



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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Board Meeting
Monday, January 30, 2023
6:00 pm Cornerstone Hall
All Elders, Diaconate & Committee Chairs


Congregation always invited to attend

 *Lauren Warren*
as she returns as
Children's Director
beginning February 1, 2023

Dear FIRST CHRISTIAN FAMILY,
I would really love to thank so many of you who have thought of me, contacted me, cared for me during this crazy time of my hip surgery. I'm doing well and hope to soon be back to my crazy self. I love serving this family of God and it has been such a privilege to be served by you. So many of you stepped up as you always do and brought big blessing and joy to the ladies at House of Hope. Y'all took well in hand the changing of the seasons in the beauty of our sanctuary and beyond. Our well project in Malawi this year was overwhelming and even during an outbreak of a serious disease the villages that had fresh water were safe.



Thank you! They thank you!
Love in JESUS name,
Woodie

 **FCC Ladies**
Special speaker:
Rhonda Hamilton
Monday, February 13
10:30 am ~ Parlor at FCC


Sign-up in the office

THIS WEEK'S GLANCE



Sunday School @ 9:30 am
Worship @ 10:30 am (SC)
Pickleball Mondays @ 2:00pm
Thursdays @ 10:00 am
Thursday @ 4:00 pm
Sara's Sisters/DWM 2nd Monday of the month at 10:30 am (CH)
February Canceled due to Hearts on Fire!
Monday School Mondays @ Noon (Jason's Deli)
GIFTS Mondays @ 12:00 (Upstairs)
Tuesday Fellowship Dinner @ 5:30 pm
Handbells Wednesday @ 5:15
Chancel Choir Practice Wednesday @ 6:30 pm
Tai-Chi Thursdays @ 9:00 am (CH)
BINGO 2nd Thursday 5:30 pm (CH)
Men's Bible Study Thursday @ 6:30 pm (CR)
Grief Recovery Support Group Fridays at 10:00 am (CR)

Tuesday night fellowship Dinner will be at Fuzzy Taco's on January 30th at 5:30 pm. Everyone is welcome. Contact Teresa Mitchell @ (432)553-6305 or Lyn Blount at (903) 237-8019 for more info.


Our Christian Sympathies to Ann Grimes and her family upon the death of her brother Alan Mitchell

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!



Don't forget to bring those nonperishable food items for LCM (Longview Community Ministries). We are now collecting for the Souper Bowl Contest through our Souper Bowl party. As always the children will collect your food items when they walk down the aisle after the Children's Sermon.



No GGD (Growing God's Disciples) this Spring Semester 2023

DC Youth: High School

DC Youth High School is for our 9th-12th grade youth. Campers will have the opportunity to reconnect with their faith, grow in it, and to share with their fellow campers in a life-giving retreat weekend.

Midwinter Feb 17-19 (Registration Closes Feb 3 @ 11:59PM)

Please go online at www.disciplescrossing.org/retreats101 To register and pay. Then notify the church office that your child/ren will be attending.



- **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.

FCC Pickleball

If you would like to try Pickleball but do not have a paddle. Come on and join us. We have paddles to rent for \$5.00 so you can make sure it is something you want to do before purchasing your own. There is also a training class on Mondays, Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 pm. The cost is \$5.00 per session.



- **Women's Bible study** – This group of ladies has a new name, **GIFTS (Growing In Faith Together Studies)** and they 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!
- **Sara's Sisters/DWM** - met in January and we brought many items for the LCM Food Box. We learned about Phinehas's wife and the women who attended her at the birth of her son/her death in childbirth when she lamented the loss of the ark of the God and because of her father-in-law Eli's and her husband's deaths. Next month we will bring personal items for the women at the Highway 80 women's ministry and a budgeted donation for the Gregg County ARC. Instead of our February 13 meeting, please join us at the FCC ladies program featuring Rhonda Hamilton.


