



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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*Congregational Luncheon
November 5, 2023
Immediately after Worship
Disciple House
Please RSVP in the Office
by Friday at noon*



*Children 0-5th grade will be served
pizza in the Childrens Wing*



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 November meeting.



The Outreach Committee has several "Angel Tree" children that you can help purchase items from their wish list. Contact a Sunday School friend or the office for more info. Please bring unwrapped gifts to the office by 12/8/23.



House of Hope Christmas Party December 3, 2023

Please bring the following items and place them in the Mission Bins in the office by November 22nd

Shampoo	Toothbrushes	Hair Brushes
Conditioner	Tooth paste	Hair Ties
Body Wash	Lotion	Headbands
Body Spray	Socks	Combs
Deoderant	Slippers	



Congratulations!
Rylan Roberts for the KNUE 101.5
Scholarship
&
Gary Fort & the New Diana
High School Band are the 3A Gold
Medalist in the State Military
Marching Band contest held
in Waco, Texas

Please join us in showing Gary and Faith Fort our love and support as they raise their precious 2 1/2-year-old granddaughter, Gwen. Instead of having a traditional "shower," let's shower them with gift cards or monetary contributions to use as needed. Please bring gift cards and monetary gifts to the office by November 19th and we will simply get these to the Forts and "shower" them with love.

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

**We're
thankful
for you!**



And all those that
Participated in the
Trunk or Treat Event
The food was great,
Candy overflowed and
The games were a
huge success!



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

If you aren't either,
join us at 5:30 pm for
good food and great
company. On November
7th 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.

Join us at our 2nd Thursday of the month BINGO
night, which will be November 9th at 5:30 pm in the
Cornerstone Hall. Bring a soup, chili or dessert to
share.



- **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!



- ❖ **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.



**RETREAT REGISTRATION
CLOSES 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.



6th Grade thru 12th Grade
Disciple House
Wednesday, November 8th & 15th
6:00 – 8:00 pm

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 Does the Lord Require?

Scriptures tell us to do justice love kindness and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8) Every day Disciples are praying to discern God's will for their lives. What does the Lord require of us?

One idea to consider is to create a legacy with your family finances that will continue ministry beyond your lifetime You can establish a permanent fund during lifetime and create signed documents that provide for additions at the time of death.

What ministries do you love? You decide what ministries will receive an annual distribution from your permanent fund each year in perpetuity

Once you have considered the ministries that you would like to benefit with a legacy gift consult your professional advisors and a Christian Church Foundation representative for ideas on how choosing certain assets (especially tax burdened assets like IRAs or 401(k)s) can increase the overall value of your estate Changes to your plan can often be accomplished with simple beneficiary designation form changes without the expense of revising the will or trust documents already in place.

Permanent funds such as those held in trust by the Christian Church Foundation, support the ministries of the donor's choosing We hope you would consider a legacy gift that would support our church in your plans. To learn more about permanent funds through the Foundation call (800) 668-8016

Time to Dust off the Will?

When was the last time you reviewed your Last Will & Testament? During lifetime changes occur - marriages (or re marriages) happen, children are born or adopted, deaths occur

A change in any of these circumstances often triggers the need to change your will. No estate is too small for a proper will. If you want your legacy gifts to go where you desire, you must have a will.

Reviewing your will provides you the opportunity to make sure the people and charitable causes most important to you are remembered Have you ever seen a U Haul attached to the back of a hearse?

Advice from an attorney and other professional advisors should be sought when considering legacy giving You also may want to 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 (800) 668- 8016

Leaving a Gift in Your Will

Your gifts to our church ensure the continuation. of the mission and ministry far into the future By making a charitable bequest your heirs will know the important role that faith and the church played in your life

Here's some phrasing to share with your legal advisors in making a charitable bequest to the church:

- Designate the amount of your bequest
"I give, devise, and bequeath to First Christian Church, Longview, TX the sum of ___dollars (or other specifically described personal or real property) for its general uses and purposes "
- Designate a Specific Percentage
"I give, devise, and bequeath to First Christian Church, Longview, TX an amount equal to ___percent of the value of my gross or net estate at the time of my death for its general uses and purposes."
- Designate a Residual Bequest
"I give devise and bequeath to First Christian Church Longview, TX all of the residue of my estate both real and personal, for its general uses and purposes."
- Designate a Contingent Bequest

"If the above named beneficiaries should predecease me, then I give, devise, and bequeath to First Christian Church, Longview, TX all of my property and estate, both real and personal, for its general uses and purposes.

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

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.

