

The Long View

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:00 Traditional Service in
Sanctuary
10:15 Sunday School
11:16 Praise Service in
Disciple House

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
8:00 – 4:00
Friday
8:00 – Noon

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, September 7, 2009



FCC STAFF

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In my conversations with others I often hear the phrase: "Where are our priorities anymore?" It seems like we are chasing after anything and everything for purpose and happiness and connectedness. So many paths lead us in so many different directions.

What is a priority? A simple definition could be: Something that has first claim on your resources (time, talent and gifts). Stop for a moment and consider what you and your family live for through your resources. What are your priorities? Do your resources reveal a claim on God as a first priority or does something else?

Too often in life we put on the game-face in order to play the game-of-life. There is no doubt that some people know how to play such a game. The reality is that it takes a lot of energy, and before you know it, you feel drained. Then, the question becomes: How do you replenish your energy? 110% effort is not good enough if you don't have God as a top priority. We humans are God's creation; we are miracles! Our human make-up has three main components: Body, Mind and Soul. In a strange way, I don't think our mind and body can be balanced without God first in our lives. Who or what can empower you as God does? (And if you answer that question with something other than God, then you are being foolish.)

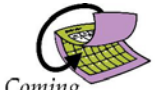
As school has begun and we all create new structure for our daily lives, I ask that each one of you consider FCC Longview as a top priority - even with all your other many activities taking place. We adults need to get back to the basics of exemplifying and modeling to our children and youth what the top priorities are in our lives. Our children and youth also need to understand what it is to choose good priorities. If we don't set The Church as a major priority then the world will gladly prioritize for us. Please don't fall for that enticing trap. It can be hard to escape.

If you are embarrassed because you have gotten out of the habit of attending church I encourage you to re-prioritize some things in your life. Please know you will always be welcomed here. If you are constantly worn-out, come and let the Spirit speak to your soul. If the puzzle pieces of life don't seem to fit together, let the church help direct your priorities in keeping on the straight-and-narrow, to give you a goal for which to reach, to help you build stronger relationships, to give you enthusiasm, energy and motivation to face the game-of-life.

There is no greater joy in life than to live for God, to be in service in Christ's name and to walk In His Steps.

I'll see you at the "priority place" Sunday.

Richard



Coming
This Month (September)

September 4 (Friday) – 6:30-9:00
FIRST FRIDAY. Call Beth Grant
(903.663.0081) by Thursday, Sept. 3
by noon for reservations.

September 7 (Monday) – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

September 13 (Sunday) – Cabinet meeting at 12:30 in
Cornerstone Hall

September 14 (Monday) – Sara's Sisters DWF at 11:00am in
Cornerstone Hall.

September 21 (Monday) – General Board Mtg. at 7:00pm in
Cornerstone Hall.

Each Thursday at 6:00pm is Praise Band Rehearsal.

**The 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month (September 1st and
15th) the Prayer Grp meets. Watch bulletin for location.**

SAVE THE DATE!
Northeast Area Assembly
"Branchin' Out: Doing God's Mission"

Saturday, September 26, 2009
10:00 am – 3:00 pm
First Christian Church
Nacogdoches, TX

**Contact church office to let us know you will be attending
and we can arrange car pooling.**

THANK YOU!

*A Big Thank You to Property!
Thank you to all the hot, tired and sweaty
Angels who shoveled, stained, raked, trimmed,
drilled and repaired both of the playgrounds. It has never looked this
wonderful. Not only did they do work on the exterior, but they hung
blinds and screwed in ceiling tile on the interior. Please take time to
admire our Children's Playgrounds and all the work accomplished by
these amazing members. Thank you so much for all your work. I
appreciate you so much.*

Prep School and Cheryl

A big thank you to Don Wilson for hanging our new ceiling fans.
Corner Worship

Dear ACTS Class:

I want to express my personal thanks to all of you for your recent
contribution to our school. The supplies you provided will help so many children. There
is nothing more heart-warming than seeing folks reach out to those in need. Honestly,
thank you so much for all you have done! This is the most we have ever had! I know
with the economy it will all be used!

Again, thank you so much for your help!

