



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

Baptism

Congratulations to Noah Dippold! He was baptized on 3/31/24. John 3:5 states "Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit".



We extend our Christian sympathy to Dan Thuma and Family upon the death of his wife Bobby Thuma. She passed away in late March.



- Who:** First Christian Church Outreach Committee & Prep School
- What:** Bottom's Up! Get Behind Our Diaper & Wipe Drive!
- When:** The month of April
- Where:** Mission Bins in the Church Office, or add to the Diaper Tree in the Narthex
- For:** ½ to the Rainbow Room & ½ to LCM (Longview Community Ministries)



Brushfire Registration is "LIVE"! 2024 FCC DAY/MINI CAMP: JUNE 10-14, 2024 "Bee Kind"

Ephesians 4:32-And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. See Elick in the church office if you need help registering on Brushfire. Register your children/grandchildren ASAP! Scan the QR Code, visit our website @ www.fcclongview.org and click on the Day/Mini Camp page. There will be limited space this year for Mini Camp!



The Church Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 6th @ Longview Country Club was a huge success. We had 4 teams of 4 players each (many of those had not played in a while) and the men got lots of exercise and fellowship. The winning team with the best score was Chris Shelton's team. Congratulations!

Safe Sanctuary

Attention Volunteers, Counselors and Junior Counselors! The 2024 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 every year.** The background check is every two years. Please take care of this as soon as possible. **The following people are the only ones that are up-to-date: Elick Arp, Olivia Sudduth, Hunter Dodd, Melanie McKnight, Jeannie King.** 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/or do the background check by June 1st. There is no cost for Safe Sanctuary training.



Thank you to the Easter Bunny, aka Wrigley, the Easter Egg, aka Ruston, Elick and the youth, Lyn B. and her assistants, Brenda and the membership committee, and especially Penny & Jack for all the wonderful Easter morning activities. It was a magnificent and beautiful morning full of fellowship and love.



Keep Mr. Elick, Mrs. Amanda and our youth in your prayers as they travel to the Dallas area for a LOCK-IN this Saturday night. Safe travels and have a terrific time!



The Blessing and Challenge of Jesus-Continues on Thursdays from 9-10:15 am at The Butcher Shop. Email or call/text Rev. Bill Carrol from Trinity Episcopal Church, fbill@trinityparish.org (903) 399-1190 or George Terrell from First Christian Church, georgeterrell@sbcglobal.net (903) 806-0809 for more info, questions or if you wish to attend.

We seek to gather a small group of Christians, pastors and interested laypeople from several local churches for conversation, study & fellowship. Above all, we aim to know Jesus more fully and to follow him more closely. We intend to build up the wider Body of Christ, to encourage friendships that transcend our differences, and to serve the neighbors God gives us. We are committed to learning from the Holy Spirit and one another.

We are beginning with a group study of the book *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions* by N. T. Wright and Marcus Borg. Copies of the book are easily found online. If you need help purchasing one, we will help.



Don't forget Tai-Chi is every Thursday morning at 9:00 am in the Cornerstone Hall. Join Woodie Terrell any Thursday morning.

Cabinet Meeting



There will be a Cabinet Meeting immediately after Worship on April 28th in the Conference Room. Lunch will be provided. Mark your calendars.



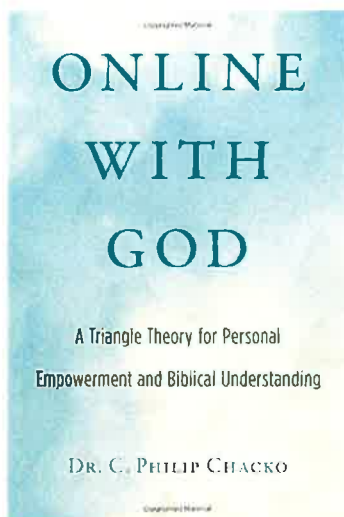
Dine to Donate! 10% Donation Night for First Christian Church. Present this flyer at the Longview location and Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your total food purchases to First Christian Church! Come support our Youth Mission work on Tuesday, April 30th from 3:00 - 10:00 pm. The flyers can be found in the narthex or show them the flyer on the First Christian Church-DOC, Longview, TX Facebook page.



