



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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 Senior Minister

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The FCC Stewardship Campaign will be 9/24/23-10/8/23. Be looking for your letters in the mail.

Reconciliation Special Offering envelopes will be in the worship bulletin 9/24/23 and 10/1/23.

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



The 2023 Nominating Committee members are as follows:

- Ron Bussey
- Jamie Dippold
- Tommy Eaker
- Beth Grant
- Rick Johnston
- Donna McFarland
- Sharon Wilson

This committee will need your nominations a.s.a.p. for the Elder and Diaconate positions. Please give them your nominations. The responsibilities of Elder and Diaconate 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.

We are actively looking for people that would like to serve on World Communion Sunday, October 1st. 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.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 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).
- ❖ RSVP on the tear off sheets in the worship bulletin.
- ❖ Sign-ups for food are in the office and Sunday school classes.
- ❖ Sign-up in the Parlor after Worship to volunteer to help set-up or take down the picnic.

If you would like to help with this year's Trunk or Treat, it is scheduled for Sunday, October 29th at 5:30 -7:00 pm.



Join us in the Parlor Tuesday, September 26th at 3:00 pm for a planning meeting!

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



What does the Reconciliation Offering mean to us?

The Beginnings

Reconciliation Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was born out of the civil unrest that ensued following the martyrdom of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4, 1968. His murder brought to fore in the life of our church the disease of our living in two separate societies – one which benefits one group of people and one which systemically marginalizes the poor and powerless. Beginning with Resolution 29 of the International Convention of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in 1968, our Church has persistently pursued ways to address the sin of racism through resolutions and direct action in our congregations, Regions, General Ministries and Recognized Ministry partnerships.

The initial focus of Reconciliation was to ensure our programs be motivated by “a conscientious Christian concern for these our brethren who before God are equal with us; and be directed . . . to the radical removal of basic underlying causes.” In 1969, the General Assembly adopted a resolution that called for the church to work for legislative change to change the plight of the poor, “many of whom are minority persons”. As a result of these and other resolutions and initiatives of the whole church, some positive results have occurred including but not limited to:

- Reconciliation was established in 1967 and reaffirmed in 1969, 1971 as a permanent office and fund for working to support racial reconciliation and anti-racist projects (grants).
- The General Nominating Committee began using the 20% racial-ethnic minority provision for all boards and committees it established following the 1969 General Assembly.
- The Short-Term Employment Experiences in Ministry Program to prepare African-American and Hispanic persons for Ministry was created; the David Kagiwada scholarship was initiated to set up assistance for American Asia seminarians.
- The Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries and the North American Pacific and Asian Disciples offices were established.

Addressing Racism

Racism is a spiritual and theological dilemma as well as a social evil. In 1996, the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) approved the formation of a church-wide process to discern the nature of racism in North America and to develop ways of helping congregations address racism. In its first meeting, the Steering Committee (assigned to guide this process) agreed on the following three realities: Racism is a spiritual and theological dilemma as well as a social evil, 2) Racist practice exists throughout the life of the church and needs to be addressed (even as local and national issues of racism are addressed), and 3) Racism is a systemic problem with root causes that have developed over hundreds of years. It is a combination of racial prejudice and institutional or economic power.

The Vision of the Church

In 2001 the General Assembly adopted the 2020 Vision which named four inter-connected mission priorities. Becoming a Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racist Church alongside developing new leadership, establishing 1000 new churches and transforming 1000 churches were identified as critical initiatives for our 21st Century church. Reconciliation Ministry was restructured in 2002 in accordance with the mission priority to strengthen the Church's effort to achieve this mission priority.

Reconciliation Ministry reports directly to the Office of General Minister and President to plan and implement strategies to dismantle and eradicate racism within each expression of our Church. The ministry which formally functioned out of Church Finance Council began to report directly to the Office of General Minister and President to plan and implement strategies to dismantle and eradicate racism within each expression of our Church.

The Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism Initiative was founded upon the need to make visible God's beloved community. It invites the church to listen to the once silenced voices of its racial/ethnic communities, learn from their wisdom and gain insight from their leadership. It calls the church to discernment and prayer, study of the scriptures and reflection, dialogue and table fellowship. The true goal is to transform, strengthen and deepen the church's spirituality, resulting in a community that understands its mission to be about bringing justice and salvation to the world.

Breaking Down the Dividing Walls

The Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism initiative has made steady progress. In 2007, Regions were urged to assume primary leadership in enabling congregational involvement in the work of racial reconciliation. In 2008, eight Regions of the Southeast Regional Fellowship called a minister to serve as minister of Reconciliation and Anti-Racism Ministries. In addition, the Regions of the Northeastern Regional Fellowship are working together to provide a week-long Bridge Building Camp for Youth representatives from the seven regions.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) remains vigilant and faithful in pursuing God's call to reconciliation, “breaking down the dividing walls” that separate us from one another and God and building up God's realm on earth!



