger  
foods to share and join us for fun and  
fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

## General Board Meeting

Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm  
in Cornerstone Hall

The presence of all Cabinet Members,  
Diaconate, Elders and Staff members is  
requested. Church members are always  
invited to attend.

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



**Calling all adults!**

**Come grow with your kids!**

We love every one of you who currently works with our children! Our hope is to grow enough volunteers to assist class leaders so that every adult need only contribute 2 days per month! Volunteering with the Children's Ministries gives you the opportunity to:



- Meet your growing little brothers and sisters in Christ
- Learn firsthand what your kids are learning
- Be encouraged together through inspiring scripture and song
- Learn how to pray specifically for each child and teacher, and how you can help them.

**Sign up in the office today!**

By going through the 10-minute Safe Sanctuary training, and submitting the background check information, you can join other church family members in leading our next generation! Head over to <https://www.fcclongview.org/safesanctuary> and follow the links labeled 'Background Check', and 'Online Training'. \*\*Please note, in order to grow with and mentor our youth, both the training and the background check must be completed.

Thank you all, and God bless!  
Kimberly Umphress, Children's Director



**Chi-Rho (Grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>)**

**Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) (Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)**

- ✚ **Last summer meeting will be August 28<sup>th</sup> immediately after worship**
- ✚ **Parents & Youth Check Group Me for updates.**
- ✚ **Starting 9/11/22 the youth will be meeting on Sunday evenings from 5:00 pm -6:30 pm. Snacks will be provided by parent funding**



- **Sara's Sisters/DWM** - We had another interesting lesson about a woman in the Bible: Ruth, who changed her identity and nationality when she went with Naomi to Israel. She spoke 212 words (the most famous being "Your people shall be my people, and your God my God), was grace-filled, kind and redeemed. Susan also discussed covenants/promises between people and those between people and God, especially those related to the line of Jesus. We will meet again on September 12 and learn about women in Bethlehem. Our service project will be individual donations for Operation Christmas Child and we will also put together the boxes to be filled with goodies in the future. Please join us for fellowship, snacks, study and service on Monday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m. in Cornerstone Hall.
- **Women's Bible study** - Mondays from noon to 1:00 PM in person and on Zoom. We are studying The Screwtape Letters by CS Lewis. A different letter is covered each week, and you will be able to participate and follow along even if you don't have the book or study guide. Please join us when you can.



**Junior Youth Fellowship (Grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>)**

**Goodbye Summer! Join us Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking the church bus to the Splash Pad in Lear Park. Bring your swimsuits and a towel! We will grab lunch at the Whataburger across the street. Child pick-up at 2pm, in the church's south parking lot.**



**Begins Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>!**  
**4:00 pm to 6:00 pm every Wednesday.**

**All Children 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>grades are welcome. This is an awesome community outreach. A wish list for snacks will be coming soon. If you would like to have your children, grandchildren or neighbors' children join in the fun, fellowship and learning about God call Kim Umphress in the church office.**



- **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 on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room.

# Here's what's happening!

Join us at 5:30 pm for good food and great company. On Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> we will be eating at Cotton Patch on McCann. Everyone is welcome to join!  
Call Lyn Blount @ (903) 237-8019 or Teresa Mitchell @ (432) 553-6305 for more details.



First Christian Church, we are growing! As you have probably noticed, there is a revival coming to the heart of our church! With that, Braeden Butcher is excited to start a college and young adult group! This group will be for ages 18 - 27 and must be out of high school. The goal is to have a fun, God-loving community to surround the young adults as they go through the challenges of starting their own lives. Seeing as this is the start to the group, the members will get to have more input into the direction this group is headed. If you or someone you know is interested in joining, please notify Cassidy Butcher or the front office.



**Attention Young Adults-**Sojourners Class has resumed. We would love to have you join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am for Sunday school, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, east wing.