The choir is looking for new voices. Join us on Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm in the Music Suite.



Bingo! Join us on the 4^h Monday of the month for great food and awesome fellowship. We will meet in the Cornerstone Hall and will eat at 5:30 pm. Bring something to share. Call Debra in the office if you want to be put on the reminder text list.



Dr. Philip Chacko's *Online with God* provides a fresh perspective on the kinship between God and Man. We often hear of God described as the Trinity: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Dr. Philip Chacko imagines these three entities as the sides of a triangle, perfectly balanced around a center of love and peace. As God made humans in his image, it only makes sense that humans themselves are made up of triangles as well. Dr. Chacko theorizes that each of us holds four different triangles at our core, each concerned with a different element of our inner being. But as humans, our triangles are not perfectly balanced like that of God, but He is the one and only power whose force can balance our triangles into true harmony.

In *Online with God*, Dr. Chacko explores how each of our inner triangles is wired, describes how we can discover them for ourselves, and explains the true value of connecting with God. In short, *Online with God* urges readers toward a posture of dependence on the Spirit of God, to be formed into his likeness and balance their triangles. With Dr. Chacko's vast knowledge of scripture and included forty-day devotional plan for further biblical understanding, *Online with God* stands as a thorough guide to connecting with the Creator, finding inner peace, and empowering the self for all that is to come.

Dr. C. Philip Chacko retired from the Christian ministry after forty-four years of serving churches in Texas. He authored worship materials used internationally in alignment with the liturgical calendar, including the Love on the Cross, Forty Days with Jesus, Women of the Cross, and Fifty Days to Power programs. Philip was raised in Kerala, a state along the southwestern coast of India, where rich orthodox traditions were first instilled by the disciple Thomas in AD 52. After graduating from Southern Asia Bible College in Bangalore, India, he came to the United States to study further at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Brite Divinity in School in Fort Worth, Texas. At Texas Christian University, he earned his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees.

On April 27th a study will begin exploring the book *Online with God*. Each Saturday a 30-minute study followed by daily devotion every morning for 40 days. Dr. Philip Chacko invites you to join these studies and daily devotions. His book cost \$20.00 and he will donate ½ back to the church. If you would like one of his books for the Bible Study or just to read contact the church office.





C H U R C H
GARAGE SALE

July 28 – August 3, 2024

The General Board has decided to have the garage sale again in 2024 but that means WE WILL NEED HELP! If anyone wants to be in charge of the whole garage sale, let us know! Otherwise, there are sign-up sheets in the office for different categories of workers/coordinators we will be requesting to make this happen. Please let us know where you want to be plugged in. "Many Hands Make Light Work"

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| July 28, Sunday | After worship lay down the plastic on the Disciple House floor & set up tables |
| July 29, Monday | Price & set out items for the sale |
| July 30, Tuesday | Price & set out items for the sale |
| July 31, Wednesday | Price & set out items for the sale, perhaps hold a dinner auction & preview/sale for church members |
| August 1, Thursday | Garage sale 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. |
| August 2, Friday | Garage sale 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. |
| August 3, Saturday | Garage sale 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Clean up 12:00 noon – finished |

We understand how difficult it is to hold on to your donations, but at this time we just don't have the manpower to pick it up or the storage area to hold it until the garage sale. Thank you for your understanding in this manner.

We are looking for a few good men and ladies to volunteer to help with **organizing** different portions of the garage sale this summer. Please sign up in the office or call Jeannie King or Jolene Auderer if you would be willing to **coordinate** any of the following:

- Advertising.
- Posting our "yard signs" the week of the sale and taking them up after it's over.
- Locate a storage shed to hold items for the sale – how much do they charge by the month?
- Locate a large dumpster for the week of the sale.
- Find an organization willing to pick up our "leftovers" at noon on Saturday, August 3, 2024.
- Head a committee to determine how to price our items.
- Plan a pre-sale auction/snack supper for Wednesday, July 31, 2024.
- Coordinator for pick-ups (we already have some volunteers who will do the picking up).

