



# The Long View

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### Sunday Worship

9:00 am - Sunday School  
10:00 am - Fellowship in Parlor  
10:30 am - Worship Service in Sanctuary

### OFFICE HOURS

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

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### **71<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL TRI-AREA DISCIPLES MEN SPRING RETREAT**

**MAY 18 – 20, 2018**

**DISCIPLES CROSSING, ATHENS, TX**

Retreat hosted by Northeast Area, North Texas Area  
& Trinity Brazos Area of the Southwest Region

Scripture & Theme: Rough Cut Men

Registration forms are available in the church office

Cost: \$59 non seniors (under 55); \$38 seniors

### **SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING**

Sunday, May 20 after worship service

Cornerstone Hall

Sign up in the church office.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

May 20 – Garage Sale Setup after worship service

May 21 – May 29 – Garage Sale Setup/Pricing

May 30 – All Church pre-sale, auction and dinner at 6:00 pm.

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.

**Sign up in the church office for each date!**



**BOARD MEETING**

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

May 21 @ 6:00 pm

Cornerstone Hall

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sara's Sisters – May 14 @ 11:00 am (CH)  
Parent's Night Out – May 19 @ 6:00 pm (DH)  
Board Meeting – May 21 @ 6:00 pm (CH)  
Heritage Bible Study – May 22 @ 10:00 am (P)  
Prayer Group – May 22 @ 6:30 pm (Van Burkleo's)  
Ladies' Bible Study – Sundays @ 4:00 pm (Man)  
Ladies' Bible Study – Mondays @ 12:00 pm (Man)  
Men's Bible Study – Mondays @ 6:00 pm (Man)  
Acts Bible Study – Wednesdays @ 5:00 pm (C)



Tuesday Trippers are heading to

Mineola, TX

May 15 @ 10:00 am

Sign up in the church office!



On May 19 at 2:00 pm, I will be awarded the Gold Award which is the highest possible award in Girl Scouts. The award requires badge work as well as a community service project that shows

involvement, leadership and sustainability.

I would like to invite the congregation of First Christian Church to attend this ceremony in the sanctuary followed by a reception in the parlor.

I would also like to invite you to a Girl Scout fundraiser on June 10th at 12:00 pm in Disciple House following the worship service. The fundraiser will be a chicken spaghetti lunch. Please sign up in the church office. Tickets are \$10.00 and should be paid in advance. The money raised will go toward the Ambassadors (11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders) in Troop 2851 for their Gold Awards and to send a Girl Scout to Washington, D.C. next summer.

Thank You!

Maddie Johnson

We are hosting LIHN June 3 – 10.

Please sign up online at

[www.fcclongview.org](http://www.fcclongview.org)



## Fellowship Dinner with Friends

Tuesdays at 5:45 pm

May 15 & May 22

Fisherman's Market



Location: Silver Grizzly Coffee Shop (Espresso)  
100 W. Tyler St., Longview

When: Tuesday, May 22 @ 9:30 am

Contact: Ann Grimes (903) 806-6737 for more information

Come join us, bring a friend or make a new one.

## DAY CAMP 2018!

June 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

Day Camp Sunday - June 24th

If you haven't signed up, call Lyn ASAP!!!



## The PREP School DISCOVERY DAYS 2018

"An Adventure Every Day"

Week 1 – July 10 & 11 ~ Space

Week 2 – July 17 & 18 ~ Ocean/Beach

Week 3 – July 24 & 25 ~ Camping

Week 4 – July 31 & August 1 ~ Farm

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!



The East Texas Literacy Council's 27<sup>th</sup> annual spelling bee luncheon will be on June 6 at the Pine Tree Junior High Cafeteria from 11:30 – 1:30 pm.

We need volunteers to participate in the spelling bee. Sign up in the church office!

**Genesis Singers present their songs for  
Arabella Assisted Living  
Wed., May 15 @ 4:30 pm**



*Be sure to sign up for the mission trip on June 25 – 29 ASAP! Go to [bit.ly/missiontrip2018](http://bit.ly/missiontrip2018) today!!!*

### **Disciple Crossing Camps:**

*Family Camp 1: (May 25-27 & August 10-12) – for ages 0 to 18 who are accompanied by an adult chaperone (21 years of age or older)*

*Grand Camp: (June 1-3) – for ages 4 to 10 who are accompanied by one or more of their grandparents.*

*Adventure Camp: (June 4-9) –for grades 6 through 12. Camp begins at 10:00 am on Monday and ends at 10:00 am on Saturday. Drop off and pick up will be arranged at Disciples Crossing's main camp.*

*Discovery Camp: (June 8-10) –for grades 1 and 2. Discovery campers attend with one or both parents and/or their primary guardian. Grandparents who would like to take grandkids to camp should plan to attend Grand Camp or Family Camp.*

*Chi Rho: (June 11-16 and July 16-21) – for grades 6 and 7. Chi Rho Camp is one of the most unique and memorable experiences of all our summer camps. The week is filled with silly large group games, small groups where we practice talking about our faith, worship experiences and great keynotes.*

*CYF Conference: (June 18 – 23) – for grades 10 through 12. CYF Conference is at the Main Camp.*

*Niners: (June 18 – 23) – Grade 9 (Niners) focuses on leadership development and spirituality. Campers are taught ways to strengthen their faith practices and how to use their gifts and talents to serve God. Niners is held at the Creative Camp.*

*Eighters Youth Conference: (June 24 – 30) – Grade 8 AKA "Created to be Me" Camp Eighters is designed to teach campers about spirituality and sexuality through a wonderful Christian curriculum. Parents will receive detailed information about each day's topic and theme after they enroll their camper in the session.*

*JYF Camp: ( July 2 – 6) – for grades 3 through 5. Campers attend without a family member for the first time.*

*Water Sports Camp: July 30 – August 3*



Cornerstone Class invites First Christian Church to join us in our "May Means Peanut Butter & Jelly Birthday Collection" in honor of Rita Jo

Campbell and Charlie Dog. Rita Jo, a member of the Cornerstone class and a volunteer at the Food Box, saw this great need for our children in the summer months.

