



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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Attention: FCC Ladies



Heart To Serve

We invite you to help us prepare and serve a meal on March 12th at 4:30 pm for the House of Hope. If you are interested, please contact Amanda Grimes @ (903) 649-8011.



It's Time to Gather!
Spring is near
and so is our
Spring Fling
Fellowship Luncheon!
Join us for a Pot Luck on
Sunday, March 26th.

We will provide the fried chicken. You bring the sides or a dessert. There will be a place on the Action Card to note your name and how many will be attending! Surprise everyone with what you bring!



We are collecting candy filled eggs for an Easter Egg Hunt. Please drop them off in the office by Palm Sunday, April 2.

Sunday
March
12, 2023
2:00 am



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



PENCIL IT IN

Sunday School @ 9:30 am (In-Person)
Worship @ 10:30 am (SAN)
Pickleball Mondays @ 2:00 pm (DH)
Thursdays @ 10 am and 4:00 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)
Handbells 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)
Men's Bible Study Thursdays @ 6:30 pm (CR)
Grief Recovery Support Group Fridays @ 10:00 am (CR)



The Silent Auction for Week of Compassion was a success! We raised \$1,300.00! The winners are: Kat Smith, David Farmer, Lynne Fike, Paul Fike, Cara Cline, Dottie Bachtell, Charlie Bachtell, Kathy Jackson, Debra Thompson, Jeannie Dykes, Beth Ylitalo and Terry Ray. A special Thank You to Lauren, her helpers and especially the kids.

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- **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 will meet March 13th at 10:30 am in the Cornerstone Hall. All ladies are welcome to join us.**
- **NTA DWM (North Texas Area Disciple Women Ministries) SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT FOR WOMEN** It is time to register. Early Bird: Through March 27, 2023 Deadline is April 10, 2023. For information or a registration packet please contact the church office. Dates are April 21-23, 2023, Disciples Crossing - Athens, TX. See Debra in the office For more information.



- **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.
- **Men's Bible Study** meet at 6:30 on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm.



Chi-Rho (Grades 6th - 8th)
Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) (Grades 9th-12th)

- ✚ **Chi-Rho/CYF** Parents keep your eyes open for texts from Mrs. Lyn, Mrs. Amanda or Mrs. Meagan.
- ✚ **All youth are invited to the Blount's house for water fun on Wednesday, March 15th. Meet at the church bus at 1:00 pm. Parents pick up at 5:00 pm.**
- ✚ We encourage all our youth to regularly attend Sunday school, worship, choir practice and all youth meetings.
- ✚ Something to keep in mind. We will need your assistance with the **Easter Egg Hunt 4/9/23.**



**JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship 3rd -5th grade)
Children & P.R.E.P. School**

- ❖ JYF Events are scheduled for the 1st Sunday of each month. Lauren will share more details on Remind.
- ❖ Check out the Bulletin Board for the Calendar, upcoming events and more information on events.
- ❖ **Mini/Day Camp** is set for the week of June 12th. More information coming soon.

Grand Camp is Back!!! Coming Summer 2023 Grand Camp will rejoin the camp line up. Mark your calendars Grandparents and Grandkids ages 4-10 for June 2-4.

- February 19, 2023: Summer Camp Registration Opens
- April 1, 2023: Early Bird Registration Deadline
- May 1, 2023: Regular Registration Deadline
- Two weeks before camp: Late Registration Deadline

DC Kids - (Grades 1-5) - DC Kids campers will engage faith and Bible stories through interactive learning stations and creative and energetic worship experiences. DC Kids 1st-2nd are Co-Camping with DC Kids 3rd-5th. These are different camps happening at the same time sharing the same spaces. Arts and crafts, games, swimming are also part of the experience. DC Kids 1: June 26-30 DC Kids 2: July 31-Aug 4

DC Youth - (Grades 6th-12th) - DC Youth campers will connect with their faith as they explore spiritual disciplines, play, pray, and worship. **DC Youth Middle School** (6th-8th on the CREATIVE side) June 19-24 **DC Youth High School** (9th-12th on the MAIN side) June 19-24

Imago Dei - (Grades 6th & 7th) - Previously known as Eighters Camp, Imago Dei is designed to teach campers about spirituality and sexuality through a Christian curriculum. Imago Dei is in transition as we move from Summer after 8th grade to Summer after 6th. Imago Dei: June 25-July 1 (CREATIVE CAMP side)

DC Family Camp - (All ages accompanied by an adult family member) - This camp is for families of all ages as long as one child attending is under the age of 18 and one adult is over the age of 21. The goal of Family Camp is Sabbath! Families come to rest, play and worship together. What a great way to kick off the summer! DC Family Camp May 26-28.

