



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



Everyone is welcome to join us at 5:30 pm. On March 26th and April 2nd we will be eating at Pizza King on Hwy. 80!



Join us for a Bridal Shower for
Hannah Emerson.
Sunday, March 24th in the Parlor at noon.



March 24-Palm Sunday Service with special music by the Children's Choir

March 28-Maundy Thursday/Upper Room Service. Worship in the style of Taizé' with Communion at 6:00 pm.

March 29-Good Friday/The Seven Last Words Service at Noon

March 30-Prepare for The Resurrection. Volunteers are needed to bring in Easter @ 10:00 am

March 31 Easter Sunday

- 9:00 am-10:00 am Breakfast of bacon sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy, pastries and juice and coffee. We will also have Resurrection Eggs, Photo Ops with the Easter Bunny & Flowering Cross (Please bring flowers from your yard). Everyone is welcome, but please sign-up in the bulletin or call the office so we can have an accurate count for the purchase of the food.
- 9:45 am Our youth will hide the eggs for the Easter Bunny.
- 10:00 am-10:15 am- Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:30 am Easter Worship Service: He is Risen!

Verdaderamente, Cristo ha resucitado. ¡Aleluya!

예수님은 진실로 부활하셨습니다. 할렐루야!

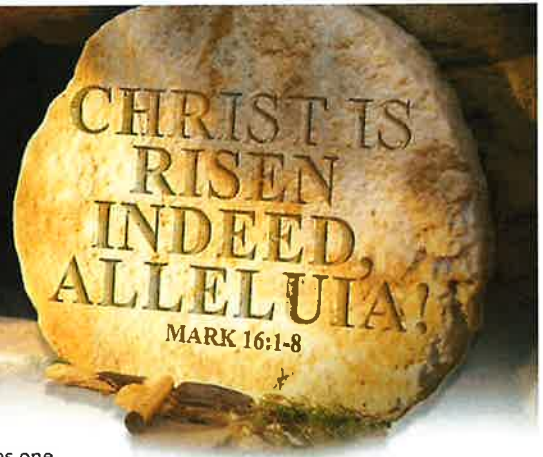
Le Christ est vraiment ressuscité ! Alléluia !

Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Received in most congregations

SUNDAY
MARCH 24 & 31, 2024

Supporting general ministries of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



On Easter, we celebrate the power of the resurrection together with the whole body of Christ as one united church in multiple places with many gifts and languages.

Gifts to the Easter Special Offering support ministries that help Disciples share the limitless love of God that overcomes death. General Ministries of the Christian Church share the good news from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth through:



- Health and social service ministries that meet basic needs for neighbors.
- Mental health resources for pastors and congregations.
- New congregations worshiping in a variety of languages and worship styles.
- Leadership development programs that nurture new leaders in the church and the world.
- Support for hospital and military chaplains serving around the world.
- Stewardship education for congregations to grow in their practice of generosity.
- Relationships with global mission partners serving in communities impacted by conflict and climate change.
- Opportunities like the General Assembly, where the church can gather for worshipful work.
- And so much more...

The Easter Offering supports these general ministries of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ):

Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries (Obra Hispana), Communication Ministries for Hispanic Ministries, Christian Unity and Interfaith Ministry, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Division of Overseas Ministries (Global Ministries), Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, National Benevolent Association, National Convocation, New Church Ministry, North American Pacific/Asian Disciples, Office of the General Minister and President, and Treasury Services.

Please give generously to the Easter Offering on March 24 and 31 in your congregation or make a gift at disciplesmissionfund.org/give.



Join us Monday, March 25th for Bingo! The food will be delicious, and the fellowship will be awesome. Bring a casserole or dessert to share and fellowship with us in the Cornerstone Hall at 5:30 pm. You may even win a prize.



It's that time of the year again!

Bring us your plastic eggs stuffed with candy (not chocolate) for our Children's Easter Egg Hunt on Easter morning. If you fill them please tape them closed. You can place them in the mission

bins in the church office by
Good Friday, March 29th



ARE YOU
Strong?

Then join us on Friday, March 29th at 9:30 am!
For table & chair set up for our Easter Breakfast.

Call the church office for more information.



Worship Committee

The Worship Committee is seeking your assistance on Thursday, March 28th after the Maundy Thursday Service to change the Sanctuary to Black. And again, on Saturday, March 30th at 10:00 am. We will be preparing the Sanctuary for our Easter Celebration. "Many hands make light work."



- Who:** Outreach Committee & Prep School
- What:** Bottom's Up! Get Behind Our Diaper & Wipe Drive!
- When:** The month of April
- Where:** Mission Bins in the Church Office/PREP Door
- For:** ½ to the Rainbow Room & ½ to LCM (Longview Community Ministries)

What is a Rainbow Room?