Rita Jo had a birthday party for Charlie Dog and everyone was asked to bring peanut butter and jelly for the Food Box.

We are accepting money and peanut butter and jelly. We have made arrangements with Kroger to purchase peanut butter at the sales price.

Thank you FCC for your support.

### **OUTREACH COMMITTEE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**



Habitat's vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. In Longview, families and individuals apply for homeownership based on three criteria:

The applicant's level of need

The applicant's willingness to partner with Habitat

The applicant's ability to repay a mortgage through an affordable payment plan

Habitat's homeowners invest hundreds of hours of their own labor alongside volunteers and other Habitat homeowners.

Founded in 1973 at Koinonia Farm outside of Americus, Georgia by a farmer and biblical scholar, Clarence Jordan, and then by the Fullers who extended the dream for Habitat for Humanity in 1976.

This dream has changed lives by offering a hand in time of need. Pride of homeownership builds strong and stable communities.

For donations or volunteer opportunities, call Habitat at (903) 236-0900.

Martha Murray  
Outreach

Thank you for your response to our Property Loan Debt Reduction Capital Campaign. We received 28 pledges totaling \$65,740. Your faithfulness enables us to reduce our debt as we move forward to continue in repair, maintenance and improvement of our facilities. If you have not returned a pledge card, it isn't too late. You may send your pledge card to the church office or contact Alicia with your information.

# Adult Sunday School

## ABC Class – “Give Praise to God”

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> floor, West End, Last Room

Teacher: Rotating

## ACTS Class – Lectionary Reading

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> floor, East End - Last Room on Right

Teacher: Bill Holloman

## Sojourners – “Invitation to Psalms” by Michael Jinkins

Meets in Mansinger House on 7<sup>th</sup> Street

Teacher: Rev. Evan Dolive

## Visions Class – “Great Stories in the Bible”

Meets 4<sup>th</sup> floor, West End, Last Room on Right

Teacher: David Farmer

## Members and Friends Prayer List

**Members:** Les Cole, Dianne Glaze, Haley Dolive, Jodie Johnson, Sharon Wilson, David Roberts, Jamie & Madi Hill, Billie Ogden, Ann Owings, June Green, Kathy Jackson, Carlos & Margaret Griffin, Geraldine Dickinson, David Grimes, Bunky Grimes, Ramona Dickinson, Debi & Les Plaxco, Martha Cochran, Andy Malone, Lacey Cline, Colton Rieger

**Friends:** Jim Lockheart & family, Tristan B., Larry McDonald, Meredith Salazar, Cherie Humphrey, Hunter Racicot Ferguson, Patty Reid-White, Carter King, Madeliene Smith, Yvonne Davis, Marilyn Bailey, Sage Thompson, Dorothy & Byron Horne, Mickey Gay, Drew Balch, Steve Gray, Mary Bell Tutt, Carl Neal, Mike Hand, Theresa Neslony & family, Sarah Cotter, Helen Reynolds, Jerry & Mary Rhinehart



We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Anne Benbow upon her death. And to David Brown and family upon the death of his father, T. C. Brown. Also to Charlotte LaGrone at the death of her brother.



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.

### LECTIONARY TEXTS FOR:

Sunday, May 13

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Dr. Richard Emerson

Sunday, May 20

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm

104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27 or Acts

2:1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Dr. Richard Emerson



**The next “The Long View” will be mailed on Thursday, May 24. If you have an article you wish to include in “The Long View”, please e-mail it to [bkirkindoll@fcclongview.org](mailto:bkirkindoll@fcclongview.org) or bring it to the church office no later than noon Thursday, May 17.**

# Attendance

## WORSHIP SERVICES

April 29 .....	172
May 6 .....	230

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 29 .....	111
May 6 .....	110

## APRIL CONTRIBUTIONS

Actual	70,970
Budgeted	56,924
Contributions YTD	244,338
Budgeted contributions YTD	227,695

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## ***Worshipping as One***

The past six weeks we have embarked on something new. Some members gave up their familiar worship space, some gave up practices they cherished, all gave up what they were accustomed to, to brave something new. As your Minister of Music, this has not been an easy shift. Balancing the wants and needs of all in order to bring us together has been the most challenging task for me thus far. But, I thank you for your willingness and courage to see God in a new way in order for us to move forward together as one church.

As we embark on this journey, we will continue to follow the liturgical calendar. You may have noticed that this past series, "New Beginnings", was in line with the lectionary and followed the Season of Eastertide. On May 20, we will begin a new series, "People of the Spirit", which begins with Pentecost. As we journey together we seek to know, understand and contemplate God as Spirit and our worship will continue to develop. We are still very much in the infancy of this new style of worship and I am diligently working to make each service speak to you individually and as a whole.

Ultimately, we come to worship to find God and praise and thank God for all we are given. With change comes uncertainty and loss but change can also bring about innovation and growth. Let us look to the future with hope. Let us love our fellow worshippers enough to try something a new way. Let us seek to be "People of the Spirit" striving to understand what God wants from us. Let us resist leaning on our own preferences and practices and step out in faith to see God in a different way. With this frame of mind we can, together as one, seek to find a place of worship that speaks to the souls of all those gathered; we are stronger together than we are apart.

Go with God and Go in Love,

Rev. Miranda