



The Long View

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Sunday Worship – February

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
9:00am – 4:30pm
Friday
9:00am – Noon

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First Christian Church will be recognized at the Ministers' Week Brite Luncheon and will receive the "Being Brite" award for long and faithful support of Brite Divinity School. The banquet luncheon will be Tuesday, February 6 at noon at the Dee J. Kelly Alumni Center (TCU campus) in Ft. Worth.

We have 7 complimentary tickets available. If you wish to attend, call the church office to reserve your ticket.

WORSHIP AND CONCERT SERIES

LENT

at
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

February 14 @ Noon- Ash Wednesday Service

CONCERTS

February 28 @ 12:15pm- Concert
March 21 @ 12:15pm- Concert

Cornerstone hall will be open at 11:45am for brown bag lunches, drinks provided.

HOLY WEEK

March 25 @ 6pm- Worship in the style of Taize
March 29 @ 6pm- Maundy Thursday Service
March 30 @ Noon- Good Friday Service

CONCERT PERFORMANCES BY:

Jan Forester, piano; Gala Strunk, organ; Dóice Grant, trumpet;
Benjamin Shepherd, classical guitar; Kimberly Jamel, flute;
Miranda Dolive, soprano; Leigh Latchford, soprano;
Rebekah Browning, mezzo-soprano; Michael Browning, tenor

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 720 N. 6TH STREET, LONGVIEW, TEXAS

Our Ash Wednesday Service will be February 14 at noon in the Sanctuary.

Following a brief service and imposition of ashes, which prepares us for the Season of Lent, a bean and cornbread luncheon will be served in Cornerstone Hall.

RSVP by calling the church or signing up in the office.

Sojourners
Ladies Bible
Study

6 Week DVD Study
Mondays at Noon
Starting Feb. 4
Mansinger
BYO Lunch

First Corinthians

Living Love
When We Disagree

Contact Rev. Miranda or Rev. Evan
for more information

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Parents' Night Out – Saturday, Feb. 3 @ 6:00 pm (DH)
Pastor's Class – Sun., Feb. 4 @ 9:30 am; Sun., Feb. 11 @ 10:15 am
Morning Bells – Every Monday @ 10:30 am (MS)
Corner Workshop – Every Wednesday from 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Creative Cottage – Every Wednesday from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (Man)
Growing God's Disciples – Every Wednesday @ 3:30 pm
Genesis Singers – Every Wednesday @ 4:00 pm (MS)
Bible Study – Every Wednesday @ 5:00 pm (C)
Chancel Bells – Every Wednesday @ 5:15 pm (MS)
Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Every Wednesday @ 6:30 pm (MS)
Slow Flow Yoga/Chair – Every Monday & Wednesday @ 2:00 pm (CH)
Slow Flow Yoga – Every Thursday @ 8:30 am (CH)
Praise Band Rehearsal – Every Thursday @ 6:30 (DH)



Tuesday Trippers are heading to Sulphur Springs Tuesday, February 20.

A few things we can check out are:

Southwest Dairy Center & Museum
Leo St. Clair Music Box at the public library
Lunch (Pioneer Café/Joe's German Restaurant/Arturo's Wood Fired Pizza)
Gift stores/sweet shoppe
America's only public bathrooms with see-thru walls (you can see out but no one can see in)
The Bookworm Box (to check out how they do their charity work)

Meet for a 10:00 am departure at the minibus shed. Hope you can join us and invite a friend!

Pastor's Class will begin Sunday, February 4 during the Sunday School hour. Those youth (usually grade 5 or older) or adults who would like to participate in this 8 week study are to contact Lyn Blount or Richard Emerson. Come learn about FCC and prepare an understanding of Baptism and your Christian journey.

Fellowship Dinner with Friends

Tuesdays at 5:45 pm

February 6 – Casa Ole (on the Loop)
February 13 – Casa Ole (on the Loop)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 30 – All Church pre-sale, auction and dinner. Proceeds to benefit the youth program and Operation Christmas Child.

May 31 through June 2 – Church Garage Sale. Funds raised will be used for debt reduction of air conditioner loan.

Look for more details later about collection of items and setup.



PREP School will be enrolling for the 2018 - 2019 school year on Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 9:00 am. PREP School serves children ages 6 months - Kindergarten. Our hours of operation are:

9:00 am - 2:30 pm, Monday - Thursday
9:00 am - noon on Friday.

If you are interested in learning more about the PREP School Program, please call Pam at 903-758-0320 or visit our website at www.prepschoolfcc.com. If interested, you can stop by the PREP School office to pick up a registration form.



We have a lot of great things planned for this year! Go to fcclongview.org/youthdates to see the schedule.

The Chi Rho Mid Winter Retreat is February 9 – 11 and the CYF Mid Winter Retreat is February 16 – 18. Make plans to attend!

Youth Sunday is March 4 @ 10:45 am. Be sure to come on February 18 and February 26 for practice at 5:00 pm. It's going to be great!

Mark your calendars now for the Southeast Texas Mission Trip! We are excited about having First Methodist and Trinity Episcopal to join us this year. Go to fcclongview.org/missiontrip to see more info.

I hope 2018 is off to a great start!

To the members of First Christian Church:

I want to thank all of you for supporting Operation Christmas Child (OCC) in 2017.

We were able to create and deliver 501 boxes which were sent to Mexico, Haiti and Ghana. This was all due to the generosity of those who helped by packing boxes at home and at the packing party. A special thanks to those who supplied items and donated money, used their trucks to transport the larger boxes and going to the process center in Dallas. (Fun was had by all!)

Most of all, thank you to those who devoted their time during the drop off week. We could not have done it without your help.

