



THE LONG VIEW

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The mission of this congregation is the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through all areas of its life and work, witnessing in all situations to the grace of God in Jesus Christ, thereby seeking in all people a response in faith and commitment to him. Matthew 28:18-20



In Observance of MLK Jr. the office
will be closed on Monday, January 15th.



We extend our Christian sympathy to Vicki Cole and her family upon the death of her husband Les Cole.



Thank you to all who brought everything down and spent a little time on Sunday after Thanksgiving decorating. A huge thank you to Wanda Green and her merry little elves for enhancing our Advent/Christmas decorations. Our church is so beautiful, especially during this special season. Thank you also, Craig King and his band of elves, for putting up and taking down the luminaries around the church and carrying all the decorations upstairs. Love in Christ, Woodie Terrell, Worship Chair



Handbell practice will resume Wednesday, January 17th at 5:30 pm in the Music Suite. Now would be a great opportunity to join in this beautiful music ministry. Contact Aaron Turner for more info.



There will be a short, yet informative Diaconate meeting, immediately after the worship service next Sunday, January 21st. All Diaconate, old and new are encouraged to attend.



All Elders, Cabinet Chairs and Diaconate are expected to attend the Board Meeting, Monday, January 29th at 6:00 pm in the Cornerstone Hall.

GIFTS (Growing In Faith Together Studies) We will not meet January 15th, in observance of MLK Jr. Day. We would like to invite all ladies to join us on Mondays at noon in the Acts Classroom, even if you don't have the book or study guide. Join us!



Bible Study meet at 6:30 pm on Thursday in the Conference Room. All are welcome to join us.

Sara's Sisters met in January and heard about the hard life of the young Tamar, King David's daughter - some tragedies defy human understanding and it is our responsibility to stand up for those who have been victimized. We will meet again on February 12 at 10:30 in Cornerstone Hall. Our service project will be a budgeted donation to Texas Special Children's Project and we will bring personal items for the Highway 80 Rescue Mission for Women. Our study will be about the wise woman of Tekoa. Ladies, please join us!



The Unknown Tour is a Christian women's event packed with fun, clean comedy, worship & encouragement focused on life's unknowns.

Central Baptist Church - Carthage, Texas
Friday, February 2nd, 2024
7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Tickets are \$21.00 each

We have 12 seats & tickets reserved on the 1st bus, so call the office asap to reserve your seat! We can reserve more tickets and the 2nd bus if needed, but we must know by Thursday, January 18th.

The church bus leaves at 5:30 pm.
Bring a sack meal or eat before.

Since it will be dark when we return, and you need a ride to and from the church bus call Teresa Mitchell at (432) 553-6305.



A Free EVENT

LEADER LEARNER 2024

www.ccsw.org/events

January 20th, 2024

IN PERSON EVENT @ Northway Christian Church, Dallas TX
Starting at 9am Central Time



This FREE event will cover topics impacting many of our congregations today, and hopes to provide new perspective and tools to help address the evolving work of the church.

Every believer is called to use the gifts that God has entrusted to them. Discovering, developing, and sharing our gifts is one of the primary ways Christians grow closer to God and cultivate life-giving relationships.

We will begin the day with fellowship time. Followed by an opening worship and keynote. Registrants select one of three experiences:

Workshops:

- (1) The Workshop Experience
- (2) Be the Neighbor Experience
- (3) Elder Education Experience

The Be the Neighbor Experience and the Elder Experience involve both the 10:30 session time and the 2:00 session time. They are part 1 and part 2 of each other. The workshop experience comes with some choices with each session.



Hello ROMEO! (Retired Old Men Eating Out.

Most are retired, but not all of them. Come join the fellowship of these experienced men. Mondays at noon at Jason's Deli.

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FAITHFUL

STEPS

FORWARD

2 COR 4:7-12

SAVE THE DATE

Oct. 25 - 26, 2024

When: October 25-26, 2024

Where: First Christian Church Amarillo, TX

Theme: Faithful Steps Forward: 2 Cor 4:7-12

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Terri Hord Owens



Don't forget to bring those nonperishable food items for LCM (Longview Community Ministries). The children will collect them when they walk down the aisle after the Children's Sermon.



6th Grade thru 12th Grade meet in Disciple House on Wednesdays from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Join Mr. Elick and another chaperone for food, fellowship and fun.

Mark your calendars

2024 FCC DAY/MINI CAMP: JUNE 10-14, 2024

New Hours and Days!

