



# 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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## General Board Meeting

Monday, September 11<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.



Tuesday,  
September 12<sup>th</sup>  
at 5:30 pm  
in the  
Conference Room



So, join us Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the *COOL* Sanctuary! Bring your cleaning rags and pails, FCC will provide the cleaning solution, and help us clean the sanctuary! We need to clean the hymnal holders and pews, vacuum the cushions and wipe down the walls. So, come on all you volunteers who signed up to help. Even if you didn't, we will be so happy to see you. Let's make the Sanctuary shine!

Join us for Handbell Practice every Wednesday @ 5:15 pm beginning September 27<sup>th</sup>. Meet in the Music Suite.



We are actively looking for people that would like to serve on World Communion Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. We will dress in traditional clothes from around the world and serve a special communion in celebration of our whole world Christian family. From Japan to Alaska, Africa to Siberia and Papua New Guinea we will all be rejoicing as every culture breaks bread and pours the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. If you would like to participate in this Holy Communion call Woodie Terrell at (903) 806-5752 or the church office.



ANNUAL  
PICNIC  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1<sup>ST</sup>,  
IMMEDIATELY AFTER  
WORSHIP

- ❖ Get out those picnic blankets and lawn chairs.
- ❖ Games for the kids & youth as well as table games & non-strenuous games (for us older folks).
- ❖ Sign-ups for food will be in the office and Sunday school classes.

## Northeast Area Assembly 2023 "Gotta Serve Somebody"

Saturday, October 7, 2023  
First Christian Church  
900 Robbins Road, Athens, TX  
Registration 9-10 am  
Early Registration:  
\$15.00 Individual or \$20.00 Couple  
Register in the church office.

The place to be for fellowship, worship, workshops, & visiting old & new friends!

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



- **GIFTS (Growing In Faith Together Studies)** would like to invite all ladies to join them Mondays at noon in the Acts Classroom, even if you don't have the book or study guide. Join us!
- **Bible Study** meet at 6:30 pm on Thursday in the Conference Room. All are welcome to join us.
- **Sara's Sisters/DWM**-met in August and learned a bit about the Witch of Endor, a medium (they had been kicked out of Israel by Saul). Saul asked her to bring Samuel back from the dead so he could question him. She answered his questions, telling him of his bad ending, then fed him and sent him away. She was brave, kind, generous and used her gifts wisely, trusting in God. Our September service project will be a budgeted donation to Operation Christmas Child. Ann Grimes will bring our program and we will pack pencil boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Please join us for fellowship, great snacks and a worthwhile service project on Monday, September 11 at 10:30 am in the ABC classroom **and work out of the Operation Christmas Child room both are** on the 4th floor. See you there!



- **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.
- **Bible Study** meets at 6:30 pm on Thursday in the Conference Room. All are welcome to join us.



**RETREAT REGISTRATION  
CLOSES 2 WEEKS BEFORE  
EACH RETREAT @ 11:59PM**

**Fall Retreats: (Current Grade)  
Registration Open** as of 9/1/23

**\*NEW THIS FALL DC Kids Fall Retreat:  
November 18-20**

DC Youth Middle School: November 4-6

**DC Youth High School: December 2-4**

**Attention Parents:** Please go online to register and pay in full to Disciple Crossing. Then notify the church office that your child/family is going. Scholarships are available if requested.



**Columbus Day  
Weekend,  
Saturday - Monday  
October 7-9, 2023**

Spectrum Weekend is an annual retreat for children & youth (kindergarten-12th grade) who are on the Autism Spectrum and their families. We provide programming for each group that is catered to the needs, ages, and abilities of attendees. There will be opportunities for families to gather together, for parents to get a night out (on us!), yoga sessions, games, worship, and more! Our goals in offering Spectrum Weekend are to give these kids a chance to experience camp, and all the joys that come with it, in a comfortable and understanding environment with their parents and neurotypical siblings and to increase our awareness and understanding of the unique needs these kids present so that we can make the rest of our programming more accommodating. The cost to host Spectrum Weekend is \$275 per spectrum camper, \$205 per parent, and \$155 per neurotypical sibling, including lodging, food, staff, and programming.

Register at  
[disciplescrossing.campbrainregistration.com](http://disciplescrossing.campbrainregistration.com)

We had so much fun last month at our 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month BINGO night. Mark your calendars and join us September 14<sup>th</sup>.