Rainbow Rooms are 24/7 resource centers usually located within local Child Protective Services (CPS) offices. In the Rainbow Room, CPS caseworkers can get supplies for children who are victims of abuse or neglect - clothing, school supplies, diapers, and much more. We like to say that Rainbow Rooms are "a ray of hope in a child's dreams." And, we believe that abused and neglected children do not deserve abused and neglected things. By supporting your local Rainbow Room, you can be a ray of hope to these children, too! Other Items on their wish list, (*new items only / used items not accepted*). 100% of your donation supports the Rainbow Room!

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| 1. Diapers | 6. Toys and children's books |
| 2. Car seats | 7. New children's clothing |
| 3. School supplies | 8. Household cleaning supplies |
| 4. Formula | 9. Blankets |
| 5. Personal hygiene items | 10. Pack 'n' Play portable play yards |



Church Golf Tournament, Saturday, April 6th @ Longview Country Club. Sign up in the office. Call Jeb Blount @ (903) 235-9932 for more information.

150 Years!

There will be a meeting on Monday, April 15th at 1:00 pm in Cornerstone Hall!

In 2025, First Christian Church of Longview will be 150 years old! We want to have a wonderful year of special events to celebrate this historic anniversary. In the coming months, we will begin actively seeking volunteers to help with the planning of these events. If you have been a longtime member of FCC and have memories of or memorabilia from activities, services, events, or previous celebrations in our church, please begin to think about ways you can participate in this special anniversary. Leave your name with the church office, and you will be contacted. There is also a little box on the counter in the office if you have any suggestions.





CHURCH GARAGE SALE

July 28 – August 3, 2024

We decided as a board to have the garage sale again in 2024 but that means WE WILL NEED HELP! If anyone wants to be in charge of the whole garage sale, let us know! Otherwise, there are sign-up sheets in the office for different categories of workers/coordinators we will be requesting to make this happen. Please let us know where you want to be plugged in. "Many Hands Make Light Work"

July 28, Sunday	After worship lay down the plastic on the Disciple House floor & set up tables
July 29, Monday	Price & set out items for the sale
July 30, Tuesday	Price & set out items for the sale
July 31, Wednesday	Price & set out items for the sale, perhaps hold a dinner auction & preview/sale for church members
August 1, Thursday	Garage sale 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
August 2, Friday	Garage sale 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
August 3, Saturday	Garage sale 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Clean up 12:00 noon – finished

We understand how difficult it is to hold on to your donations, but at this time we just don't have the manpower to pick it up or the storage area to hold it until the garage sale. Thank you for your understanding in this manner.

We are looking for a few good men and ladies to volunteer to help with **organizing** different portions of the garage sale this summer. Please sign up in the office or call Jeannie King or Jolene Auderer if you would be willing to **coordinate** any of the following:

- Advertising.
- Posting our "yard signs" the week of the sale and taking them up after it's over.
- Locate a storage shed to hold items for the sale – how much do they charge by the month?
- Locate a large dumpster for the week of the sale.
- Find an organization willing to pick up our "leftovers" at noon on Saturday, August 3, 2024.
- Head a committee to determine how to price our items.
- Plan a pre-sale auction/snack supper for Wednesday, July 31, 2024.
- Coordinator for pick-ups (we already have some volunteers who will do the picking up).

GIFTS (Growing In Faith Together Studies) They would like to invite all ladies to join them 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.

Sara's Sisters/DWM met in March and learned about the woman of Bahurim, who was brave, intelligent, a quick thinker and had the ability to tell a convincing lie to save King David from his Son Absalom. We hope our FCC ladies will join us April 15 (a new date due to the total eclipse) at 10:30 in Cornerstone Hall for fellowship, snacks, and a lesson by Dixie about the wise woman of Abel. Our service project will be a budgeted donation to Heartisans. Please join us!

Disciples Women's Spiritual Life Retreat "Jesus Is My Jam" Disciples Crossing, Athens, TX. April 19-21, 2024. Early Bird Registration Deadline is March 26, 2024, and Final Deadline April 9, 2024. There will be an Outreach/Mission Project, a Silent Auction and much more. There are 5 registration packages to choose from so come by the office for more information.

Disciples Women's Roses Interregional Gathering-Regions of the Sun: Equipping and Serving. June 28-29, 2024, First Christian Church, McKinney, TX. We will celebrate Disciples Women's 150 years of Ministry with a Birthday Party for \$25.00 on Friday evening. Early Bird Registration of \$55.00, Deadline is May 1, 2024, and \$65.00, Final Deadline June 20, 2024. Come by the office for more information.





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.

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



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 each Sunday. They are having a great time preparing to sing for us on special occasions.