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



Worship @10:30 am (SAN)

FCC Pickleball Tuesdays @2:00 pm-4:00 pm (DH)

Thursdays @ Noon–2:00 pm (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)

Lectionary Texts For:

Sunday, November 12

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Psalm 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Dr. Richard Emerson



Sunday, November 19

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

Dr. Richard Emerson

Attendance

	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
10/22/23	117 in person 188 Facebook views	73
10/29/23	87 in person 180 Facebook views	67

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 Plier, Brian Whitenack, Micah Johnson, Shelton Foster Baby, Delmar Plier, Levi Grant

Friends: Marsh Family, Gilbert Family, Lomelo Family, Tony Sasser, Cindy Gann, John McClough, Billy Lewis, Justin Croft, Kathy Stewart, Virginia, Yvonne, Darrell McKnight, People of Ukraine, People of Lewiston, Maine, Israel, People of Gaza & Israel, House of Hope, Gina Dooley Family of Steve Gaton, Marcus Jefferson, Hudson Brabham, Jacob Day, Jamie Cobb Breden and sons, Anonymous, Paul Kellner, Jim Presley, Ann Whitehurst, Rae "Spoon Lady, Bryan, Antonio, 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, November 16, 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.**

New Hours and Days!
Church Members Only Pickleball times are:
Tuesdays 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Thursdays Noon – 2:00 pm



November 2023 Elder & Diaconate Schedule

ELDER Schedule for Table

Nov. 5 10:30 am Mallory Shelton George Terrell		Nov. 12 10:30 am Teresa Mitchell Ray Hatcher
Nov. 19 10:30 am Rick Wilson Rylan Roberts		Nov. 26 10:30 am Charlie Bachtell Dottie Bachtell

DIACONATE/SERVER Service Schedule

Nov. 5 10:30 am Team 4		Nov. 12 10:30 am Team 1
Nov. 19 10:30 am Team2		Nov. 26 10:30 am Team 3

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

**ELDER/DIACONATE Schedule for Homebound
November 12, 2023
Morning and Afternoon**

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

November Communion Tray Preparation

Week 1 & 2: Jerald Lewis
Week 3, 4 & 5: Justin Smith
***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.

November 2023

First Christian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc)</p> <p>5:30pm Trunk or Treat</p>	<p>30</p> <p>12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 2:00pm Pickleball</p>	<p>31</p> <p>5:30pm Fellowship Dinner</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5:15pm Handbell Practice 6:00pm Youth-Dinner 6:30pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Newsletter 8:00am Andrea Silverthorne 9:00am Tai-Chi 12:00pm FCC-Pickleball 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:30am Longview Women's Forum 2:30pm Set Up for Congregational Luncheon</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11:00am Set Up for Congregational Luncheon</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc) 12:00pm Congregational Luncheon/Meeting</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>8:00am Andrea Silverthorne 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 1:00pm PREP Tots 2:00pm Pickleball</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1:00pm PREP Tots 2:00pm FCC-Pickleball 4:00pm CHCS Basketball 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1:00pm Andrea Silverthorne-Lessons 5:15pm Handbell Practice 6:00pm Youth-Dinner 6:30pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am Shakespeare Club (YM) 12:00pm FCC-Pickleball 3:00pm Real Estate Seminar 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:00pm Train 2 Win</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Homebound Communion 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:30am Disciple's Women/Sara's Sisters (CH) 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 1:00pm PREP Tots 2:00pm Pickleball</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00am PREP-Practice 10:30am Colonial Dames 1:00pm PREP Tots 2:00pm FCC-Pickleball 4:00pm CHCS Basketball 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00am PREP-Practice 1:00pm Andrea Silverthorne-Lessons 1:00pm Care & Concern 5:15pm Handbell Practice 6:00pm Youth-Dinner 6:30pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Newsletter 8:00am Andrea Silverthorne 9:00am PREP-Practice 9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am PREP Thanksgiving Feast 12:00pm FCC-Pickleball 2:00pm Pickleball 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8:00am Andrea Silverthorne 5:00pm Train 2 Win</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00am Train 2 Win</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Thanksgiving Offering 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>PREP Thanksgiving Break 9:00am Pickleball 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>PREP Thanksgiving Break 9:00am Pickleball 2:00pm FCC-Pickleball 5:15pm Handbell Practice 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner 6:30pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>PREP Thanksgiving Break 9:00am Pickleball 12:00pm Office Closes Early 5:15pm Handbell Practice 6:00pm Youth-Dinner 6:30pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>GIVE THANKS Office Closed PREP Thanksgiving Break</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Office Closed PREP Thanksgiving Break 5:00pm Train 2 Win</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00am Train 2 Win</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Thanksgiving Offering 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc) 12:00pm Advent Decorations go up after Worship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 1:00pm PREP Tots 4:00pm CHCS Basketball</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00am PREP-Practice 1:00pm PREP Tots 2:00pm FCC-Pickleball 2:00pm Heritage Bible Study (P) 4:00pm CHCS Basketball 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:00am Andrea Silverthorne 9:00am PREP-Practice 5:15pm Handbell Practice 6:00pm Youth-Dinner 6:30pm Choir Practice</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Newsletter 8:00am Andrea Silverthorne 9:00am PREP-Practice 9:00am Tai-Chi 12:00pm FCC-Pickleball 2:00pm Pickleball 6:30pm Bible Study</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8:30am Longview Women's Forum</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00am Train 2 Win</p>