August - Sunday Worship
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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Church Shirts
Bring a shirt of your choice to the church office to receive an embroidered church logo on it. The deadline to bring the shirt has been extended to the end of August. The cost is $5 per shirt.

COME JOIN THE MUSIC!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Upcoming Dates:
Chancel Choir - Every Wednesday at 6:45 pm
Genesis Singers – Starting Wednesday, Sept. 6th at 4:00 pm
Chancel Bells – Starting Wednesday, Sept. 6th at 5:15 pm
Exodus Youth Choir and Bells – Sunday, Sept. 10th at 4:00 pm
Morning Bells – Monday, Sept. 11th at 10:30 am

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT REV. MIRANDA

Have you ever wanted to understand the Bible as one complete story?

Join us for “Seamless” by Angie Smith as we seek to piece it all together. This ladies study will be every Sunday for 6 weeks beginning Sept. 10th – Oct. 15th, 5 pm, at Creative Cottage (Mansinger House).

We will have a great time studying God’s word with Angie’s short videos, group discussion, Bible Art Journaling (optional) and lots of good fellowship.

This Bible study is the same time as the youth activity.

Contact Dottie Bachtell at (903) 736-6215 for further information.
August 20th - 12:30 pm Cabinet Committee Chairs meeting  
(Cornerstone Hall)  
August 21st – 6:00 pm Elder’s Meeting (Music Suite)  
August 22nd - 5:45 pm Summer Fellowship Dinner (Luby’s)  
August 22nd – 6:30 pm Prayer Group at the Dykes’ home  
August 23rd - 6:45 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal resumes  
August 29th - 5:00 pm PREP School Open House  
August 29th - 5:45 pm Summer Fellowship Dinner (Luby’s)  

All committee chairs are invited to attend a cabinet meeting to plan Fall ministries/events on Sunday, August 20th at 12:30 pm.

Tuesday Trippers!  
On Tuesday, August 18th, the Tuesday Trippers traveled to Lindale, Texas. We visited The Cannery, enjoyed a good meal, and Miranda Lambert’s Pink Pistol. The Potter’s Popcorn was a hit as well as several antique shops. Rev. Richard insisted we return home via Mineola. It’s amazing the number of Disciple churches we saw along the way.

Be sure to sign up for the next excursion on September 19th to Mt. Pleasant. Some of the locations will be Sweet Shop USA Chocolate Factory, Los Pinos Winery, Efurd Peach stand and the Chicken Chapel.

Guess What?!  
It’s hard to realize, but very soon school will be starting! Just to remind you, Ware Elementary is our Adopt a School project. We will be providing supplies for 1st – 5th grades. The stores are already stocking supplies so, if you pass through, you might start picking some up. No bottled glue! Glue sticks only. All the supplies can be left in the church office. If you wish to make a donation, make the check payable to First Christian Church and give your check or money to Alicia.

In Christian Love,  
Pat Terrell

Community Prayer Event  
August 27th @ 6:00 pm  
Broughton Recreation Center  
Join fellow Christians to pray for our community at the start of a new school year.

Creative Cottage Happenings  
Come by the Mansinger House and join us on Wednesdays from 11:00-1:30. Bring your own lunch! We will have coffee and tea! “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters.” Colossians 3:23

Corner Workshop Hours  
Every Wednesday from 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Summer Fellowship Dinner with Friends  
Tuesdays at 5:45 PM  
August 22nd and 29th – Luby’s

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD  
2017 Dates: Drop-off November 13 – 20  
*$9.00 donation for each box to cover shipping  
*All Church packing party in late October - Stay tuned for the date  

Last year our church collected over 300 boxes. Our goal for this year is 400 boxes. I hope that you will take part in this amazing adventure. Each box is estimated to touch over 10 lives.

It’s time to start thinking about collecting items for your boxes.  
IDEAS:  
-Walmart has school supplies on sale now: colored pencils, markers, crayons and spiral notebooks. Each box needs school supplies.  
-Harbor Freight has coupons that can be used to get free items for older boy’s boxes: flashlights, tools and batteries.  
-Children’s meals at McDonalds, Dairy Queen, etc. usually have toys - great for boxes.  
-Dentists will give out extra tooth brushes if you ask. NO toothpaste!  
-Promotional baseball hats, pens/pencils, cups, water bottles and bags given out are great for shoeboxes.  
-Fishing gear – hooks, bobbers, line and plastic lures  

Things to collect:  
Large pill bottles from pharmacies, wine corks, empty frosting tubs  
Sewing items for older girls – buttons, zippers, pins and needles, thread, safety pins.  

Adopt-A-Box 2017: New Ideas  
Beginning the first of August till the end of September  
If you would like to help with the packing party, and don’t have the time to shop, a $20-$25 donation will help buy supplies for the boxes.  
Your name and a note will be included in several boxes before delivery.  
*More details later.

Call Ann Grimes with any questions (903) 806-6737
**Blessing of the Backpack Sunday** is August 27th (meet at 10:00 am in the parlor). Be sure to bring your backpack to worship so we can pray for you and the next school year. This will also be the day when our new 6th graders will join us for Sunday School. We will begin youth activities on September 10th.

If you are interested in playing youth bells, contact Rev. Miranda at mdolive@fcclongview.org.

Have a great rest of your summer!!

Be sure to check the website fcclongview.org/youthdates for updates as well as add yourself to the remind text list. Text @rehev to 81010 and follow the prompts.

