



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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Christmas Eve
Service
12/24/22
7:00 pm



CHRISTMAS DAY
Service
12/25/22
10:30 am



Everett Boyd Dodd
Born 12/6/22
Carly & Hunter Dodd
Hollis, Big Brother
Mayleigh, Big Sister



In Christian Sympathy
For the family of Eleanor Salter upon her death on December 11, 2022.



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

Class Choice for Holiday Sessions
CHI-RHO/CYF Holiday Break
More Information Coming Soon

Pickleball

Mondays @ 2:00pm Resumes 1/9/23

Thursdays @ 10:00 am

Every other Thursday @ 4:00 pm

Sara's Sisters/DWM 2nd Monday of the month at 10:30 am (CH)

Monday School Mondays @ Noon (Jason's Deli)

GIFTS Mondays @ 12:00 (Upstairs) Resumes 1/9/23

Tuesday Fellowship Dinner @ 5:30 pm

GGD Holiday Break Resumes 1/11/23

Handbells Wednesday @ 5:15 Resumes 1/11/23

Chancel Choir Practice Wednesday @ 6:30 pm

Tai-Chi Thursdays at 9:00 am (CH) No Class on 12/29/22

BINGO 2nd Thursday of the month 5:30 pm (CH)

Thursday night Men's Bible Study 6:30 pm (CR) Resumes 1/12/23

Grief Recovery Support Group Fridays at 10:00 am (CR) Will resume 1/6/23



December 26 & 27

With limited hours on 28, 29 & 30

The answering machine will be checked often so leave a message and we will call you back ASAP.

We will also be closed

January 2, 2023

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

Here's what's happening!

- **P.R.E.P. School** will be on Christmas break 12/16 – 1/3/23
- **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 Thursday Evening Bible Study** will Resume 1/12/23 at 6:30 pm.
- **Women's Bible study** - This group of ladies has a new name, **GIFTS** (Growing In Faith Together Studies) and will begin a new study on 1/9/23 at noon.

Tuesday night fellowship

Dinner will be at the Jalapeno Tree on Eastman Rd. On December 20th at 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Bring your family! Contact Teresa Mitchell @ (432)553-6305 or Lyn Blount at (903) 237-8019 for more info.



BINGO!

We had a fun time on December 8th. The soups were delicious and of course the deserts were too. Our winners were Trisha, Freddie's niece, Sue Ann, Billie, Sue Ann's friend, Freddie (who won 2 games) Barbara's sister Dorothy, who also won a black out game, and Carolyn, Freddie's other niece who also blacked out. The congregation is always invited to come! Our next game will be January 12th at 5:30 in Cornerstone Hall. Bring a soup, chili, sandwiches or a desert and join us for fellowship, food and fun.

Don't forget to bring those nonperishable food items for LCM (Longview Community Ministries). The children will collect them when they walk down the aisle.



Please have all donations, tithes and gifts post marked by 12/28/2022 or in the office by 12/29/22. So, we can record them for 2022.

The Legend of



- The **Partridge in the Pear Tree** is Jesus Christ.
- The **2 Turtle Doves** are The Old and New Testaments.
- The **3 French hens** are Faith, Hope and Charity, the theological virtues.
- The **4 Calling Birds** are the four gospels and/or the four evangelists.
- The **5 Golden Rings** are the first five books of the Old Testament.
- The **6 Geese A-laying** are the six days of creation.
- The **7 Swans A-swimming** are the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments.
- The **8 Maids A-milking** are the eight beatitudes.
- The **9 Ladies Dancing** are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.
- The **10 Lords A-leaping** are the ten commandments.
- The **11 Pipers Piping** are the eleven faithful apostles.
- The **12 Drummers Drumming** are the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed.

CHRIST
THE **SAVIOR**
is **BORN!**

WELCOME 2023!

See the All in a Week at FCC for more information



The Men's Group will be removing the Luminaries on Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 9:00 am. Everyone is welcome to help!

Please Help Remove
Christmas/Advent
Decorations



Immediately after Worship on
January 1, 2023



New Year's Day Service
10:30 am



Retreat Dates 2022-2023

Midwinter Retreats: (Current Grade)
Registration Opens 12-4-2022 12 AM

- ❖ DC Kids Midwinter: January 27-29
Register by 1/13/23
- ❖ DC Youth Middle School: February 3-5
Register by 1/20/23
- ❖ DC Youth High School: February 7-19
Register by 2/3/23

<https://disciplescrossing.campbrainregistration.com>

When you register for any camp, you pay Disciples Crossing directly! There is a scholarship fund you can apply for at Disciples Crossing or call the office for more information. However, all registration and fees are to be taken care of on their website. If you need more information about any of the camps call the office and Debra will be glad to send you more information.

LONGVIEW Community Ministries

Serving With Love



We want to thank you for your donations to Longview Community Ministries for the year 2022. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Jerry 12/2/2022

Refuge International



December 9, 2022

*Dear First Christian Church,
Thank you and
Merry Christmas!*

Sincerely, Ginie Northcutt

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ABC Class** – *Gods Exceptional Choice* - International Sunday School Lessons – Fall Quarter NIV
Meets 4th floor, West End, Last Room
Teacher: Rotating
- ACTS Class** – *They Walked with God* 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** – “*The Story*”
Meets 4th Floor, East End, Last Room on Right
- Sojourners Class** –
Meets on 4th Floor East Wing
Teacher: Rotating
- Visions Class**– The Book of Romans
Meets 4th floor, Middle of Hall, South Room
Teachers: Charlie & Dottie Bachtell

Members and Friends Prayer List

MEMBERS- Shirley Holloway, Aaron Turner, Brigitte Damewood, Pat Terrell, Sandi Stanley, JoAnn Malone, Jennifer Fields, McFarland Family & Foster Children, Dr. Jim Elam, Colton Rieger, Dottie Bachtell, Mary Gray, Bill Shinneman, Ramona Dickinson, Jim Ruth, Billie Maberry, Carlene Partain, Dale Ellison, Judy York, Janie Wallace, Keri Reiger, Ann Matherne, Shelton Family, Jamie Woodruff-Hill, Meme Woodruff, Tommy Eaker & Family, Linda Terry, Rick Shepherd, Glenda Bruce, Suzanne Malone

FRIENDS- Gilbert Family, Bettye Gilbert, Marsh Family, Lomelo Family, David Smelley, Tony Sasser, Brittany Gill, Jamie Walzell, Jim Beville, People of Ukraine, People affected by the war in Ukraine, Rick McLeroy, Paul Kellner, Family of David Stewart, Kenneth Reece, Steve Shivers, Nelda Muckleroy, Granel Family, Family of Jane Pichette, Family of Eleanor Salter, Ray Wright, Marcus Welch, Andy Mack,

The next publication of “The Long View” will be mailed Thursday December 22, 2022, which will be the last one of the year.

Lectionary Texts For:

Sunday, December 25

Isaiah 9:2-7 or 62:6-12 or 52:7-10
Psalms 96, 97 or 98
Titus 2:11-14 or 3:4-7 or
Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)
Luke 2:1-14, (15-20) or
2:1-7, (8-20) or John 1:1-14
Dr. Richard Emerson

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalms 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23
Dr. Paul Fike



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What's missing?
UR (you are)

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
12/4	105 in person 131 Facebook views	71
12/11	140 in person 146 Facebook views	52

Stay tuned for financial info in the New Year!

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