- ❖ **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 Children are in need of mini bottles of water and Capri Sun pouches. Drop them off in the office.



Preparing for Easter

Important Dates to Remember!
March 12 – 3rd Sunday of Lent
March 19 – 4th Sunday of Lent
March 26 – 5th Sunday of Lent
April 2 – Palm Sunday
April 6 – Maundy Thursday
April 7 – Good Friday
April 9 – Easter Sunday

Join us at 5:30/5:40 for good food and great company. On March 7th and 14th we will be eating at The Butcher Shop. Call Lyn Blount @ (903) 237-8019 or Teresa Mitchell at (432) 553-6305 for more details.



Call Chris Shelton @ (903) 353-4063 for large items pick-ups or for more information as to where to drop-off your donated items. Make sure all items are secure in a box or on a clothes hanger.

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

Attention Volunteers, Counselors and Junior Counselors! The 2023 FCC Mini Camp & Day Camp, Disciples Crossing and Discovery Days dates have been set. **You must be certified by Safe Sanctuary to volunteer in any activity with a minor child.** Please take care of this as soon as possible. If you are not sure of your status, please call the office and we can let you know. Go to the FCC website @ fclongview.org and click on the Safe Sanctuary link on the homepage. You must watch the video, take the quick quiz and do the background check by June 1st. There is no cost.

NEWS FROM



First Christian Church Mini/Day Camp will be June 12th - June 16th. Keep your eyes on the FCC website and Facebook for more details in the coming weeks.

Reward of Lent

Greater intimacy with God is the reward of sacrifice. His love and one's salvation are not reliant on denying oneself chocolate or beer, but idolatry stands in the way of worshiping the one true God. These 40 days are set aside to praise and worship the Lord; to read the Bible more, and to pray more often. Christians who observe Lent correctly anticipate deeper intimacy with the Lord, which is the blessing; they do not expect rewards such as more favorable answers to prayer or the resolution of health concerns, although many Christians have reported that, following Lent, they experience freedom from long-standing issues.

Many Christians prefer not to observe this pre-Easter tradition because it smacks of religious duty. Christ said of the Pharisees, "They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden" (**Matthew 23:4**). He often criticized the Pharisees for disheartening the Jews with demands that missed the heart of God. Christ did not establish the tradition of Lent as a commandment for followers to observe. Whether or not to participate is a matter between the individual and God.



Bottom's Up! Get Behind Our Diaper Drive!

The Outreach Committee is having a "Bottoms Up, Get Behind Our Diaper Drive". We will accept any brand or size diaper or baby wipe during the month of March. All donations will be given to the Rainbow Room, LCM, and other various community organizations. Please bring new unopened packages or boxes to the office. However, if you are unable to shop but, would like the Outreach Committee to purchase the items for you, make checks payable to FCC and memo Diaper Drive and mail or bring it to the office.

Please continue to bring those nonperishable food items for LCM (Longview Community Ministries). As always, the children will collect Your food items when they walk down the aisle after the Children's Sermon. We believe the children are really enjoying the opportunity to collect and participate in this



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** – *Epic of Eden* by Sandra Richter
 Meets 4th Floor, East End, Last Room on Right
- Sojourners Class** – **Not meeting at this time**
 Meets on 4th Floor East Wing
 Teacher: Rotating
- Visions Class**– 1 Corinthians
 Meets 4th floor, Middle of Hall, South Room
 Teachers: Charlie & Dottie Bachtell



Lectionary Texts For:

<p>Sunday, March 19 4th Sunday of Lent 1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41 Dr. Richard Emerson</p>		<p>Sunday, March 26 5th Sunday of Lent Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45 Dr. Richard Emerson</p>
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Worship Sunday School

<p>2/26/23 127 in person 191 Facebook views</p> <p>3/5/23 125 in person 109 Facebook views</p>	<p>76 85</p>
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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, Linda Terry

Friends: Tony Sasser, Deb & Don Howard, Marcus Welch, Jim Quinn, Jim Beville, Jamie Walziel, Joyce, Family of Wanda Bullock, Valerie Garrett, Phillip, Family of Baby Breedlove, Earthquake Victims, People of Ukraine, Syria & Turkey, Ukraine, Kenneth Reece, Christina Nelson, Val Houston, Dr. Devine, Anna Huntsinger, John Clark, Troy

The next publication of "The Long View" will be mailed on Thursday, March 23rd. 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.**

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