



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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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. Surprise
everyone with what you bring! There will
be Membership Committee members in
the Disciple House to assist you with food
drop off before and during Sunday
School.



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

ROOTED



Colossian 2:6-7 Live your
life ROOTED in Jesus Christ!

FCC Mini/Day Camp will be
June 12th – June 16th

Registration is NOW OPEN!

Check out FCC DAY CAMP

On Facebook, our new app

[https://brushfire.com/fcclongview/day
camp/550952](https://brushfire.com/fcclongview/daycamp/550952) or

www.fcclongview.org

for more info.



We extend our
Christian sympathy
to the family of
J.C. Fort



PENCIL IT IN

Sunday School @ 9:30 am
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)
Moved up to April 3rd
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)



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 and April. 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.

Inside Information

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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



- **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!
- **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.
- **Sara's Sisters/DWM** Because the church office will be closed April 10 **we have moved our next meeting to April 3.** In March, Ann Grimes brought us a lesson about women fetching water in 1 Samuel 9. They told Saul where the prophet Samuel was so he could ask for help locating his lost donkeys. They also told him to hurry because Samuel had to go participate in a sacrifice. God told Samuel the next person he saw he should anoint King of Israel. You never know how what you say will affect others. Who could have imagined that what these ladies said could change history!
Next month our service project will be a budgeted donation to Heartisans. Please join us April 3 at 10:30 in Cornerstone Hall for fellowship, snacks and a lesson by Vicky Green about what else but Easter, and how women were involved.



- **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 in the Conference Room.

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 @ fcclongview.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.

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.
- ✦ We encourage all our youth to regularly attend Sunday school, worship, choir practice and all youth meetings.
- ✦ We will need your assistance with the **Easter Egg Hunt 4/9/23.** Please meet in the CYF Room at 9:30 am on Easter Sunday

Kansas City 2023



Hey Youth! June 26-30, 2023. The cost is \$350.00, you must register by 3/30/23! Kansas City is a burgeoning metro area known for its art, history and BBQ. This city is host to a large network of fantastic non-profits that we are excited to coordinate for you to help you and your students facilitate a service trip to remember. Call the church office if you have any questions.



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.

The Children are in need of mini bottles of water and Capri Sun pouches. Drop them off in 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 ministry.



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.

- o Summer Camp Registration is Open Now
- o April 1, 2023: Early Bird Registration Deadline
- o May 1, 2023: Regular Registration Deadline
- o 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.

Join us at 5:30/5:40 for good food and great company. On March 28th we will be eating at El Sombrero on Gilmer Rd. 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!

Important Dates to Remember!



Preparing for Easter

March 26 – 5th Sunday of Lent
April 2 – Palm Sunday
April 6 – Maundy Thursday
April 7 – Good Friday
April 9 – Easter Sunday
April 9 – Egg Hunt @ 10 am

What Does Maundy Thursday Mean?

Christ's "mandate" is commemorated on Maundy Thursday—"maundy" being a shortened form of mandatum (Latin), which means "command." It was on the Thursday of Christ's final week before being crucified and resurrected that He said this commandment to His disciples. Jesus and his disciples had just shared what was known as the Last Supper and he was washing their feet when he stated:

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another" (John 13:34).

What Was the New Commandment Given on Maundy Thursday?

Well, for one thing, it raised the definition of love to a new and higher standard. Jesus sacrificially met His followers' deepest need---that of new spiritual life and the forgiveness of sins. He even loved His enemies, and He calls us to show love to those who don't appear to deserve it. Just as Jesus loved sinners "to the end" (or "to the max" [John 13:1](#)) when He had nothing to gain from them, so must we. The Bible says that there was nothing attractive about sinful mankind that drew Him to love us. God loved us while we were yet *sinners* ([Romans 5:8](#)). Salvation is not only a wonderful gift that protects us from the penalty that we deserve [Romans 6:23](#), the work of Christ also embues new life, grants spiritual strength, and motivates godly action in those who believe:

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works." (Titus 2:11-14)

While Scripture doesn't forbid us to commemorate days like Maundy Thursday, the main question is are we observing Christ's new command to love---especially those who deserve it least?