CCSW Women's Leadership Event

WHERE: SOUTH HILLS CHRISTIAN CHURCH, FORT WORTH TX


WHEN: FEBRUARY 17-18, 2023

REGISTER AT: WWW.CCSW.ORG/EVENTS

COST: \$40



REV. DOTTIE COOK
Keynote Speaker



Join us for a weekend of leadership development and fellowship as we hear from our amazing keynote speaker - Rev. Dottie Cook.

This will be a time to get inspired by all the amazing things women from across the region are doing, to learn and develop your leadership skills, get hands on knowledge on the nuts and bolts of what makes a good leader, and fellowship together around a shared table.

Date: February 17-18, 2023

Location: South Hills Christian Church, Fort Worth TX - 3200 Bilglade Rd., Fort Worth TX 76133

Cost: \$40, *this cost includes all meals*

Registration online at www.ccsw.org/events. Deadline February 1st.

BINGO Time!

Hope everyone can join us on February 9th at 5:30 pm. Bring a soup/chili or desert to share. We had a great turn out in January and all are welcome to join us. The food is always delicious, and the desserts are even better. Our winners in January were Barbara P., Bobbie R., Carolyn (Sue Ann P's friend), Bobbie (Freddie W's sister), Jeff & Kellie (Barbara P.'s nephew & great niece), Our big winners were Dorothy (Barbara P.'s sister) won 3 games of BINGO and Sue Ann P. won our Black-Out game.

We are looking for volunteers to serve Communion again this year. You do not have to participate in Board Meetings or prepare Communion (unless you want to). So, we need your assistance. Call the office to sign up to be an additional server.



Join the FCC Outreach Team February 5th Immediately after Worship in the Disciple House for a Souper Bowl Luncheon! We will have lots of soups and chili for everyone to try. Sign-up in your Sunday school class or in the office to bring a crock-pot full of your favorite recipe. We are collecting through February 13th and cash, or checks are always accepted.



Preparing for Easter

Important Dates to Remember!
February 19 – Transfiguration Sunday
February 22 – Ash Wednesday
February 26 – 1st Sunday of Lent
March 3 – Friday, World Day of Prayer
April 2 – Palm Sunday
April 6 – Maundy Thursday
April 7 – Good Friday
April 9 – Easter Sunday

Call Chris Shelton @ (903) 353-4063 for large items pick-ups or for more information as to where to drop-off your donated items.



Don't forget to come by the office to get a Donation Receipt!

What is Transfiguration Sunday?

Jesus takes Peter, James, and John into a very secluded place and He begins to pray. He asked the disciples to pray and they fall asleep. Then, as they wake up, they see Jesus standing before them with an ineffable (indescribable) manifestation of light and glory which will be His when he reigns as King in days to come. He had laid aside that external glory and for just a few minutes as they watched they see him transfigured (metamorphized is the Greek word). The point is that the caterpillar had become a butterfly, the one who had so carefully veiled his physical glory took it to himself for a brief moment. The whole purpose of that experience was to reinforce the staggering faith of those apostles. That's exactly what Peter gets out of it when he remembers it and says we did not bring you cunningly devised fables, we made known to you the power of Jesus because we were with Him in the holy mountain. We know He is Messiah and will reign as Messiah because we saw His physical glory.

The point of the Transfiguration was to reinforce the staggering faith of the apostles. As Jesus, Peter, James, and John return from the mountain, they find the other apostles trying to drive a demon out of a man and unable to do so. When they ask why the exorcism won't work, Jesus says it is because of their staggering faith. In the context, what is it that has staggered their faith? It was Jesus' message that He is going to die and that is exactly what the Transfiguration is all about. In such an interesting and compelling way, the Transfiguration illustrates what a careful, sensitive, creative and resourceful teacher Jesus was.

He had been trying to get His impending death across to the disciples and sees how desperately crippled they are by the announcement. So He is sensitive enough, some days later, to provide that sort of a condescending object lesson, where God condescends to give him that physical glory just to reinforce their faith.

