



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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2024 Budget & Nominations will post Sunday, October 22, 2023



Let's get ready for
Trunk or Treat!

Sunday, October 29th
5:30-7:00 pm.

Set up by 5:00 pm

WE NEED CANDY!

WE NEED TRUNKS!

WE NEED GAMES!

WE NEED WORKER BEE'S!

Sign-up for the Trunk or Treat Event in the office or on the project board.

There are Candy Collection Bins located near and in the office.

This year the Acts Class will be preparing hot dogs, so the rest of us can focus on handing out candy, candy and more candy! If you can't bring a trunk, we will have a spot for you to help in other ways! This is an event that reaches hundreds of people in our community. If you need ideas for how to decorate your trunk, please see the bulletin board in the Narthex.

NEW Children and Youth Director

We have exciting news!

Elick Arp is our full-time Children and Youth Director. Elick is an East Texan, having graduated from LeTourneau University with a B.A. in Christian Ministry and Biblical Studies. He also earned a M. Ed in Curriculum and Instruction at Regent University. Elick was the Director of Youth Ministries in a church in Henderson, TX. while he was at LeTu. In 2016-2021 he was a Middle School teacher in Tianjin International School in China. He has a lot of stories to share with us. Being the fantastic church that we are, let's welcome Elick and offer our support as he begins his work with us.

Operation Christmas Child

Packing Party



This is the last year for First Christian Church to pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child under Ann Grimes's Outreach Committee.

Some members of Sara's Sisters will be packing this year's boxes on Monday, October 30, from 10 am to 12 noon in the ABC classroom. We will be using the last of the supplies Ann Grimes has collected for this project that continues to reach millions of children around the world. Many hands make the work go quickly. Please join us!

Thank you 2023 Nominating Committee members

Ron Bussey, Jamie Dippold, Tommy Eaker, Beth Grant, Rick Johnston, Donna McFarland & Sharon Wilson! We truly appreciate all your hard work.

Welcome
New Member

Brenda Veauthier

Congregational Luncheon
November 5, 2023
Immediately after Worship
Disciple House



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



The service project for the November 13th meeting of Sara's Sisters/Disciple Women is our annual "shopping trip" for Heifer International. We use the total contributions collected

for Heifer to purchase selections from the catalog as our guide. We usually buy a variety of items such as livestock, seeds, clean water, or even sending a girl to school. If you would like to participate in this vital effort to enable people in other parts of the world to improve their economic conditions, please bring or mail your contributions to the church office before November 13th. Make checks payable to First Christian Church. Your contribution will be added to ours so that we can make the selections at our meeting.



- **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!



Gwen Fort
10/22/23



- ❖ **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.



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

24th and 31st we will be eating at River Camp Eats, Hwy 80, White Oak. Everyone is welcome to join! Call Lyn Blount @ (903) 237-8019 or Teresa Mitchell @ (432) 553-6305 for more details.



RETREAT REGISTRATION CLOSSES 2 WEEKS BEFORE EACH RETREAT @ 11:59PM

Fall Retreats: (Current Grade)

Registration is Open Now

DC Kids: 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.

We had so much fun this month at our 2nd Thursday of the month BINGO night. This month we didn't have many participants, but that is okay, because we had more winners. Such as, Dorothy M. won 3 games including Blackout, Barabara P. won 1 game, Brenda V. won 2 games and Freddie W. won 4 games. The food was unbelievable.



In the next several newsletters there will be articles from the Christian Church Foundation that will be promoting charitable legacy gifts. We all need to think about our future and the future of our church.

What Will Be Your Legacy?

As Christians we rejoice with faith in the resurrection. Yet we also know the passage from life to death can be stressful on those who survive us.

You can ease some of that stress by acting now to put your estate plan in order. Who will be executor of your estate? Who will decide how your personal treasures are distributed? In addition to their own grief, can you imagine your loved ones struggling to find life insurance papers, bank accounts and other vital documents?

By creating a legal will or living trust, you can provide your next-of-kin with a peace of mind, knowing that you have already determined how your estate will be distributed and who will care for minor children. They will still grieve, but they won't face the daunting tasks of making decisions that you could have made.