"Beloved, let us love one another. For love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love." (1 John 4:7-8)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

ABC Class – *Jesus Calls Us* – (Standard Lesson Commentary)

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

The next publication of "The Long View" will be mailed on Thursday, April 6, 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, April 2

Palm Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Matthew 21:1-11



Lectionary

Dr. Richard Emerson

Sunday, April 9

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 or

Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4 or

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

Matthew 28:1-10

Dr. Richard Emerson



Worship

Sunday School

3/12/23

104 in person

42

88 Facebook views

3/19/23

117 in person

77

70 Facebook views

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: Marsh Family, Gilbert Family, Bettye Gilbert, Lomelo Family, Tony Sasser The Welch Family, Jim Beville, Jamie Walziel, Kenneth Reece, Christina Nelson, Family of Val Houston, Dr. Devine, Anna Huntsinger, John Clark, Troy, Deb Clouatre, Virginia, David, Yvonne, Patrick, Antonio, Legg Family, Baby Nolan, Past President Donald Trump, Linda Robinson, Sandy Watt, Nicholas, Lauren, Mia & Brooklyn Holyfield, Tonya Adams, Bobby Painter.

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April 2023

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

26 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 9:30am Pastor's Class 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc) 12:00pm Spring Fling	27 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 2:00pm Pickleball	28 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 2:00pm Heritage Bible Study (P) 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner	29 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	30 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am Pickleball 4:00pm Pickleball 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	31 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 10:00am Grief Recovery Support Group	1 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups
2 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups Palm Sunday 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc) 12:00pm JYF OUTING	3 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 10:30am Disciples Women Ministries/Sara's Sisters (CH) 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 2:00pm Pickleball	4 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner	5 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	6 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups Newsletter 9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am Pickleball 4:00pm Pickleball 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	7 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 10:00am Grief Recovery Support Group 12:00pm Good Friday Service	8 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups
9 Homebound Communion Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 9:30am Sunday School 10:00am Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am Worship (Sanc)	10 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups Office Closed 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli)	11 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 10:30am Colonial Dames 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner 5:30pm Finance Meeting	12 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	13 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 9:00am Tai-Chi 9:30am Shakespeare Club 9:30am Shakespeare Club (YM) 10:00am Pickleball 4:00pm Pickleball 5:30pm Bingo (CH) 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	14 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 8:30am Longview Women's Forum 10:00am Grief Recovery Support Group	15 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups
16 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am Sunday School Outreach Ledgers Due 10:30am Worship (Sanc)	17 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 2:00pm Pickleball 5:30pm Elders Meeting	18 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner	19 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 1:00pm Care & Concern 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	20 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups Newsletter 9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am Pickleball 4:00pm Pickleball 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	21 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 10:00am Grief Recovery Support Group	22 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups
23 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc)	24 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 2:00pm Pickleball	25 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 2:00pm Heritage Bible Study (P) 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner	26 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	27 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am Pickleball 4:00pm Pickleball 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	28 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 10:00am Grief Recovery Support Group	29 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups
30 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship (Sanc) 12:00pm Luncheon	1 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 12:00pm GIFTS (In Person) 12:00pm Monday School (Jason's Deli) 2:00pm Pickleball	2 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 5:30pm Fellowship Dinner	3 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 5:15pm Handbells 6:30pm Chancel Choir Practice	4 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 9:00am Tai-Chi 10:00am Pickleball 4:00pm Pickleball 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	5 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups 8:30am Longview Women's Forum 10:00am Grief Recovery Support Group	6 Mini/Day Camp Sign ups

April 2023 Elder & Diaconate Schedule

ELDER Schedule for Table

April 2 10:30 am Ray Hatcher Jolene Auderer		April 9 10:30 am Bill Holloman Teresa Mitchell
April 16 10:30 am Kennedy Hatcher Donna McFarland	April 23 10:30 am Charlie Bachtell Cheryl McNulty	April 30 10:30 am Brannon Robertson Jamie Dippold

DIACONATE/SERVER Service Schedule

April 2 10:30 am Team 1		April 9 10:30 am Team 2
April 16 10:30 am Team 3	April 23 10:30 am Team 4	April 30 10:30 am Team 1

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

**ELDER/DIACONATE Schedule for Homebound
April 9, 2023**

Morning and Afternoon

Elders: Rick Wilson, Teresa Mitchell, Charlie Bachtell, Brannon Robertson, George Terrell, Jeb Blount
Diaconates: John Roberts, Lysa Dykes, Vicki Cole, Meagan Avaltroni, Debra Thompson
Jr. Elder: Rylan Roberts

March Communion Tray Preparation

Week: 1, 2, 3: Susan and Mark Goodson
 Week 4 & 5 : Susan and Mark Goodson

*Please call the church office if your are 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.