150 Years!

We had a great 1st meeting last Monday! Lots of ideas floating around. It is not too late to join in the fun of planning for our 150th year celebration.



In 2025, First Christian Church of Longview will be 150 years old! We want to have a wonderful year of special events to celebrate this historic anniversary. In the coming months, we will begin actively seeking volunteers to help with the planning of these events. If you have been a longtime member of FCC and have memories of or memorabilia from activities, services, events, or previous celebrations in our church, please begin to think about ways you can participate in this special anniversary. Leave your name with the church office, and you will be contacted. There is also a little box on the counter in the office if you have any suggestions.



GIFTS (Growing In Faith Together Studies) 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!

Bible Study meet at 6:30 pm on Thursday in the Conference Room.

Sara's Sisters/DWM: Please join us on Monday, May 13 at 10:30 for fellowship, snacks and Bible study. In April we learned about the wise woman of Abel who had to convince the townspeople to behead a ringleader of Absalom's to save her people from David/Joab's intention to use the army to destroy Abel. She was wise, courageous, diplomatic and ruthless. Susan Goodson will bring a program about women who speak in I Kings. Our service project will be bringing baby and children's clothes, diapers and sheets for the Rainbow Room (or money to donate for them to purchase needed items). Hope to see you there!

Disciples Women's Roses Interregional Gathering-Regions of the Sun: Equipping and Serving. June 28-29, 2024, First Christian Church, McKinney, TX. We will celebrate Disciples Women's 150 years of Ministry with a Birthday Party for \$25.00 on Friday evening. Early Bird Registration of \$55.00, Deadline is May 1, 2024, and \$65.00, Final Deadline June 20, 2024. Come by the office for more information.

Tri-Area Men's Retreat

17-19 May

Theme: "A Chosen People"
1 Peter 2: 9-12



Rev. Dr. Andy Mangum



Rev. Abel Lopez

Location:
Disciples Crossing Camp
3693 State Hwy 31 E
Athens, Texas 75752

Cost:
\$100 (before May 1st)
\$75 (first timers)
\$60 (Saturday only)

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.

Tri-Area Men's Retreat

- Register Online: www.CCSW.org or come by the church office for a paper copy.
- Things to Bring Bible, pillow, sheets, light jacket, toiletries, Note-books, pen, flashlight, required medicines, dominoes, cards, fishing gear, camera, etc..
- Bring a Friend!
- Add \$10 for registrations if mailed after May 1, 2024
- Saturday-Only Cost: \$60 (with meals)
- RETREAT GOLF TOURNAMENT Cedar Creek Country Club 18392 Country Club Dr.; Kemp, TX 75143 Pro Shop 903-498-8419 Friday, May 17, 2024, at 11:30 am (Lunch Gathering at 10:45 am) Fee \$55 for seniors (includes shared cart). If you have questions, please contact: Bob Williams 214-673-5464 or 1-888-217-2622 or bwilliams024@att.net



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



Grades 6-12 will meet with Mr. Elick and another chaperone in the Disciple House on Wednesdays from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for dinner, games and bible study.

High School Senior Recognition will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th. Come help congratulate these talented young men and women.



