



# 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

## OFFICE CLOSED

**MONDAY, MAY 28  
MEMORIAL DAY**

## CHURCH STAFF

DR. RICHARD C. EMERSON  
Senior Minister

REV. EVAN DOLIVE  
Associate Minister

REV. DAVID FARMER  
Minister of Outreach

REV. MIRANDA DOLIVE  
Minister of Music

REV. GALA STRUNK  
Organist

LYN BLOUNT  
Dir. of Children's Ministries

PAM SURLS  
P.R.E.P. School Director

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Financial Secretary/  
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GEORGE TERRELL  
Facilities Coordinator

BETH GRANT  
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BETTY KIRKINDOLL  
Secretary

HERB WARREN  
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**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 - 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!**

**Contact Ann Grimes or Chris Shelton with any questions.**



## 2018 Longview FCC Auction, Dinner & Church Pre-Sale Raffle Drawing

First Prize: \$200 Exxon Gas Card

Second Prize: \$100 Gift Card to Papacita's

Third Prize: \$35 Gift Card to Copeland's of New Orleans

Fourth Prize: \$25 Gift Card to Outback Steakhouse

Contact Chris Shelton @ (903) 353-4063 to purchase tickets.

\$2 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$5

The money raised will go towards the debt reduction of the Property A/C Loan



The revised Elder and Diaconate serving schedule is in the church office if you did not pick one up at the Board meeting.

The Safe Sanctuaries policy goes into effect June 1. All persons interested in working with youth (Sunday School, Day Camp, etc.) must complete training and background check.

**A new church picture directory is in the works!**

Pictures will be taken on:

Oct. 17 – 20

Oct. 23 – 25



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Parent's Night Out – June 9 @ 6:00 pm (DH)  
Sara's Sisters – June 11 @ 11:00 am (CH)  
Prayer Group – June 12 @ 6:30 pm (Dyke's)  
Care & Concern – June 13 @ 9:30 am (C)  
Elders' Meeting – June 18 @ 5:30 pm (CH)



*Help Us Give the Patients at Rusk State Hospital a Happy Birthday!!*

*June 28*

*You or your class can help by:*

- *Making or taking up an offering to help with the cost of gifts and party supplies. (Collections may be given to David Farmer)*
- *Volunteering to bring a cake, or two, or three! We need about 50 or more cakes. Bring the cakes to the church conference room by 4:30 pm on Wednesday, June 27.*

May 14, 2018

Dr. Richard Emerson  
Congregation  
First Christian Church  
Longview, TX 75601

Please accept this letter as notice of my resignation from my position as organist. My last day of employment will be June 30.

Two years ago, I retired from the position of Minister of Music and Organist and remained organist/accompanist. After a career of serving churches for nearly 50 years, 40 years being at First Christian Church, Longview, I have decided to fully retire from the position. I think it's time to have some Sundays off!

I want to express my love and gratitude for the staff at First Christian Church and for the members who have supported me throughout the years. This has been a difficult decision, having been on my mind for many months. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to offer music to the glory of God and to continue my prayer "O Lord of my life, sing through me".

I love you all and covet your prayers. I will keep you in my prayers.

Sincerely yours,  
Gala Strunk

## Fellowship Dinner with Friends

*Tuesdays at 5:45 pm*  
*May 29 & June 5 – Fisherman's Market*  
*June 12 & June 19 – Jalapeno Tree*



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

When: Tuesday, June 5 @ 9:30 am  
(We will not meet on June 19)

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

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

### DAY CAMP 2018!

*The theme for 2018 is "Love One Another"*  
*June 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*Day Camp Sunday - June 24<sup>th</sup>*

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



### The PREP School DISCOVERY DAYS 2018

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!!



We need volunteers to participate in the spelling bee June 6 at the Pine Tree

Jr. High Cafeteria from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm. Sign up in the church office!

I would 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.



