



# 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

DR. RICHARD C. EMERSON  
Senior Minister

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The Britannica Encyclopedia says that **Lent**, in the Christian church, a period of penitential preparation for **Easter**.

Western churches it begins on **Ash Wednesday**, six and a half weeks before Easter, and provides for a 40-day **fast** (Sundays are excluded), in imitation of **Jesus Christ’s fasting** in the **wilderness** before he began his public ministry. In Eastern churches Lent begins on the Monday of the seventh week before Easter and ends on the Friday that is nine days before Easter. This 40-day “Great Lent” includes Saturdays and Sundays as relaxed fast days.

A period of preparation and fasting likely has been observed before the **Easter festival** since apostolic times, though the practice was not formalized until the **First Council of Nicaea** in 325 CE. It was a time of preparation of candidates for **baptism** and a time of **penance** for grievous sinners who were excluded from Communion and were preparing for their restoration. As a sign of their penitence, they wore sackcloth and were sprinkled with ashes. This form of public **penance** began to die out in the 9th century, and it became customary for all the faithful to be reminded of the need for penitence by receiving an imposition of ashes on their foreheads on the first day of Lent—hence the name Ash Wednesday.

## Opportunities to Serve

*(Mark Your Calendars)*

1. If you are interested in delivering goodies to our Homebound on holidays, Please contact Priscilla Eaker ([priscilla.eaker@gmail.com](mailto:priscilla.eaker@gmail.com)) or Ann Matherne ([southpa10@aol.com](mailto:southpa10@aol.com))
2. Bring non-perishable food items for The LCM food basket or the Food Box
3. The Children’s Department is in DESPERATE need for back-up child-care workers. It is a paid position. Please call/text/leave a message, Jamie Hill @ (903)238-6717 or the church office to sign up.

- Sunday School** -Sundays @ 9:30 am (In-Person)
- CHI-RHO/CYF**-Sundays @ 11:45 am (Ping-Pong Table)
- Mat Yoga**-Mondays & Wednesdays @ 8:30 am (CH)
- Monday School**-Mondays @ Noon (Jason’s Deli)
- Women’s Bible Study**-Mondays @ 12:00 pm (Seekers class and Zoom)
- Men’s Bible Study**-Mondays @ 6:30 pm (CR)
- Chair Yoga**-Tuesdays & Fridays @ 8:30 am (CH)
- Tuesday Fellowship Dinner** @ 5:30 pm
- Choir Practice**-Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm (MS)
- Tai Chi**-Thursdays @ 9:00 am (DH)
- Pickle Ball**-Tuesdays 2-3:30, Thursdays 10:00-11:30 am, Thursday Evening 5-7 (2nd and 4th Thursday of the Month) (DH)
- Disciple Women’s Ministries/ Sara’s Sisters**-2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of Each Month @ 10:30 am (CH)

## Inside Information

1. Women’s Ministry
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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**



- **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.
- **Sara's Sisters/DWM** – Will meet Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10::30 am in the Cornerstone Hall. Jeannie King will bring this month's lesson and our project will be Refuge International. All Women are invited to join us.
- **Spiritual Life Retreat: April 22-24, 2022 @ Disciples Crossing**



- **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 at 6:30 on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm.
- **Tri-Area Mens Retreat** May 13-May 15, 2022 at Disciples Crossing more info to follow soon  
<https://disciplescrossing.campbrainregistration.com>



Chi-Rho (Grades 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>)  
Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) (Grades 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

- ✚ **Chi-Rho/CYF** Meetings are in full swing! **Except March 13<sup>th</sup> for spring Break. The Youth will be assisting in the March 20<sup>th</sup> Springo Bingo. Have the youth early to help set up for Bingo**  
Parents keep your eyes open for Remind texts. We are encouraging all our youth to regularly attend and be involved in Sunday school, worship, choir practice and all youth meetings.
- ✚ **DC Youth Middle and High School** have been combined and moved to April 1-3. Registration is open for this combined retreat. Upon registering online pay in full to Disciples Crossing.  
<https://disciplescrossing.campbrainregistration.com>  
Please inform the church after you have registered your child/children. If you need assistance with paying, call the office.



JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship), GGD &  
P.R.E.P. School  
(Children-Infants-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

- ❖ **Disciples Crossing** has canceled all children's Mid-Winter retreats.
- ❖ Looking for 5<sup>th</sup> graders to begin **Pastors Class** on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Jamie Hill at (903) 238-6717
- ❖ **Day Camp** is set for June 20-24th. More Information to follow soon.
- ❖ **GGD** (Growing God's Disciples) Grades 1-5 meets on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm. These kiddos are in need of supplies again. The most requested item is small bottles of water, they love them and there is no waste. Juice boxes and individually bagged snacks would be great also. Drop off in the office anytime.
- ❖ **Family Camp** May 27-29, 2022 at Disciples Crossing more info to follow soon  
<https://disciplescrossing.campbrainregistration.com>



*In the Church Family*

Join us at 5:30/5:40  
for good food and  
great company.

Fellowship  
Dinner



On March 15th,  
we will be eating at Posados.

Call Lyn Blount @ (903) 237-8019 or Teresa  
Mitchell at (432) 553-6305 for more details.



**Homebound Care  
formerly known  
as Minister's Aid)**

Co-Chaired by  
Priscilla Eaker &  
Ann Matherne

This Membership sub-committee provides  
treats for our homebound members five times  
a year: Valentine's Day, Easter, Fourth of  
July, Halloween (Fall), and Christmas to make  
sure these members know that they are not  
forgotten.

If you are interested in delivering on any or all  
of the above holidays, please contact us at  
least five days prior to the holiday.

Priscilla ([priscilla.eaker@gmail.com](mailto:priscilla.eaker@gmail.com)) or Ann  
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**Springo Bingo!**

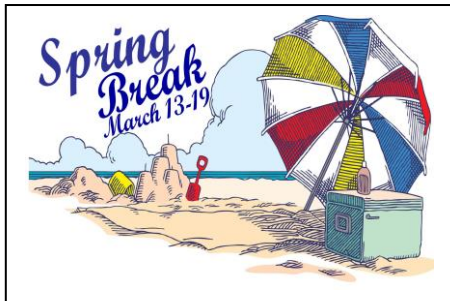
Join us for a light lunch  
and several games of  
Bingo on March 20<sup>th</sup>,  
immediately after  
worship. All ages are  
welcome. There will be  
prizes and fellowship!



**Church  
Picnic**

Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

Immediately after Worship.  
We will gather on the front lawn.  
Check the Newsletters for More  
Details.



March 13<sup>th</sup> Starts Day-light  
Savings Time!



First Christian Church  
Day Camp will be  
June 20<sup>th</sup> thru 24<sup>th</sup>  
Check out FCC Day Camp  
on Facebook.  
More details  
coming soon!

## 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** – *The Traveler’s Gift* by Andy Andrews  
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** – *Psalms*, Dr. Richter  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, East End, Last Room on Right
- Sojourners Class** – *Anxious For Nothing*, Max Lucado  
Meets in 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Library  
Teacher: Jodi Bachtell
- Visions Class**– *The Book of Acts*  
Meets 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Middle of Hall, South Room  
Teachers: Charlie & Dottie Bachtell

## Members and Friends Prayer List

**MEMBERS-** Aaron Turner, Bob Roberts, Logan Damewood, Pat Terrell, Brigitte Damewood, Wanda Green, Ramona Dickinson, James Wood, Jeannie Dykes, Ray Stanley, Emerson Family, Joanna Adams, Shirley Holloway

**FRIENDS-** Bettye Gilbert, Gilbert Family, Marsh Family, Lomelo Family, Jamie Walzell, Diana Miller, John Avalroni Our Military in Ukraine, Jim Beville People of Ukraine, Fern Kissell, Gina Dooley, Steve Hooper. Raymond Floyd, Refugees, Nelda Muckleroy, Jim, Ukraine & Russia Protesting the Men & Women Fighting, Eddie Jimenez & Family, Deb Howard’s Family Jamie Beville

### Lectionary Texts For:

#### Sunday, March 13

Genesis 15:1-12; Psalm 27;  
Philippians 3:17-4:1;  
**Luke 13:31-35** or Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)  
Dr. Richard Emerson

#### Sunday, March 20

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8;  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13;  
Luke 13:1-9  
Dr. Richard Emerson



The next publication of “The Long View” will be mailed on Thursday, March 24, 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                      Sunday School

February 27	113 in person 69 Facebook views	69
March 6	94 in person 72 Facebook views	60

### February 2022

Income	\$53,323.86
Expenses	\$64,050.36
Net Income	<b>-\$10,726.50</b>

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