Sincerely, Nancy Essary, Youth Service Coordinator, Communities in Schools, New
Diana Intermediate School

Dear Friends,

*I have to echo Mrs. Essary's thanks. I knew that FCC was full of
wonderful people, but the outpouring of school supplies for New
Diana Schools was amazing! In our little part of Upshur County,
Community in Schools is our primary source for outside support.
When we received word they would not provide school supplies we
were devastated. The ACTS class was a total lifesaver for us. Thank
you for taking care of all of my "Tweenagers" so that they can have a
great school year! We are so blessed!*

Always, Donna McGuire, Principal, New Diana Intermediate School



**It's getting to be that time again....FFF
on WWW at FCC!**

(Food, Fun, Fellowship on Wild, Wacky
Wednesdays at First Christian Church) The Kitchen Divas have
met, menus have been prepared, evening themes have been
proposed and dates have been set. All we need now is you! The
Divas are kicking it up a notch, so mark your calendars and come
join the fun.

Not only will there be afternoon and evening activities for
your children, but there will be evening study groups for adults.
This is a great time for mid-week fellowship and renewal that you
don't wanna miss.

Our first dinner will be hosted on Wednesday September
16 at 6:00 in Disciple House. The menu will be listed in the
Sunday worship bulletin each week. Use the "Tear-off" in the
bulletin to RSVP. You may also call Michelle, in the church office,
no later than Monday afternoon to RSVP as well. The cost will
still be \$5.00 per person with a \$20.00 maximum per family and
children five and under eat free. What a deal!!!

So come on and join the fun. You don't wanna miss this
and we don't wanna miss you! Invite a friend, bring a neighbor,
have your child bring a friend to Genesis Singers...you get the
idea.

September 16...grilled burgers, hot dogs, chips and ice
cream...sounds like a plan!
See ya there!



Men's Walk No. 50
OCTOBER 8-11, 2009,
at Camp Gilmont, Gilmer

Women's Walk No. 51
OCTOBER 15-18, 2009,
at Camp Gilmont, Gilmer

We are not born into the world
for the purpose of living a
happy, care-free existence. That
is saved for heaven. What our
time here on earth is meant for
is growth. Here is where we
learn and are molded to be
worthy of one day to stand

before God. Through every facet of our life we are exposed
to the necessary tools needed to persevere in the ways of
God. We invite you to spend a three day weekend
experiencing God's grace and unconditional love at a Walk to
Emmaus. For more information, call Philip & Lynda McKanna
at 903/663-2155.



"Living Water"

On September 14th Sara's Sisters will meet in Cornerstone
Hall at 11:00am. Our lesson will be brought by Jeannie King on
"Living Water." Some thoughts to be thinking about are: 1) Lesson
stories revolve around "Living Water", 2) Who was the woman at the
well? Jesus talked to her! 3) How has God used you and your gifts,
time and talent? 4) Do we keep communications between us and
God open? 5) Follow examples of Jesus, the one who taught us
how to pray. 6) Express faith in God's power to make changes.

Our service project for September is small personal items
for men at Hwy 80 Mission. We pray many of you will join us in our
study "I Called; God Answered, I am Changed."

In Christian Love,
Sara's Sisters



Opportunities to participate in the music ministry:

- Chancel Choir – 7 p.m. Wednesday rehearsals
- Morning Bells – 10:30 a.m. Monday rehearsals
beginning September 14th
- Chancel Bells – 5:30 p.m. Wednesday rehearsals
beginning September 16th
- Genesis Singers (grades 1-5) – 4:00 p.m. Wednesday rehearsals
- Praise Band – 6:00 p.m. Thursday rehearsals
- Youth Music (grades 6-12) – 5:00 p.m. Sundays
beginning September 13th
- Instrumental Ensembles – contact Gala
- Angel Choir (preschool-K) – 10:15 Sundays. Parent volunteers needed.

Other areas of ministry:

The **Praise and Worship Team** needs volunteers for set-up, sound, snacks, worship leading, etc. in our Disciple Praise service. We need dedicated **Youth Sponsors**. We need church **photographers** for various events in the life of the church.

Valley View Elementary Adopt-A-School

School is starting for the 2009-2010 academic year for all of our school children and youth. And before long, our church halls will ring with the voices of our Prep School children excited to be back at school.

Each year, as an Adopt-A-School sponsor we try to provide school supplies and needed items to facilitate the children at Valley View having a great school year. If you go to any of the local stores that carry school supplies, you will find the lists of supplies for each school for each grade. Please help us supply our children at Valley View by bringing supplies or contributing funds to help. They also need socks and underwear for boys and girls of elementary age K-5th grade. Bring your supplies or donations to the church office and Pat Terrell will take them to the school for us.

Also, Valley View is need of volunteers to read to students or listen to them read, go on field trips, help teacher and much more. If you are interested, there are forms in the church office to fill out to help.