**First United Methodist Church Library**  
Friday-Saturday  
September 9-10  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Whaley Street Entrance  
Cook Foyer

## LONGVIEW Community Ministries

Serving With Love

Hello again from Longview Communities! In this time of economic crisis, the need is great! We are experiencing large numbers in need and to be honest, our pantry is pretty bare! We are asking for help from the public on the following items (Canned Corn, Canned Potatoes, 4.5 oz Canned Chicken, Canned Vegetables)... If you can help us with any of these, we would greatly appreciate it! Thanks in advance!

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Ware Elementary School was very glad to get our school supply donations. Before we went shopping with the monetary donations given to us, we learned that LISD also gave them supplies so there should be plenty for the children to use throughout the year. For those of you who sent checks or gave cash for the supplies, those monies will be credited to your giving statement and saved in the church account to be used when the school counselor and the community-in schools-representative decide where to best help the children this year. When that happens, we can donate our \$500 towards a worthwhile project and we will let you know what it is at that time. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Well, Well!

**That's a deep subject!**

**Make that 2 deep!**

As we were gathering the last bit of change needed to dig a well in Malawi to our great surprise, an anonymous check was handed in that would cover the cost of a second well.

**What a Blessing 2 Wells!**



Check out the video of our Water Wells on FCC Facebook!

**House of Hope needs you!**

COVID has been hard on everyone and **House of Hope** is no exception.

Just like Old Mother Hubbard, our cupboards are bare!

We're in desperate need of donations, food & volunteers. Please...



*Will you help us take care of the Lord's "least of these?"  
We can't do this without you!*



If your Sunday school class, committee or group would like to make bags for the Homeless, call the office for a list of items needed.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ABC Class** – *Justice, Law, History-The Present Word* –  
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: David Farmer
- 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** – “*The Story*”  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, East End, Last Room on Right
- Sojourners Class** – “*Having a Real Relationship with God*”  
Meets on 4<sup>th</sup> Floor East Wing  
Teacher: Rotating
- Visions Class**– *The Book of Romans*  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Middle of Hall, South Room  
Teachers: Charlie & Dottie Bachtell

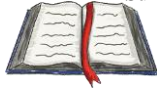
## Members and Friends Prayer List

**MEMBERS:** Shirley Holloway, Aaron Turner, Freddie Wood, Brigitte Damewood, Pat Terrell, Sandi Stanley, JoAnn Malone, Jennifer Fields, McFarland Family & Foster Children, Bobbie Roberts, Dr. Jim Elam, Colton Rieger, Donna McFarland, Addison Brown, Dottie Bachtell, Mary Gray, Bill Shinnemen, Calvin Halley, Janet Bussey, Ramona Dickinson. Jim Ruth, Woodruff Family, Billie Maberry

**FRIENDS-** Gilbert Family, Bettye Gilbert, Marsh Family, Lomelo Family, David Smelley, Di McFarland, Kenneth Reece, Scott Grimes, Ukraine, Starr Moran, Judy Humphrey, Drew, Dick Bumgarner, Brittany Gill, Anna & her father, Spread of Covid, Mary Ann Reaves, Margie Chambers, Bill Turner, Jo Wiggins, Linda Lewis, Reagan Muse, Nelda Muckleroy, Paul Kellner, Zach Word, Family of David Johnson, Digging of the Wells in Malawi, Susie Smith, Schools and our children, Karen Wilkerson, D. Jean Gauer, Family of Joyce Payton, Steven Lewis, Adalton Grimes, Debra, Family of Louise Stuart, Tony Sasser.

## Lectionary Texts For:

**Sunday, September 4**  
Jeremiah 18:1-11  
22-28 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Philemon 1:1-21  
Luke 14:25-33  
Dr. Richard Emerson



**Sunday, September 11**  
Jeremiah 4:11-12,  
Psalm 14  
1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10  
Dr. Richard Emerson

The next publication of “The Long View” will be mailed on Thursday, September 8, 2022. 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.**

## Worship

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
8/14	118 in person 95 Facebook views	66
8/21	125 in person 86 Facebook views	80

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