2024 Summer Retreats

- ❖ **Attention Parents:** Please go online to register, pay in full to Disciples Crossing (The church will reimburse you $\frac{1}{2}$ upon request). Be sure to also notify the church office or Mr. Elick that your child/family is going. Scholarships are available if requested. Visit their website at www.disciplescrossing.net for more information. (Grades just completed) Registration is now open
- ❖ Family Camp is May 24-26 (must have 1 under 18 & 1 over 21)
- ❖ Grand Camp is May 31-June 2 (4 - 10 year old with Grandparent)
- ❖ Imago Dei Camp is June 16-22 (6th & 7th graders)
- ❖ DC CYF Camp is June 17-22 (9th - 12th graders)
- ❖ DC CHI-RHO Camp is June 24-28 (6th - 8th graders)
- ❖ DC Junior Camp is June 24-28 (3rd - 5th graders)
- ❖ DC Genesis Camp is June 30-July 3 (1st - 3rd graders)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

ABC Class-Present Word quarterly "Examining Our Faith"- 4th floor, West End, Last Room-Teacher: Rotating

ACTS Class – "The Noticer" by Max Lacado Meets 4th floor, East End, Last Room-Teacher: Rotating

Cornerstone Class – Present Word quarterly "Examining Our Faith"-Meets in Cornerstone Hall-Teacher: Rick Shepherd

GNG Class – "Faith That Pleases God"-Meets in the Conference Room-Teacher: Rotating

Seeker's Class – 3:16, *The Numbers of Hope* by Max Lacado-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, April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

Psalms 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Dr. Richard Emerson

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48

Psalms 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

Dr. Paul Fike

Attendance

On 4/7/24 we had 112 people in the Worship Service, 67 in Sunday School and 7 Facebook views.

On 4/14/24 we had 115 people in the Worship Service, 82 in Sunday School and 11 Facebook views.



January thru March Financial Information

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| Income | \$246,878.51 |
| Expense | -\$205,400.32 |
| Difference | \$41,478.19 |

Members and Friends Prayer List

Members: Steven Brizius, Stacy Foster, Vicki Cole & Family, Cara Cline, David Grimes, JoAnn Malone, Family of Sylvia Whitlock, Ruth Lewis & Family, Dottie Bachtell, Colton Rieger, Shelton Foster Baby, Alta Ayers, Sharon Wilson, Jim Ruth, Kathy Hayes, Family of Merry Ann Tinsley, Kennedy Hatcher, Family of Kayra Hatcher, Steve Hickerson and Family., Katie Fields, Wanda Green, Sandra Eddleman & Family, Quick Family, Family of Bobby Thuma.

Friends: Cindy Gann, Gilbert Family, Marsh Family, Lomelo Family, Billy Lewis, John McClough, Gwen Stegall, Robin Owens, Kathy Stewart, Susan Gaskill, Russia, Justin Croft, Patrick, Beth M., Diana R, Bryanna & Family, Rene, Ivey, Ed & Marily Veitch, Ecuador, Antonia, Yvonne, Harfiel Family, Brenda Hokit, Sister Helen Johnson, Joe, Amy, Nixie Roach, Jamie Anderson, Jackson Maynard, Ted Limmer, Jon Rowe, Frances Davidson, Ukraine War, Israel/Gaza War, Caleb Harris, Charles Fleming, our homebound and shut-in members, our nation, government, military, police, fire department and medical personnel, Those who do not yet know Jesus' love and saving grace.

We have new business cards and lots of pens to hand out while you are visiting or just in line at the grocery store. Come by the office and grab a handful of each.

Sunday School @ 9:30 am

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 @ 10:30 am (CH)

Monday School-Mondays @ Noon (Jason's Deli)

GIFTS Mondays @ 12:00 pm (AC)

Tuesday Fellowship Dinner @ 5:30 pm (TBD)

Choir Practice-Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm (MS)

Tai Chi-Thursday @ 9:00 am (CH)

Bingo 4th Monday of the month @ 5:30 pm (CH)

Bible Study Thursdays @ 6:30 pm (CR) **Postponed until 4/25**



The next publication of "The Long View will be emailed on Thursday, May 2nd. If you have exciting news or your committee has something to share, please call, email or bring it by the office no later than noon the Wednesday before.

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)

www.facebook.com/fcclongview

Office Hours

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Monday – Thursday

8:30 am – 12:30 pm Friday

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