A will also provides an excellent opportunity to remember our congregation. A gift to the church through your will serves as a testament to your heirs of your faith in God and the resurrection. It provides you with one last opportunity to exemplify what it means to be a good steward, providing for others as God has provided for you during your lifetime. What a blessing you can be to future generations!

Drafting a will is a simple process, but make sure it is done right. By using expert advisors, such as attorneys and financial planners, your wishes can be honored after you are gone.

Why Have a Will?

Everyone has the right to a Last Will & Testament and regardless of how much you might own at death, it is your right and responsibility to determine how your remaining assets should be distributed.

A will allows you to:

- Provide for your spouse and other loved ones at your death; otherwise, the distribution of assets is left to state law and the courts.
- Determine the guardianship of any minor children.
- Identify who will oversee the distribution of your estate.
- Provide a charitable gift to First Christian Church that will provide a witness to your heirs about the importance of your Christian faith and the church in your life.

A will should always be written by a qualified attorney familiar with your financial circumstances, family situation and your wishes. Advice from an attorney and other professional advisors should be sought when considering charitable giving.

To learn more about the importance of having a will, contact the Christian Church Foundation, which is the general ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) designed to help church members create a lasting legacy through planned gifts. Foundation development officers are ordained or licensed clergy who understand the church and stewardship. To speak to one, call 1-800-668-8016.

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH MEDICAL DIRECTIVES AND FORMS?

WILL YOU BE PREPARED IF YOU ARE IN AN ACCIDENT OR WORSE? WHAT ABOUT A STROKE OR EMERGENCY SURGERY AND YOU CAN NOT VOICE YOUR OPINION ON MEDICAL NEEDS?

If you need medical directive forms or need help filling them out, Rev. David Farmer is the one to see. While no legal advice will be offered, he will guide you through the process itself. We have Advance Directive, Medical Power of Attorney, Durable Financial Power of Attorney as well as DNR forms. Rev. David will be happy to walk you through filling them out and providing witnesses. Debra in the office is a Notary Public in the state of Texas and can notarize your signatures. Of course, most banks have Notaries also. Don't wait so late that someone else has to make these critical decisions for you.





Worship @10:30 am (SAN)
FCC 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)
Handbell Practice-Wednesday @5:15 pm (MS)
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)

Members and Friends Prayer List

Members: Dottie Bachtell, Charlie Bachtell, JoAnn Malone, Martha Ruff Murray, Colton Rieger, Pat Terrell, Barbara Dickinson, Ramona Dickinson, Susan Ellison, Margaret Griffin, Susan Goodson, June Green, Cara Cline, Jennifer Fields, Carolyn McAninch, Kathy Hays, Jim Ruth, Steven Brizius, Ruth Lewis, David Bondurant, Mary Ann Tinsley, Gary Ayers, Tom Cook, Elaine Kauffman, Patsy Pliier, Brian Whitenack, Micah Johnson, Shelton Foster Baby.

Friends: Marsh Family, Gilbert Family, Lomelo Family, Tony Sasser, Cindy Gann, John McClough, Angela Davis, Billy Lewis, Justin Croft, Kathy Stewart, Virginia, Yvonne, Everado Delmas, Darrell McKnight, Family of Kelly Pliier, Pat Perkins, Cold weather, Rain, People of Africa, Family of Dale Ellison, Wendy Carter, Levi Grant, Thomas G., Shawn Watt, Jerry Watt, Ikey Haire, Israel, People of Gaza & Israel, 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.

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 – *Faith That Pleases God-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

Attendance

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
10/8/23	135 in person 159 Facebook views	60
10/15/23	113 in person 219 Facebook views	68

Lectionary Texts For:

Sunday, October 29		Sunday, November 5
Deuteronomy 34:1-12		Joshua 3:7-17
Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17		Psalms 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8		1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 22:1-14		Matthew 23:1-12
Dr. Richard Emerson		Dr. Richard Emerson

The next publication of "The Long View" will be emailed on Thursday, November 2, 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.

MY SERMON notes

date:

today's scriptures

things to remember

prayers

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to study at home:



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