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!



- **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.



- **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 is Open Now
***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.

The FCC newsletter is not being mailed out, except for a few homebound members or members without email addresses! Please call the office if you did not receive an emailed copy.

WE ARE HIRING

DISCIPLES CROSSING CAMP IS LOOKING FOR OUR NEXT PROGRAM DIRECTOR

APPLY TODAY

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

DISCIPLESCROSSING.ORG




**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

We had so much fun last month at our 2nd Thursday of the month BINGO night. Thank you Jerald L. for calling for us. Our winners in September were Jamie D., (Who won our 1st game) Carolyn S., Trisha C., Becky W., Freddie W., Patti R., Brenda V. & our Blackout winner Jamie D. (who also won our last game). Mark your calendars and join us October 12th for our next BINGO night.



**Who's
Cooking?
Not Us!**

If you aren't either, join us at 5:30 pm for good food and great company. On September 26th 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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

ABC Class – The Righteous Reign of God

4th floor, West End, Last Room

Teacher: Rotating

ACTS Class – Help is Here, 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 – What's so Amazing about Grace?

Meets 4th Floor, East End, Last Room on Right

Sojourners Class –

Meets on 4th Floor East Wing

Teacher:

Visions Class– 1 Corinthians

Meets 4th floor, Middle of Hall, South Room

Teachers: Charlie & Dottie Bachtell

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, Gary Ayers, Tom Cook, Elaine Kauffman, Patsy Pliier

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, Mason Beville, Kathy Stewart, Austyn Martin Zavala and Family, Jim Beville, Geri Erwin, Virginia, Yvonne, George, Everado Delmas, Susie Johnson, Elizabeth Houston, Darrell McKnight, Doanie Clark, Morrocco, Thomas, Bobbie, Reina & Family, Jayci Davis, Todd & daughter, Kelly Pliier, 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.



Worship @10:30 am (SAN)

Pickleball Mondays @2:00 pm-4:00 pm (DH)

Every other Thursdays @ 10 am (DH)

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 pm (AC)

Tuesday Fellowship Dinner @5:30 pm (TBD)

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

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

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

Bible Study Thursdays @ 6:30 pm (CR)

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.



Lectionary Texts For:

Sunday, October 1

World Communion Sunday

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

Dr. Richard Emerson

Sunday, October 8

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

Dr. Richard Emerson



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

The next publication of "The Long View" will be emailed on Thursday, October 5, 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.






Attendance

| | <u>Worship</u> | <u>Sunday School</u> |
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| 9/10/23 | 110 in person 158 Facebook views | 67 |
| 9/17/23 | 117 in person 114 Facebook views | 81 |



TIME FOR A HAYRIDE!



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>1</p>  <p>World Communion Sunday Reconciliation Offering 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc) 12:00pm Church Picnic</p>  <p>ANNUAL PICNIC</p> | <p>2</p> <p>10:00am Pickleball 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 2:00pm FCC-Pickleball</p> | <p>3</p> <p>5:30pm Fellowship Dinner</p> | <p>4</p> <p>5:15pm Handbell Practice 6:30pm Choir Practice</p> | <p>5</p> <p>Newsletter 9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am FCC-Pickleball 2:00pm Pickleball 6:30pm Bible Study</p> | <p>6</p> <p>8:30am Longview Women's Forum</p> | <p>7</p>  <p>Annual Convention NEA ASSEMBLY-FCC ATHENS, TX</p> |
| <p>8</p> <p>Homebound Communion 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc)</p> | <p>9</p> <p>10:00am Pickleball 10:30am Disciple's Women/Sara's Sisters (CH) 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 2:00pm FCC-Pickleball</p> | <p>10</p> <p>5:30pm Fellowship Dinner 5:30pm Finance Meeting</p> | <p>11</p> <p>5:15pm Handbell Practice 6:30pm Choir Practice</p> | <p>12</p> <p>9:00am Tai-Chi 2:00pm Pickleball 6:30pm Bible Study</p> | <p>13</p> | <p>14</p> |
| <p>15</p> <p>9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc) 11:00am Peatown Homecoming</p> | <p>16</p> <p>10:00am Pickleball 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 2:00pm FCC-Pickleball 5:30pm Elders Meeting</p> | <p>17</p> <p>5:30pm Fellowship Dinner</p> | <p>18</p> <p>1:00pm Care & Concern 5:15pm Handbell Practice 6:30pm Choir Practice</p> | <p>19</p> <p>Newsletter 9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am FCC-Pickleball 2:00pm Pickleball 6:30pm Bible Study</p> | <p>20</p> | <p>21</p> |
| <p>22</p> <p>2024 Budget/Nominations Posted 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc)</p> | <p>23</p> <p>10:00am Pickleball 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 2:00pm FCC-Pickleball</p> | <p>24</p> <p>2:00pm Heritage Bible Study (P) 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner (Jason's Deli)</p> | <p>25</p> <p>5:15pm Handbell Practice 6:30pm Choir Practice</p> | <p>26</p> <p>9:00am Tai-Chi 2:00pm Pickleball 6:30pm Bible Study</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28</p> |
| <p>29</p> <p>9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc)</p>  <p>TRUNK OR TREAT</p> <p>5:30pm Trunk or Treat</p> | <p>30</p> <p>10:00am Pickleball 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 2:00pm FCC-Pickleball</p> | <p>31</p>  <p>5:30pm Fellowship Dinner</p> | <p>1</p> <p>5:15pm Handbell Practice 6:30pm Choir Practice</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Newsletter 9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am FCC-Pickleball 2:00pm Pickleball 6:30pm Bible Study</p> | <p>3</p> <p>8:30am Longview Women's Forum</p> | <p>4</p> |