# FYI

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**WE ARE HIRING**

DISCIPLES CROSSING CAMP IS LOOKING FOR OUR NEXT PROGRAM DIRECTOR

**APPLY TODAY**

- FULL TIME, YEAR ROUND
- ONSITE HOUSING
- PAID TIME OFF

**DISCIPLES CROSSING.CAMP**



## Who's Cooking? Not Us!

If you aren't either, join us at 5:30 pm for good food and great company. On September 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> we will be eating at Bodacious on the Loop. Everyone is welcome to join! Call Lyn Blount @ (903) 237-8019 or Teresa Mitchell @ (432) 553-6305 for more details.



We are rebooting FCC Pickleball play starting this week with a court reserved and marked "for FCC players" on Mondays from 2 to 4 pm and every other Thursday from 10 am-noon.

This court will be for more relaxed play and will be a welcoming environment to bring friends who would like to have some fun in a no - pressure setting. Please continue to invite your friends from FCC and elsewhere for some fun activity with our church family. We hope we can enjoy some play together in the coming weeks!



Our FCC pens are a good advertisement, come by the office grab a few and leave them everywhere.

We are always looking for volunteers to help in the office, read the Words of Adoration and Scripture during the worship service, help with membership, and much more. Call the office if you are interested in these.



THANK YOU, FCC!

for all the school supplies for Ware Elementary School. We took two loads over to them and presented them with a check for \$625 at the end of August. Your hearts are in the right place! We pray these students will have a great year and they are now off to a great start.

This is the 1<sup>st</sup> FCC newsletter that was not mailed out, except for a few homebound members! Please call the office if you did not receive an emailed copy.

**Nominations Needed:** The Nominating Committee has been formed and they are looking for people to serve in the church. This committee will need names for Elders and Diaconates. Please begin thinking about your nominations. 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.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### ABC Class – *The Righteous Reign of God*

4<sup>th</sup> floor, West End, Last Room

Teacher: Rotating

### ACTS Class – *Bad Girls of the Bible*

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> 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 – *What's so Amazing about Grace?*

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, East End, Last Room on Right

### Sojourners Class –

Meets on 4<sup>th</sup> Floor East Wing

Teacher:

### Visions Class– 1 Corinthians

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Middle of Hall, South Room

Teachers: Charlie & Dottie Bachtell

### Lectionary Texts For:

#### Sunday, September 17

Exodus 14:19-31

Psalm 114 or

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

Dr. Richard Emerson

#### Sunday, September 24

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

Dr. Richard Emerson



## Attendance

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
8/27/23	125 in person 151 Facebook views	74
9/03/23	105 in person 137 Facebook views	80



**Worship** @10:30 am (SAN)

**Pickleball** Mondays @ 2:00 pm  
Every other Thursdays @ 10 am (DH)

**Sara's Sisters/DWM**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month  
at 10:30 am (CH)

**Monday School**-Mondays @  
Noon (Jason's Deli)

**GIFTS** Mondays @ 12:00 pm (AC)

**Tuesday Fellowship Dinner**  
@5:30 pm (TBD)

**Choir Practice**-Wednesdays  
@ 6:30 pm (MS)

**Tai Chi**-Thursday @ 9:00 am (CH)

**Bingo** 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month @  
5:30 pm (CH)

**Bible Study** Thursdays @  
6:30 pm (CR)

### Members and Friends Prayer List

**Members:** Dottie Bachtell, Charlie Bachtell, JoAnn Malone, Martha Ruff Murray, Colton Rieger, Pat Terrell, Barbara Dickinson, Ramona Dickinson, Dale Ellison, Susan Ellison, Margaret Griffin, Susan Goodson, June Green, Cara Cline, Jennifer Fields, Carolyn McAninch, Aaron Turner, Mindi Turner, Kathy Hays, Jim Ruth, Steven Brizius, Ruth Lewis, David Bondurant, Mary Ann Tinsley,

**Friends:** Marsh Family, Gilbert Family, Bettye Gilbert, Lomelo Family, Tony Sasser, Cindy Gann, John McClough, Angela Davis, Rebecca Booher and Family, Billy Lewis, Justin Croft, Joel, Amy, Miles & Melba, Libbie, Lisa Henry, Stace Cunningham, Di McFarland, London Bly, wife of Richard Wade, People of Hawaii, Mason Beville, Kathy Stewart, Austyn Martin Zavala and Family, Don Lawler, Jim Beville, Joyce, Brittany Gill, Leroy Hassler, Gere & Glen Erwin, Ronny White, Anna Huntsinger, Virginia, Yvonne, George, Everado Delmas, Jerry Watt, Valerie Garrett, Gina Dooley, Eric Weems, Kenneth Reece, Kelly Pfler, Rain, Our homebound, shut-in members, Our nation, government, military, police, fire department, medical personnel and those who do not yet know Jesus' love and saving grace.

The next publication of "The Long View" will be emailed on Thursday, September 21, 2023 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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