Remember to Feed the Hungry

Please don't forget the Community Ministry food barrels located both upstairs and in Disciple House. Bring non-perishable food items (canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, etc.) and place them in the barrels. As a church, we try to always have food on hand for those who come here in need, and the rest goes to LCM.

Thank you all for making a difference in the lives of so many.

Blessings,
Rev. David Farmer



Hey Everyone!

It is hard to believe that it's already September...but looking back, I think we all had a great summer. We had several great weeks at camp, we had an amazing week in Houston for a mission trip, and we have had many great chances just to hang out, have fun, and fellowship with one another!

But the Fall Semester is here now and it's time to get back into a routine.

Mark your calendars now for Chi Rho and CYF Fall Rally. Chi Rho is November 6-8 and CYF is November 13-15 in Athens at Disciples Crossings.

Thanks so much & God Bless!

Tyler Lopez 972-896-9556 lopez_ty@yahoo.com

IN HIS STEPS
September 13-October 11
Fall 2009 Stewardship Campaign


Presence


Gifts


Service


Prayers



"For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example to follow In His Steps."
I Peter 2:2



Both Moore Bible Study

Ladies Bible Study starting Sun., Sept. 13th from 5:30pm-7pm in the Cornerstone Hall. Beth Moore's *Beloved Disciple: The Life and Ministry of John*. Purchase your workbook at Lifeway Christian Store for \$14.95. Come join us for fellowship and bible study! Hope to see you there!



Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Growing God's Disciples begins Tuesday, September 15 at 3:30-5:00pm.



ABC Class – Standard NIV Lesson Commentary “Human Commitment” (Character Studies)

Teacher: Rotating

ACTS Class – Book of James by Max Lucado

Teacher: Rotating

Cornerstone Class – The Present Word “Call Sealed with a Promise”

Teacher: Rick Shepherd

GNG Class The Study of Acts

Teacher: 9/6 Jeannie Dykes, 9/13 Larry Partain

Seekers Class – The Book of Acts

Teacher: Jim Lewis

Visions Class “The Shack” by Wm. P. Young

Teacher: David Farmer

Unity Class - The Present Word “Call Sealed with a Promise”

Teacher: Dick Hudson and Barbara Lewis

Young Singles 18-26

Teacher: Kelly Green, Karen Lowrey, and Kim Emerson



Members and friends prayer list: **(members in bold)**

Josh Bardwell, Kay Cook, Jane Dickey, Ann Miller, Gloria Fort, Jodie Johnson, Ruth Forester, Dorothy Canon, Tommy Eaker, Sue McGaw, Jennifer Diaz, Betty Crisler, John Henry Russell, Julia Taylor, Martha Nash, Lois Scoggins, Tommy & Lois

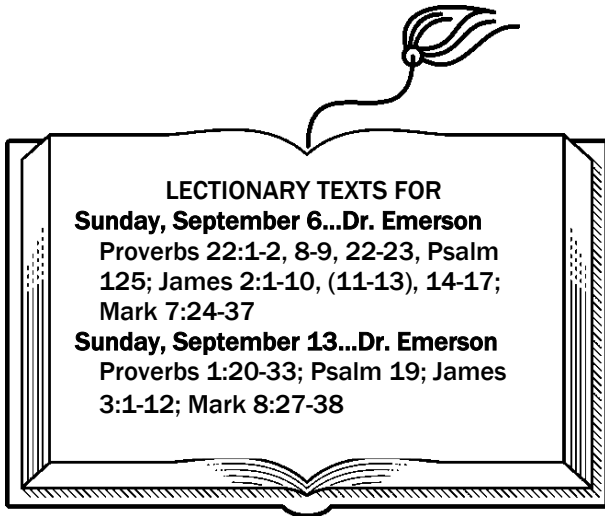
Kuykendall, Dan Downing, Ed Russell, Sue and Don Stidham, Marilyn & Travis Rieger, Patti Weaver, Jason Suter, Cash Cochran, Myrtie Findley, Marilyn Lamb, Doyal Gipe, Harold Merrit Travis Parr, Bobby Richardson, and Our Military Personnel, Firefighters, and Police.



Mildred Barker upon the death of her daughter, Jean and son-in-law, Robert.

Phyllis Allen and her family upon the death of her mother, Jeannette Johnson.

Kim Crump and her family upon the death of her father.



**LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR
Sunday, September 6...Dr. Emerson**
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, Psalm 125; James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37
Sunday, September 13...Dr. Emerson
Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

The next “The Long View” will be mailed on Tuesday, September 15th. If you have an article you wish to include in “The Long View”, please e-mail it to mfritz@fcclongview.org. or bring it to the church office no later than Thursday, September 9th.

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| ATTENDANCE | |
| WORSHIP SERVICES | |
| August 16 | 222 |
| August 23 | 256 |



We are glad to welcome Martha Cochran by transfer of membership.

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**If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute from the appropriate lists below.*

SEPTEMBER ELDER SCHEDULE FOR TABLE*

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| <p>SEPTEMBER 6 9:00 Vicky Green Connie Rash 11:16 Connie Rash</p> | <p>SEPTEMBER 13 9:00 Jeannie Dykes Richard Lucas 11:16 Richard Lucas</p> |
| <p>SEPTEMBER 20 9:00 Bob McGaw Jeff Fritz 11:16 Jeff Fritz</p> | <p>SEPTEMBER 27 9:00 Bill Moorman Betty Lucy 11:16 Betty Lucy</p> |

SEPTEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE FOR DIACONATE*

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|--|--|
| <p>SEPTEMBER 6 9:00 Teams 6 & 7 11:16 Team 8</p> | <p>SEPTEMBER 13 9:00 Teams 1 & 2 11:16 Team 3</p> |
| <p>SEPTEMBER 20 9:00 Teams 4 & 5 11:16 Team 6</p> | <p>SEPTEMBER 27 9:00 Teams 7 & 8 11:16 Team 1</p> |

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

SEPTEMBER ELDER SCHEDULE FOR HOMEBOUND

SEPTEMBER 6th
Morning
 Betty Lucy
 Connie Rash
 Doice Grant
Afternoon
 Dan Thuma

SEPTEMBER PRAISE TEAM SET-UP

| | <u>Set-Up</u> | <u>Chairs</u> | <u>Powerpoint</u> | <u>Refresh</u> |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 6 th | Kathy H. | Jim Ruth | Michelle F. | Beth Grant. |
| 13 th | Cara C. | Keith O. | Tammy W. | Cathy L. |
| 20 th | Michelle F. | Kevin M. | Michelle F. | Kerri L. |
| 27 th | Woodie T. | Jason C. | Julie C. | Christina M. |

SEPTEMBER Communion Tray Preparation:

Ann Owings and Nancy Ruff (6th & 13th)
 Cynthia and Steve Wood (20th & 27th)

SEPTEMBER PRAISE TEAM

WORSHIP LEADERS

| | |
|--|--|
| <u>SEPTEMBER 6</u> Becky Whitenack | <u>SEPTEMBER 13</u> Tyler Lopez |
| <u>SEPTEMBER 20</u> John Roberts | <u>SEPTEMBER 27</u> Woodie Terrell |

2009 SERVING ELDERS

Jeb Blount
 Wayne Dolive (LE)
 Jeannie Dykes
 Tommy Eaker
 Jeff Fritz
 Doice Grant
 Vicky Green
 Bunky Grimes
 Kathy Hayes
 Richard Lucas
 Bob McGaw (LE)
 Betty Lucy
 Bill Moorman
 Eddie Mulanax
 Connie Rash
 Betty Scott
 Bob Terrell (LE)
 Dan Thuma

Life Elders (LE): Ruth Aldridge, Rosemary Anderson, Peppy & Eva Jean Blount, Wayne Dolive, Mildred Johnston, Tom Landers, Bob McGaw, Bob Terrell

2009 DIACONATE TEAMS

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| <p><u>Team 1</u> David Brown Stella Cox Cindy Mulanax Terry Tompkins</p> | <p><u>Team 2</u> Melanie McKnight Terry McKnight Kenneth Lindsey Scott Agnew</p> |
| <p><u>Team 3</u> Kevin Massey Jake Harden Austin Fritz Christina Massey</p> | <p><u>Team 4</u> Chuck Dippold Sarah Church Jamie Dippold Rene Hughes</p> |
| <p><u>Team 5</u> Steve Wood Jane Anne Blount Roger Ogden Cynthia Wood</p> | <p><u>Team 6</u> Susan Farmer Kim Emerson Ann Owings Keith Owings</p> |
| <p><u>Team 7</u> Donna Jennings Haley Dolive Debby Deck Carter Tucker</p> | <p><u>Team 8</u> Edith Wilson Frank Lucy Woodie Terrell Tony McGuire</p> |

SEPTEMBER 2009

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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