October 2023 Elder & Diaconate Schedule

ELDER Schedule for Table

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| Oct. 1 10:30 am Rick Wilson Donna McFarland | | Oct. 8 10:30 am Jolene Auderer Bill Holloman |
| Oct. 15 10:30 am Kennedy Hatcher Jamie Dippold | Oct. 22 10:30 am Teresa Mitchell Tery McKnight | Oct. 29 10:30 am Cheryl McNulty Brannon Robertson |

DIACONATE/SERVER Service Schedule

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| Oct. 1 10:30 am Team 3 | | Oct. 8 10:30 am Team 4 |
| Oct. 15 10:30 am Team 1 | Oct. 22 10:30 am Team 2 | Oct. 29 10:30 am Team 3 |

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO SERVE, YOU WILL ALSO BE GREETERS.

**ELDER/DIACONATE Schedule for Homebound
October 8, 2023**

Morning and Afternoon

Elders: Dottie Bachtell, Charlie Bachtell, Brannon Robertson, George Terrell, Rick Wilson, Jeb Blount
Diaconate: Brandon Hunter, Susan Goodson, Mark Goodson, Alex Avaltroni, Jerald Lewis
Jr. Elder: Rylan Roberts

October Communion Tray Preparation

Week 1 & 2: Patti Racicot & Vicki Cole
 Week 3, 4 & 5: _____
 *Please call the church office if you are not able to prepare.

If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute from the appropriate Elder or Diaconate list below:

2023 SERVING ELDERS

Jolene Auderer
 Charlie Bachtell
 Dottie Bachtell
 Jamie Dippold
 David Farmer
 Ray Hatcher
 Bill Holloman
 Donna McFarland
 Terry McKnight
 Cheryl McNulty
 Teresa Mitchell
 Brannon Robertson
 Mallory Shelton
 George Terrell
 Rick Wilson

Junior Elders

Ellie Cochran
 Kennedy Hatcher
 Rylan Roberts

Life Elders

Jeannie Dykes
 Richard Lucas
 Bill Park

2023 DIACONATE/ADDITIONAL SERVER TEAMS

Additional Servers are just that, they only serve communion.

They do not perform any duties of a Diaconate.

If you are willing to be an Additional Server, please notify the office.

D-Diaconate Members

A-Additional Servers

Team 1

Alex Avaltroni-D
 Meagan Avaltroni-D
 Danny Matherne-D
 Melanie McKnight-D
 John Roberts-D
 Kelly Green-A
 Kennedy Hatcher-A
 Ray Hatcher-A

Team 2

Vicki Cole-D
 Lysa Dykes-D
 David Grimes-D
 Brandon Hunter-D
 Jerald Lewis-D
 Rayna McFarland-D
 Lyn Blount-A
 Rick Johnston-A

Team 3

Nancy Holloman-D
 Bobbie Roberts-D
 Brent Thompson-D
 Debra Thompson-D
 Teresa Mitchell-A
 _____-A
 _____-A
 _____-A

Team 4

Mark Goodson-D
 Susan Goodson-D
 Jim Hurst-D
 Patti Racicot-D
 Justin Smith-D
 Sherri Tucker-D
 _____-A
 _____-A

If you would like to be an additional server or Diaconate, please call the church office.