Special thanks go to the following people on my OCC team: Vicky Green, Jeannie King, Bobbie Roberts, Jodi Bachtell and Maddie Johnson.

Also thank you to Sara's Sisters, Melanie and Terry McKnight, Creative Cottage and Judy Enlow for their special gifts.

Thanks to all!

To all the good folk of the Hospitality Committee - food fixers:

I want to thank all of you who took the time and care to feed so many Terrells and more at Emmanuel's Memorial. I know some of you know the comfort that time with family and a bite to eat mean. Y'all were so precious and we really did appreciate it.

The Terrells



For some time now, many of us have been pondering how we can better reach our community this day in age. This is a difficult question and I don't think there

is only one right answer. One thing we know is true for us, based on our recent Holy Cow survey, is the need to be flexible in all aspects of church life. The survey showed that the churches in America that were growing also had a high degree of flexibility.

As your Music Minister, I find myself asking how can we be flexible in our worship without losing who we are as Disciples of Christ? How can we reach a congregation and community with tastes across the musical spectrum? How can we better feel the Spirit of God in our worship? We do this by loving one another. We do this by putting our own likes and dislikes aside in order to hear out someone else's desires. We do this by knowing others love us in return enough to honor our way of worshiping as well. This may mean that we begin incorporating more art, theological poetry, worshipful movement, nature and many other aspects into our worship in order that we may experience God in new ways. We have to be flexible enough to try new things (and I promise we will not forget the old!) for those things hold much value and are steeped in meaning, history and personal connections and remembrances are of the utmost importance. If we blend our ideas, just think of the power that we might have! We must learn to unite in one body as we do each week at communion. To love another as we love ourselves. To bend so that we can grow. To embrace change without fear, knowing God is our leader and guide and in God we put our trust.

I don't even know how to begin to thank all of you at First Christian for wrapping us in the cocoon of your love and care during the time of horrendous grief in the death of Emmanuel.

Folks don't really understand the Christ like passion and love we have for one another, but y'all sure demonstrated it in full force that day as you do always. First Christian Church, you are an honor to us and a gift to our community.

The Terrells



Adult Sunday School

ABC Class – "Self-Controlled, Upright, and Godly Faith"

Meets 4th floor, West End, Last Room

Teacher: Rotating

ACTS Class – Lectionary Reading

Meets 4th floor, East End, Last Room

Teacher: Rotating

Cornerstone Class – "A Living Faith in God"

Meets in Cornerstone Hall

Teacher: Rick Shepherd

GNG Class — "The Bible: An Introduction" by Dr. Jerry L. Sumney

Meets in Conference Room

Teacher: Rotating

Seekers Class – "Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White" by

Adam Hamilton

Meets 4th floor, East End - Last Room on Right

Teacher: Bill Holloman

Sojourners – "The Bible: An Introduction" by Jerry Sumney

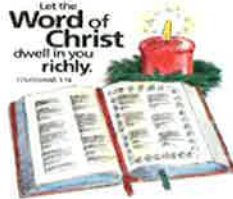
Meets in Mansinger House on 7th Street

Teacher: Rev. Evan Dolive

Visions Class – "Great Stories in the Bible"

Meets 4th floor, West End, Last Room on Right

Teacher: David Farmer



LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR:

Sunday, February 4

Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20c; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23;

Mark 1:29-39

Dr. Richard Emerson

Sunday, February 11

2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Rev. Evan Dolive

Attendance

WORSHIP SERVICES

January 21	184
January 28	163

SUNDAY SCHOOL

January 21	154
January 28	147

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or on social media!

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Follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/fcclongview where you can see scriptures, pictures and upcoming events.

Members and Friends Prayer List

Members: Carlos & Margaret Griffin, Terrell Families, Geraldine Dickinson, David Grimes, Bunky Grimes, Dewayne Bruce, Ramona Dickinson, Debi & Les Plaxco, Martha Cochran, Andy Malone, Lacey Cline, Colton Rieger

Friends: Carrie Gilliland, Cora Rae, Baby Washington, Asher & Caden Gravley, Kevin P., Cherie Humphrey, Marilyn Bailey, Jean Ann Furrh, Andrea Lessard, Sue Chavers, Baby Caroline's parents, House of Hope, Elena R., Frances Williams, Karen Brandt, Dustin Welch, Luis Ortega, Kelly Barker, Shannon Lopic, Riley Crocker, Sandy & Jimmy Matthews, Fern Kissell, Lydia McDonald, Sarah Cotter, Jerry Rhinehart, Theresa Neslony & Family, Dennis Kissell



We extend Christian sympathy to the family of Brock Gumm upon his death.

Also, to Kathy Bratz and family upon the death of her mother, Billie Jo Hightower.

And to Rick Shepherd and family upon the death of his sister-in-law, Vivian Shepherd.



Memorial Gifts

Memorial Gifts can be made to the church in memory, honor or celebration to many different church funds such as the Building Fund, Property Fund, Bethany Home, General Memorial Fund, Library, Music Fund, Pipe Organ Fund, Youth, Info Tech, etc. There is a memorial book in the parlor that lists memorials given. Take a moment to review this book.



FCC Flower Ministry is a great way to acknowledge your loved ones in honor/memory/celebration, etc. FCC provides a rosebud for the birth of a child of an active church member. Purchasing a flower arrangement for the chancel is a great way to honor the birth of grandchildren and their parents. We have many dates available; please check with Alicia in the church office.

The next "The Long View" will be mailed on Thursday, February 8th. If you have an article you wish to include in "The Long View", please e-mail it to bkirkindoll@fcclongview.org or bring it to the church office no later than noon Monday, February 5th.

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