- ❖ Our Youth have been busy. They will finish up their Wednesday Lenten Bible Study next week.
 - ❖ During Spring Break, they went to Grand Slam in Tyler with the youth from FCC-Kilgore.
 - ❖ Grades 6-12 meet with Mr. Elick and another chaperone in the Disciple House on Wednesdays from 6:00 – 8:00 pm for dinner and bible study. See you then!
 - ❖ Mark your calendars for the weekend beginning 4/20/24. Our Youth will be joining Mr. Elick for a Lock-In. More information is coming soon. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Elick in the church office.
 - ❖ Youth/Senior Recognition will be Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.
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2024 FCC DAY/MINI CAMP: JUNE 10-14, 2024

"Bee Kind"

Ephesians 4:32-And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Brushfire Registration goes "Live" on Monday, April 1, 2024

See Elick in the church office if you need help registering on Brushfire.

Register your children/grandchildren ASAP!

There will be limited space this year!

Safe Sanctuary

Attention Volunteers, Counselors and Junior Counselors! The 2024 FCC Mini Camp & Day Camp, Disciples Crossing and Discovery Days dates have been set. You must be certified by Safe Sanctuary to volunteer in any activity with a minor child. Please take care of this as soon as possible. If you are not sure of your status, please call the office and we can let you know. Go to the FCC website @ fcclongview.org and click on the Safe Sanctuary link on the homepage. You must watch the video, take the quick quiz and do the background check by June 1st. There is no cost for Safe Sanctuary training.





2024 Summer Retreats

- ❖ **Attention Parents:** Please go online to register, pay in full to Disciples Crossing (The church will reimburse you $\frac{1}{2}$ upon request). Be sure to also notify the church office or Mr. Elick that your child/family is going. Scholarships are available if requested. Visit their website at www.disciplescrossing.net for more information. (Grades just completed) Registration is now open
- ❖ Family Camp is May 24-26 (must have 1 under 18 & 1 over 21)
- ❖ Grand Camp is May 31-June 2 (4 - 10 year old with Grandparent)
- ❖ Imago Dei Camp is June 16-22 (6th & 7th graders)
- ❖ DC CYF Camp is June 17-22 (9th - 12th graders)
- ❖ DC CHI-RHO Camp is June 24-28 (6th - 8th graders)
- ❖ DC Junior Camp is June 24-28 (3rd - 5th graders)
- ❖ DC Genesis Camp is June 30-July 3 (1st - 3rd graders)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

ABC Class-Present Word quarterly "Examining Our Faith"- 4th floor, West End, Last Room-Teacher: Rotating
ACTS Class - "Nails" by Max Lacado Meets 4th floor, East End, Last Room-Teacher: Rotating
Cornerstone Class - Present Word quarterly "Examining Our Faith"-Meets in Cornerstone Hall-Teacher: Rick Shepherd
GNG Class - "Faith That Pleases God"-Meets in the Conference Room-Teacher: Rotating
Seeker's Class - 3:16, *The Numbers of Hope* by Max Lacado-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

Lectionary Texts For:

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Easter

Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Dr. Richard Emerson

Sunday, April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

Psalms 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

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Attendance

On 3/10/24 we had 114 people in the Worship Service, 59 in Sunday School and 10 Facebook views.

On 3/17/24 we had 110 people in the Worship Service, 70 in Sunday School and 25 Facebook views.

Members and Friends Prayer List

Members: Steven Brizius, Stacy Foster, Vicki Cole & Family, Cara Cline, David Grimes, JoAnn Malone, Mark Goodson, Family of Sylvia Whitlock, Ruth Lewis & Family, Dottie Bachtell, Colton Rieger, Shelton Foster Baby, Alta Ayers, Sharon Wilson, Jim Ruth, Kathy Hayes, Family of Merry Ann Tinsley, Deborah Aldridge, Kennedy Hatcher, Family of Kayra Hatcher, Steve Hickerson and Family., Katie Fields,

Friends: Cindy Gann, Gilbert Family, Marsh Family, Lomelo Family, Billy Lewis, John McClough, Gwen Stegall, Nelda Muckleroy, Steve Hooper, People & Fire Fighters in the Panhandle, Family of Courtney Therneau, Lacey Cline, Jon Rowe, Robin Owens, Angela Collins, Kenneth Bradshaw, Kathy Stewart, Haley Lewis, K. Harris, Mike & Bella Fields, Ethan Pimentel, Susan Gaskill, Thomas, Hostages, Chessanie Jefferson, Jim Beville, Jamie Walzell, Tyler Family, Don Lawler. Russia, our homebound and shut-in members, our nation, government, military, police, fire department and medical personnel, Those who do not yet know Jesus' love and saving grace.

We have new business cards and lots of pens to hand out while you are visiting or just in line at the grocery store. Come by the office and grab a handful of each.

Sunday School @ 9:30 am
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 4th Monday of the month @ 5:30 pm (CH)
Bible Study Thursdays @ 6:30 pm (CR)



The next publication of "The Long View will be emailed on Thursday, April 4. If you have exciting news or your committee has something to share, please call, email or bring it by the office no later than noon the Wednesday before.

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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