PICKLEBALL



Church Members & Friends Only Pickleball times are:
Tuesdays 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Thursdays Noon – 2:00 pm



If you aren't cooking either, join us at 5:30 pm for good food and great company. **We have cancelled January 16th because of possible inclement weather.** Hopefully everyone can join us on January 23rd at The Butcher Shop. Everyone is welcome to join! Call Lyn Blount @ (903) 237-8019 or Teresa Mitchell @ (432) 553-6305 for more details.



Monday, January 22nd will be our 1st Bingo Game of the Year. Everyone is welcome to join us in the Cornerstone Hall at 5:30 pm. Bring a snack, soup or chili to share. See you then!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

- ABC Class** Faith That Pleases God"- 4th floor, West End, Last Room-Teacher: Rotating
- ACTS Class** – *Help is Here*, Max Lucado-Meets 4th floor, East End, Last Room-Teacher: Rotating
- Cornerstone Class** – *Faith That Pleases God-The Present Word*-Meets in Cornerstone Hall-Teacher: Rick Shepherd
- GNG Class** – "Faith That Pleases God"-Meets in the Conference Room-Teacher: Rotating
- Seeker's Class** – *What's so Amazing about Grace?*-Meets 4th Floor, East End, Last Room on Right
- Sojourners Class** –Meets on 4th Floor East Wing-Teacher: Not meeting at this time.
- Visions Class**– 1 Corinthians-Meets 4th floor, Middle of Hall, South Room-Teachers: Charlie & Dottie Bachtell

(Please inform the office when your study book changes.)

Lectionary Texts For:

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20
Dr. Richard Emerson

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28
Dr. Richard Emerson

DATES

MIDWINTER & SUMMER

2024

Midwinter Retreats:

(Current Grade) Registration Opens 12-1-2023 12 AM

DC JYF (3rd-5th Grade): January 26-28

DC CHI-RHO (6th-8th Grade): February 2-4

DC CYF (9th-12th Grade): February 16-18

Summer 2024

(Grade just Completed) Registration Opens 2-18-2024 12AM

Family Camp May 24-26

Grand Camp May 31-June 2

Imago Dei June 16-22

DC CYF June 17-22

DC CHI-RHO June 24-29

DC Junior Camp June 24-28

DC Genesis June 30-July 3



Attendance

On 12/31/23 we had 105 people in the Worship Service, 23 in Sunday School and 106 Facebook views.

On 01/07/2024 we had 125 people in the Worship Service, 86 in Sunday School and 72 Facebook views.

Members and Friends Prayer List:

Members: Family of Sylvia Whitlock, Brent Thompson, Ruth Lewis, Family of Les Cole, Debra Thompson, Jo Ann Malone, Vicki Cole, Charlie Bachtell, David Grimes

Friends: Georgette & Jim Campbell, Angele Fanning, Wendy Carter, Jim Beville, Jamie Walzell, Jerry Hester, Norm Spaeth, Susan Gaskill, Faith Howard, Dan Seals, Carmen Hohlt, Family of Darrell McKnight, Doyle Thompson, Family of Barbara Wilson Polanco, Ethan Pimentel, Tony & Ethan Landfield, Billy Lewis, Helen Johnson, Justin Croft

Also, our homebound, shut-in members, our nation, government, military, police, fire department, medical personnel and those who do not yet know Jesus' love and saving grace.



Worship @10:30 am (SAN)

FCC Pickleball Tuesdays @2:00 pm-4:00 pm & Thursdays @ Noon-2:00 pm (DH)

Sara's Sisters/DWM 2nd Monday @ 10:30 am (CH)

Monday School-Mondays @ Noon (Jason's Deli)

GIFTS Mondays @ 12:00 pm (AC)

Tuesday Fellowship Dinner @ 5:30 pm (TBD)

Handbell Practice-Wednesday @ 5:15 pm (MS)

Choir Practice-Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm (MS)

Tai Chi-Thursday @ 9:00 am (CH)

Bingo 2nd Thursday of the month @ 5:30 pm (CH)

Bible Study Thursdays @ 6:30 pm (CR)

CHURCH STAFF: DR. RICHARD C. EMERSON-Senior Minister, AMANDA GRIMES-P.R.E.P. School Director, ELICK ARP-Children & Youth Director, REMINGTON FOSTER-Choir Director, AARON TURNER-Pianist/Organist, GEORGE TERRELL-Sunday Coordinator, DEBRA THOMPSON-Administrative Assistant, RUTH LEWIS-Maintenance Manager, SALLY FARMER-Financial Assistant.

Sunday Worship

9:30 am – Sunday School

10:30 am – Worship Service

(Worship also available streamed on Facebook)

www.facebook.com/fcclongview

Office Hours

8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Monday – Thursday

8:30 am – 12:30 pm Friday

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