



THE LONG VIEW

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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 office will close Wednesday, November 22nd at noon and will remain closed Thursday & Friday for Thanksgiving.



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.



This year we are doing an Angel Tree for the local community of Harleton. All of the Sunday School classes took one or two kids and the only one left is a 14 year old boy in the 9th grade. His favorite color is blue/black and he has listed his favorite themes. Grab an ornament off the tree in the parlor, that has items he would love for Christmas and make his Christmas dreams come true. You can drop off unwrapped gifts in the mission bin in the office on or before December 8th.

Also, Angel Tree is collecting wrapping paper and tape if you would like to donate to this wonderful outreach.



Plan to stay after the worship service Sunday, November 26th, to help decorate the Church inside and outside for the Advent Season!

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	



PREP School is having their annual Giving Tree program
Wednesday, December 6th.
Please bring unwrapped toys, ages 1 month - 10 years old, to the office by Tuesday, December 5th. All donations will be given to the Foster Kids of Gregg County.



The 1st door access card is free, but any replacement cards will be \$5.00 each.



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.

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Children ages 3 1/2 thru 5th grade are welcome to join us for Sunday School @ 9:30 am and practice singing at 10:00 am in the GGD room and then Children's church during worship. Music Sunday is December 17th and we need to be ready to perform.



Don't forget to bring those nonperishable food items for LCM (Longview Community Ministries).
The children will 17th, lect them when they walk down the aisle after the Children's Sermon.



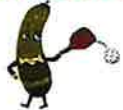
RETREAT REGISTRATION CLOSING 2 WEEKS BEFORE EACH RETREAT @ 11:59PM
Fall Retreats: (Current Grade) **Registration is Open Now**
DC Kids: November 18-20 **DC Youth High School: December 2-4**

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 meet in Disciples House on Wednesdays from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

PICKLEBALL



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



Who's Cooking? Not Us!

If you aren't either, join us at 5:30 pm for good food and great company. On Tuesday, November 21st we will be eating at Little Mexico. Everyone is welcome to join! Call Lyn Blount @ (903) 237-8019 or Teresa Mitchell @ (432) 553-6305 for more details.



BINGO night, November 9th was so fun. It was a cool rainy evening but lots of folks got out to join in the fun. We had lots of great food. Our winners are as follows: Barbara P., Debra T., Jeff L., Laura J. (2 games), Noah D., Freddie W., Barbara D., Rayce S., Dorothy M. also won our blackout game. Thank you, Jerald Lewis, for calling for us again. Check out our winners with their prizes on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fcclongview

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.

Be Deliberate in Planning

The Apostle Paul, in his second letter to the church at Corinth, writes: "So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion" (2 Corinthians 9:5).

Paul indicates it is not enough to intend to be a good steward. You must plan, and it is by carefully making provisions for a planned gift and implementation of that plan that you will be able to enjoy the fruits of Christian stewardship!

Paul admonishes us to be deliberate in considering the mission and ministry of the church for which the gift will be used. In the case of the Corinthians, Paul reminds them of the great purpose: to alleviate the poverty of the Jerusalem Christians and to help preserve the unity of the church.

Planning to include our church in your will involves more than just contacting an attorney and drafting a will. Making a bequest to our church involves thoughtful discussion with your family: spouse, children, perhaps siblings, and others with whom you have an important relationship and those who have a relationship to your estate.

Ultimately, making the right decision will allow you, the giver, to find greater joy and fulfillment in the process and completion of the gift.

8 Important Reasons to Have a Will

Seven out of 10 of us DO NOT have a will!! What are we thinking? No will? Do we not care what happens to those assets we will leave behind?

Did you know:

1. Without a will, your state's laws—not you—determine how, when and to whom your property is distributed?
2. You can reduce (or perhaps even eliminate) estate taxes and save taxes in a survivor's estate?
3. You can name your executor to manage and settle your estate?
4. You can designate beneficiaries for items such as heirlooms, art objects, jewelry, or real estate?
5. You may create trusts to provide for your spouse, children, and others?
6. Through a pour-over will, you can transfer leftover assets to your living trust, bypassing probate?
7. You can be a blessing to First Christian Church through a bequest, which is simple, flexible and tax deductible?
8. With a will, you can designate the guardian you wish for those under your care?

By including the church in your estate plan, there will be a little child in the future that will laugh out loud at the wonderful good news that God is love; a teenager one day on Spring break in Mexico that will see that love first hand; a struggling adult that will finally understand what grace means in so complex and difficult a world—because of you.

A Will Lets You...

- Designate who will act as executor of your estate in probate.
- Specify which items of property will go to specific individuals.
- Name of the guardians of minor children in case of the death of you and your spouse.
- Leave property and a gift to the church: This can be a tremendous faith statement to your heirs, and a wonderful way to bless the ongoing ministry of our church.

