



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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The Garage Sale dates have been set for May 24th, May 25th, and 1/2 day May 26th. Spread the word! Set up begins May 15th. Please bring your items May 17th and May 18th. There will be a Silent Auction and dinner May 23rd. If you have an item to donate or would love to bake an item for the auction, please let the office know. Call Chris Shelton @ (903) 353-4063 for large item pick-ups. Don't forget to come by the office to get a Donation Receipt! More info. coming soon.



Thank you for all the Easter Eggs! We collected over 1500 eggs. Bring your children and grandchildren to the egg hunt at 10 am, Easter morning at the playground.

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/daycamp/550952> or
www.fcclongview.org
for more info.



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)
Except April
Monday School-Mondays @ Noon (Jason's Deli)
GIFTS Mondays @ 12:00 pm (AC)
Cancelled April 10th
Tuesday Fellowship Dinner @ 5:30 pm (TBD)
Cancelled April 11th
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.



Check out page 3 for all the camp dates.

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. 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**



- **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.



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.



- 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.



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.

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.

Mexican Fiesta Nacho Luncheon

Sunday, April 30th
 Immediately after worship
 Disciple House

Sign-ups will be in the Bulletin soon.
 There will be a small charge for this meal to help cover the cost, but children under 10 eat for free.



April 10	All Day	Office Closed
April 11	5:30 pm	Finance Meeting
April 17	5:30 pm	Elder's Meeting
May 15	6:00 pm	General Board Meeting



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 Eighthers 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.

Important Dates to Remember!



April 9 – Easter Sunday
April 9 – Egg Hunt @ 10 am

Easter Bunny's Connection to Christianity

The following is an excerpt from [The Meaning and Origin of the Easter Bunny](#):

The origin of the Easter Bunny can be dated back to the 13th century in Germany. The Germanic folk, known as the Teutons, worshiped pagan gods and goddesses. One such goddess was Eostra (otherwise known as Ostara or **Eostre**). She was revered as the goddess of fertility and spring. The word "Easter" finds its etymology from the goddess's name.

Due to its prolific breeding tendencies, the rabbit became a symbol for **Eostra**. In AD 595, Pope Gregory sent Roman monks to convert the Anglo Saxons. The Anglo-Saxons, like German forefathers, celebrated Eostra. When converted, they accepted the celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection at Easter while still continuing the celebration of spring renewal and the rabbit's symbolism.



April 11th Tuesday Night Fellowship Has been canceled because of the Finance Meeting. Check the bulletin for The April 18th Restaurant of choice. Call Lyn Blount @ (903) 237-8019 or Teresa Mitchell at (432) 553-6305 for more details.



BINGO

Join us Thursday, April 13th at 5:30 pm in the Cornerstone Hall for some good food and a few games of BINGO! Please bring sandwiches, chips and dips or desserts to share. All ages are welcome!

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

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Lectionary Texts For:

Sunday, April 16

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Dr. Richard Emerson

Sunday, April 23

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24: 13-35

Dr. Richard Emerson



Lectionary

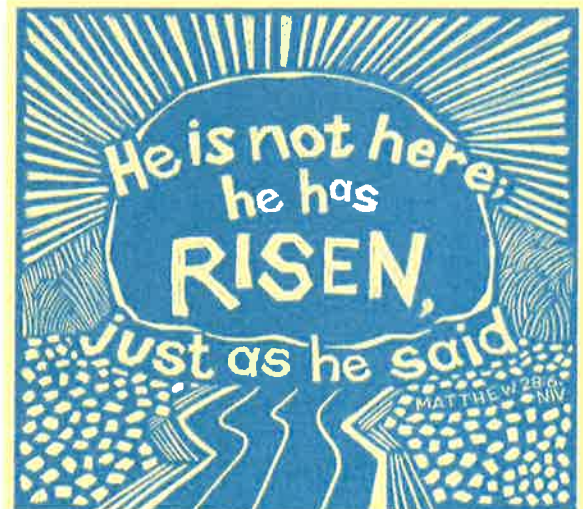


	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
3/26/23	125 in person 82 Facebook views	85
4/2/23	141 in person 101 Facebook views	81

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, Barbara Parker.

Friends: Marsh Family, Gilbert Family, Bettye Gilbert, Lomelo Family, Tony Sasser The Welch Family, Jim Beville, Jamie Walziel, Kenneth Reece, Deb Clouatre, Virginia, David, Yvonne, Patrick, Antonio, Legg Family, Baby Nolan, Linda Robinson, Sandy Watt, Nashville Families, Susie Davis, Tasha Hedspath, Kellie Pfler Families of All School Shootings, Tornado Victims, Paul Kellner, The Gavells, Donna Loving, Randy Monroe, Family of Crystal Monroe, Gayle Benage, Daniel & Sarah.



The next publication of "The Long View" will be mailed on Thursday, April 20, 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.**