Thank You!  
Maddie Johnson



*Please welcome our new members!*  
*Phillip T. Atkins*  
*Ray T. Hatcher & Kennedy C. Hatcher*



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. **(Evan is attending.)**

**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 I:** (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)

**JYF Camp II:** (August 6 – 9) **(Lyn is attending.)**

### **OUTREACH UPDATE**

So much outreach goes on throughout First Christian Church that goes unnoticed (but not unappreciated). Case in point: In 2017, the Cornerstone Sunday School Class donated \$5,921.41 to local community outreach causes. From Highway 80 Rescue Mission to Food Box to school supplies to disaster relief (and many more), this caring and compassionate group of Christ's followers showed His love to those in need this last year.

Well done good and faithful servants.

Rev. David



### **SARA'S SISTERS "SALAD TIME"**

Sara's Sisters met May 14 in Cornerstone Hall. We were minus a number of our members.

Hopefully, they and some new members will be with us on June 11 at 11:00 am in Cornerstone Hall.

Vicky opened our meeting with our group prayer. Our care and concern were Betty Scott, Barbara, Gerry and Ramona Dickinson. The Spiritual Life Retreat was held at Disciples Crossing in Athens, Texas. Vicky Green, Jeannie King, Ann Grimes, Dottie Bachtell and Faith Fort attended. The minutes were read by Jolene and Vicky gave the Treasurer's Report of \$299.22 and Least Coin Report of \$82.94. Items were brought for the Rainbow Room, our service project.

Vicky brought our study from 2 Kings on Athaliah, wife of Jehoram. She was the only woman to rule over Judah and murdered her family members to gain complete control of the royal line of Judah. She was ultimately vanquished by her sister, Jehosheba and husband, Jehoiada, the high priest, who saved Joash, Athalian's son, who was crowned the rightful King of Judah.

In June, we will collect money for Blessing Boxes which will go to the Disciple Mission. We will also collect small personal items for House of Hope. The Least Coin goes to the Common World Fund of Church Women United. Contact Vicky Green to make a contribution.

At our June meeting, we will discuss our budget, review our projects, look at new study materials and finish sign up for hostesses and program leaders. All of our officers are staying the same for next year. It was noted to create a Membership Committee led by Ann Grimes.

We invite all of you to our June meeting and pray you will not be sorry you visited and had fellowship with us. Don't forget salad for lunch.

In Christian love,  
Sara's Sisters

# Adult Sunday School

**ABC Class** – “God is Just and Merciful”  
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:** Betty Scott, Les Cole, Dianne Glaze, 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:** Ideallie Bruner, Brittany Gill, Bet Sisson, Jack Carlton, Glen Wells, Josh Matter, Richard Payne, Marilynn Locke, Shannon Lopic, Gunner Wood, Javen Collins, Jim Lockheart & family, Tristan B., Larry McDonald, Meredith Salazar, Cherie Humphrey, Hunter Racicot Ferguson, Madeliene Smith, Yvonne Davis, Marilyn Bailey, Drew Balch, Mary Bell Tutt, Carl Neal, Mike Hand, Theresa Neslony & family, Jerry & Mary Rhinehart

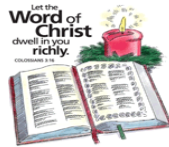


Memorials Gifts can be made to the church in memory, honor or celebration to many different church funds such as the Building Fund, Property Fund, Bethany Home, General Memorial Fund, Library, Music Fund, Pipe Organ Fund, Youth, Info Tech, etc. There is a memorial book in the parlor that lists memorials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



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 27

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8: 12-17; John 3:1-17  
Rev. Evan Dolive

#### Sunday, June 3

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12; Mark 2:23-3:6  
Dr. Richard Emerson

#### Sunday, June 10

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15), Psalm 138, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35  
Dr. Richard Emerson

**The next “The Long View” will be mailed on Thursday, June 14. If you have an article you wish to include in “The Long View”, please e-mail it to [bkirkindoll@fclongview.org](mailto:bkirkindoll@fclongview.org) or bring it to the church office no later than noon Thursday, June 7.**

Connect with FCC Longview by phone at 903-753-7611 or on social media!



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can see scriptures, pictures and upcoming events.

## Attendance

### WORSHIP SERVICES

May 13	.....	202
May 20	.....	170

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

May 13	.....	87
May 20	.....	78

### MAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Actual	27,426
Budgeted	56,924
Contributions YTD	271,764
Budgeted contributions YTD	270,388

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