To learn more about ways to leave a gift in your will—including the right type of assets that could ease the tax burden on heirs—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. You can call (800) 668-8016 or send an email to info@ccf.disciples.org.

Thanksgiving Offering November 19th

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) counts on fifteen colleges & universities providing ample opportunity for students to get involved in the community, explore personal faith, and connect to new ideas and perspectives.

You'll find diverse student groups on our campuses: Democrats, Republicans, Tea Party members, Independents; Asian Student Associations, Black Student Unions, Latino Student Associations, International Student Organizations; Gay-Straight Alliances and LGBT groups; and faith-based groups representing Muslim, Jewish, Mormon, Catholic, Episcopal, Baptist, and other denominations.



Colleges & Universities
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Barton College | Wilson, NC

Columbia College | Columbia, MO

Drury University | Springfield, MO

Hiram College | Hiram, OH

University of Lynchburg | Lynchburg, VA

Texas Christian University | Fort Worth, TX

Transylvania University | Lexington, KY

Bethany College | Bethany, WV

Chapman University | Orange, CA

Culver-Stockton College | Canton, MO

Eureka College | Eureka, IL

Jarvis Christian University | Hawkins, TX

Midway University | Midway, KY

Tougaloo College | Tougaloo, MS

William Woods University | Fulton, MO



**Higher Education &
Leadership Ministries**
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Seminaries

Phillips Seminary, Tulsa, OK | ptstulsa.edu

Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN | cts.edu

Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, KY | lextheo.edu

Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL | ddh.uchicago.edu

Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN | discipleshousevandy.org

Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, TX | brite.edu

Disciples Seminary Foundation, California | dsf.edu

What does it mean to be a college or university of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)?

That's a reasonable question. The 15 schools, while diverse, have a number of things in common:

- A commitment to academic excellence and the liberal arts;
- An environment of open inquiry;
- An inclusive, welcoming community that respects all people and cultures;
- A focus on character, service, and leadership; and
- A passion for social justice.

You'll find students and faculty with strong values and faith. You'll also notice a philosophy of faith paired with reason: The best learning and personal growth occur when the intellectual and spiritual are combined.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

ABC Class – *The Righteous Reign of God*- 4th floor, West End, Last Room-Teacher: Rotating
ACTS Class – *Help is Here*, Max Lucada-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: Not meeting at this time.
Visions Class– 1 Corinthians-Meets 4th floor, Middle of Hall, South Room-Teachers: Charlie & Dottie Bachtell

Lectionary Texts For:

Sunday, November 26th

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Dr. Richard Emerson

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 3

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7,17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Matthew 25:14-30

Dr. Richard Emerson

Attendance

On 11/5/23 We had 131 people in the Worship Service, 78 in Sunday School and 142 Facebook views.

On 11/12/23 we had 138 people in the Worship Service, 70 in Sunday School and 163 Facebook views.

Members and Friends Prayer List

Members: Dottie Bachtell, Charlie Bachtell, JoAnn Malone, 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 Gigi, Delmar Pliier, Levi Grant, Emily Racicot Thomas, Betty Kindle, Dr. Ken Glaze, David Grimes, Mike Fields,

Friends: Marsh Family, Gilbert Family, Lomelo Family, Tony Sasser, Cindy Gann, John McClough, Billy Lewis, Justin Croft, Kathy Stewart, Family of Virginia Epps, Yvonne Davis, People of Ukraine, People of Lewiston, Maine, People of Gaza & Israel, House of Hope, Gina Dooley, Family of Steve Gatton, Marcus Jefferson, Hudson Brabham, Jacob Day, Jamie Cobb Breden and sons, Wendy Carter, Carol Whitehurst, Thomas, Shelby Durst, Lonnie Pritchett, Jim Beville, Jamie Walzell, Sharon Smith, Eric, Bobbie Whitehead, Tom Thompson, Tommy Gray, Steve Hooper, 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.

Worship @10:30 am (SAN)

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

Sara's Sisters/DWM 2nd Monday of the month @ 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)



CHURCH STAFF: DR. RICHARD C. EMERSON-Senior Minister, AMANDA GRIMES-P.R.E.P. School Director, ELICK ARP-Children & Youth Director, REMINGTON FOSTER-Choir Director, AARON TURNER-Pianist/Organist, GEORGE TERRELL-Sunday Coordinator, DEBRA THOMPSON-Administrative Assistant, RUTH LEWIS-Maintenance Manager, SALLY FARMER-Financial Assistant.

Sunday Worship

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship Service

(Worship also available streamed on Facebook)

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Office Hours

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Monday – Thursday

8:30 am – 12:30 pm Friday

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