Koester, L. (2019, April 4) "What Was the Transfiguration of Jesus?" Christianity.com <https://christianity.com/wiki/jesus-christ/what-was-the-transfiguration-of-jesus.html>

House of Hope Christmas Party

Thank you church family for all the support you showed the ladies at the House of Hope! The gift bags were full of useful items and fun items. Dinner was delicious. The ladies enjoyed the songs and time spent together with them. Bless you!



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- Colton Rieger, Jennifer Fields, Dale Ellison, Ann Grimes & Family, Nelson Bates, Kathy Hayes

FRIENDS- Jim Beville, Jamie Walziel, Brady Storar, Tony Sasser, John Garrett, Valerie Garrett, Ray Wright, Everado Delmas, The Gravells, Paul Kellner, Ann Whitehurst, Ethan Pimantel, Kenneth Reece, Ethan, Antonella & Tony Landerfeld, Souper Bowl Luncheon, MISD students & Family, Renee Byers, Don & Deb Howard, Madison Skinner, Family of Glenn Allen, Kellie Pliker, Darcy Hales, Jamie Cowart, Brittany Gill, John

The next publication of "The Long View" will be mailed on Thursday, February 9, 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.**

Lectionary Texts For:

Sunday, February 5

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)

Psalm 112:1-9 (10)

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

Matthew 5:13-20

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Sunday, February 12

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Matthew 5:21-37

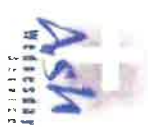
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ATTENDANCE

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
1/15/23	80 in person 94 Facebook views	57
1/22/23	135 in person 107 Facebook views	84
Year End 2022 Average	110 in person 105 Facebook views	63

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	Disciple's Crossing-Athens-Kids Mid-Winter 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc)	12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 2:00pm Pickleball	31 2:00pm Heritage Bible Study (P) 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner (Fuzzy Taco)	1 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	2 9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am Pickleball 4:00pm Pickleball 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	3 Disciples Crossing-Middle School Mid-Winter Register for Disciples Crossing Youth Mid Winter by Midnight 8:30am Longview Women's Forum 10:00am Grief Recovery Support Group	4 Disciples Crossing-Middle School Mid-Winter
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12	Homebound Communion 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc)	13 10:30am Hearts on Fire 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 2:00pm Pickleball	14 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner 5:30pm Finance Meeting	15 1:00pm Care & Concern 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	16 9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am Pickleball 4:00pm Pickleball 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	17 Youth High School Retreat 10:00am Grief Recovery Support Group	18 Youth High School Retreat
19	Youth High School Retreat 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc)	20 No PREP 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 2:00pm Pickleball 5:30pm Elders Meeting	21 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner	22 12:00pm Ash Wednesday 12:30pm Bean Luncheon 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	23 9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am Pickleball 4:00pm Pickleball 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	24 10:00am Grief Recovery Support Group	25
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February 2023 Elder & Diaconate Schedule

ELDER Schedule for Table

February 5 10:30 am Jolene Auderer Bill Holloman		February 12 10:30 am Dottie Bachtell Charlie Bachtell
February 19 10:30 am Donna McFarland Rylan Roberts		February 26 10:30 am Jamie Dippold

DIACONATE/SERVER Service Schedule

February 5 10:30 am Team 1		February 12 10:30 am Team 2
February 19 10:30 am Team 3		February 26 10:30 am Team 4

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

**ELDER/DIACONATE Schedule for Homebound
February 12, 2023**

Morning and Afternoon

Elders: Jolene Auderer, Jamie Dippold, _____, David Farmer, Ray Hatcher, Jeb Blount
Diaconates: Sherri Tucker, Brent Thompson, Justin Smith, Bobbie Roberts, Rayna McFarland
Jr. Elder: Kennedy Hatcher

February Communion Tray Preparation

Week: 1, 2, 3: _____
 Week 4 & 5 : _____

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
 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
 Megan 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
 Rick Johnston-A
 Lyn Blount-A

Team 3

Calvin Haley-D
 Nancy Holloman-D
 Bobbie Roberts-D
 Brent Thompson-D
 Debra Thompson-D
 _____-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