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**A/C COMING**

The Children’s Building Air Conditioning replacement work is still an ongoing project.

The nursery will be in the Boy Scout room and ages 4 years – 5th grade will be in the Chi Rho room August 20th.

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**EVANGELISM/ENTHUSIASM NEWS**

We have some projects planned as we kick off Fall.

* We will be visiting Sunday School classes to distribute mini-Bibles for members to give to others. For those that are not active in a Sunday School class, there will be Bibles for you to pick up in the foyer. Pray about being open and mindful when an opportunity presents itself for you to share God’s love with this small and wonderful book!

* We will be ordering t-shirts for our congregation soon.

* We are in the process of creating visitor gift bags. Be looking for some goodies at our Visitor Station in the foyer.

* We are coordinating with Miranda Dolive ways to reach out to PREP school families that don’t have a church home.

* Be thinking about friends and acquaintances you can invite to the October picnic.

* We will have a peel off visitor sticker that guests may choose to wear. If you see this tag on someone, WELCOME them with a warm FCC encounter! Let’s be sure that guests and visitors don’t leave without our FCC genuine and heart-felt greeting!

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**Congratulations to Rebecca Thacker Herrera upon the birth of a baby girl on July 24th, 2017**

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**House of Hope Update**

**Summer, 2017**

Summer is waning, vacationers are headed home and folks are being bombarded by back to school ads. But at House of Hope, not much changes day to day. Feeding 50-70 ladies each day, helping these ladies with daily needs and preparing for life after House of Hope, with 2 babies due, keeping the lights and AC running, paying bills, medical emergencies, medications and other needs just don’t stop in the summer. We are not Hwy. 80 Rescue Mission. We have no regular income except the hearts of our community.

As a board member for House of Hope, I am more aware of these continuing needs than most. FCC is a strong partner in helping this ministry continue. We are committed to a monthly donation. ACTs and Sojourners have brought meals recently and Seekers have volunteered for this month. Thank you to all so much for your faithfulness.

I am also aware that the cupboards and freezers are getting very sparse. Monetary donations have dropped way down. Sister Helen is having trouble paying bills, buying groceries and paying the few salaries. I know no one can do it all but we can all do a little so I thought I would put it on the table. We need help.

Any monetary donation would be truly appreciated.

**Grocery and personal needs**

- Meats, Cheese, Lunch Meats
- Peanut butter, Bread, Crackers
- Cereal, Sugar, Pasta
- Fresh Vegetables and Fruit
- Canned Vegetables, Soups and Sauces
- Condiments: Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Mustard, etc.
- Paper Products and Feminine Products

Go by, leave them in the office or call me and I’ll get with you.

Woodie Terrell
903-806-5751

We have several open dates for Chancel Flowers. This is a wonderful way to honor or remember those you love. If you are interested in reserving a date, please contact Alicia in the church office.

The Chancel Flower Ministry needs vases. Bud vases aren’t needed.
Adult Sunday School

ABC Class – “Creation: A Divine Cycle” – NIV
Standard Lesson Commentary – Meets 4th floor, West End, Last Room
Teacher: Rotating

ACTS Class – Weekly Lectionary study
Meets 4th floor, East End, Last Room
Teacher – Kim Emerson and Donna McFarland

Teacher: Rick Shepherd

GNG Class – Lectionary Readings – Meets in Conference Room
Teacher: Rotating

Seekers Class – “Half Truths” 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, August 20th
Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28
Dr. Richard Emerson

Sunday, August 27
Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20
Dr. Richard Emerson

**ATTENDANCE**

**WORSHIP SERVICES**
August 6  176
August 13  203

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**
August 6  127
August 13  134

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**General Fund**
Received as of 07/31/2017  $60,105
Budgeted as of 07/31/2017  $63,462
Received year-to-date  $390,703
Budgeted year-to-date  $444,231
YTD Income less expenses  $2,056

**Members and Friends Prayer List**

**Members:** Frances Utzman, Dickinson Family, Billie Maberry, Sharon Wilson, Martha Cochran, Bunky Grimes, J. C. Fort, Merry Ann Tinsley, Tom Cook, Kathie Russell, Gail Adams, Randy & Kay Cook, Sue Ann Putman, Lois Kuykendall, Rylan Roberts, Wayne Dolive, Dorothy Garth, Jerry Thacker, Bob & Pris Zboray, Buster Cupit, Andy Malone, Lacey Cline, Roxanne Allen, Colton Rieger, Karen Albers, Jeannine Smith, Traci Owings and family

**Friends:** Sheila Riggs, Martha Jo Talbot, Kenneth Bradshaw, Akeshia & Frank Vann, Ashley Middaugh, Chastity Lett, Nelda Muckleroy, The Brannon Family, The Faucheux Family, The Larry Family, Dr. Joe Johnson, Melinda McKnight, Erin Marshall, Tommy LeTard, Melba Anderson, Aaron Lloyd, Pearl Bostic, John Benjamin, Marvin Thomas, Christian Hughes, Ashley Hughes, Lori Hughes, Theresa Neslony & Family, Betty Perry, Betty Glover

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**Our deepest sympathy to:**
Traci Owings upon the death of her sister, Phyllis Ann Petty Hendrick; Priscilla Taker upon the death of her step-mother, Jean Burns; Merry Ann Tinsley upon the death of her son, Kurt Tinsley; and the family of Linda Jarvis upon her death.

Memorials 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.

**The next “The Long View” will be mailed on Thursday, August 31st. 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 Thursday, August 24th.**