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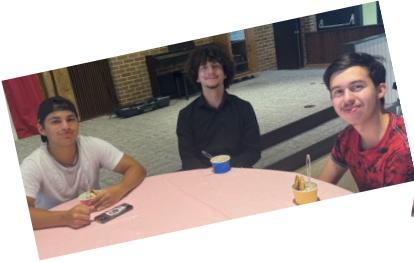


# HOSPITALITY

*VICKI KRUPALA, CHAIR*

**THANK YOU** - on behalf of the Hospitality, Outreach and Worship Committees, to all who came to enjoy the Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 21st. It was fun sampling new ice cream flavors with our friends and family, as well as the incredibly talented musicians who performed "An Evening of Gospel and Jazz".

A special thanks to Nancy & Tony Fatta, Ashley Bourgeois, Alicia Levell, Carol Madere, Judy Lester and Charles Riddle for their help with setup, serving, and clean-up during this event, and clean-up during this event!



**CONSECRATION FELLOWSHIP MEAL** - Everyone is invited to join us for a Consecration Fellowship Meal following the worship service on Sunday, October 19th. The church will provide a pizza buffet with salad, dessert and beverages. RSVP's will soon be requested to confirm your attendance for this meal.

# WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOU!

## October Birthdays

Julie Theunissen	October 3rd
Dora Blackburn	October 6th
Ruth Riddle	October 13th
Greg Taliaferro	October 15th
Esther Schilf	October 20th
Jordan Bourgeois	October 20th

## October Anniversaries

Frank and Lorrinda Dickinson	October 6th
Greg and Pam Comeaux	October 14th
Michael and Peggy Bourgeois	October 15th
Mike and Toni Wilson	October 15th
David and Ann Landry	October 30th
Stephen and Claire Sanders	October 30th

Congratulations to **Stephen and Claire Sanders** on the birth of their new granddaughter **Zoe Claire**. Margot says to tell everyone at church that she got "a new stister, a baby, and a sib-a-ling." She is very proud. Claire's daughter Rachel was a little over 3 weeks early but mother and baby are fine and healthy. Zoe weighs 5 pounds 8 ounces and is 19 inches long.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 4th	Men's Jambalaya Fundraiser	10am - 2pm
Sunday, Oct. 5th	Prayer Circle (Library)	11:00 am
Sunday, Oct. 5th	E-Commerce Comm. Meet. (Fellowship)	11:15 am
Friday, Oct. 10th and Saturday, October 11th	Children's Disaster Services	
Sunday, Oct. 12th	Book Club (Jason's Deli)	11:30 am
Sunday, Oct. 19th	Consecration Day	
Sunday, Oct. 19th	Consecration Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)	11:00 am
Thursday, Oct. 23rd	Disciples Women (Youth Building)	9:30 am
Thursday, Oct. 23rd	Sisters In Christ (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 pm
Sunday, Oct. 26th	Halloween Party (Fellowship Hall)	5:00 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 28th	Finance Budget Meeting (Youth Building)	6:30 pm

# OUTREACH

## JUDY LESTER, CHAIR



**SOUTHEAST MINISTRIES** - our "pantry focus items" for October are: pasta sauce, soup, cereal, and cornbread mix. Donations should be placed in the shopping cart\*. (\*Note: the cart is located in the chancel area near the pulpit on the 2nd Sunday, or in the Narthex on other Sundays.)



**SOUTHEAST MINISTRIES** - is in critical need of **volunteers**. Please consider if you might be called to lend a hand with this very important local ministry!

**GENTLY USED MUSICAL INSTRUMENT DRIVE** - we will continue to collect "gently used" musical instruments (through October) for Aaron Turnipseed's students who need help procuring them. Thanks to those who have contributed!



**DISASTER RELIEF SERVICE PROJECT** - our church will be hosting a Children's Disaster Services training session on Friday and Saturday, October 10th and 11th. If you are interested in volunteering for hosting duty, or in taking this training course, contact Carol Madere.

### COMING SOON

NOVEMBER: Helping our local veterans in need.

DECEMBER: delivering Christmas cookies to our shut-ins.





# CHURCH GROWTH

## DR. CAROL MADERE, CHAIR

**Book Club** - the Book Club will meet on October 12th right after church and meet at Jason's Deli. The book is "Angels and Demons" by Dan Brown. Anyone who likes to read is welcome. Any questions contact Carol Madere 225-931-4413.

Book Club

Angels and  
Demons  
by Dan Brown



**Level Up! A New Youth Group is Here** - are your kids or grand-kids looking for a place to belong, connect, and have fun? FCC is excited to announce that a new youth group has been formed. Under the direction of Kristin Morgan and Julie Theunissen, the youth group will meet monthly for fun activities and building friendships. Most meetings will be right after church, but some will be Saturdays from 5 to 8 p.m.

## REGIONAL NEWS

**Around the Region** - *Bobbie Yellott Fund -- The Great River Region of the Disciples of Christ has established an endowment fund in memory of Rev. Bobbie Yellott, who passed away from cancer last year. Rev. Yellott of Lake Charles served as the regional minister for the southern part of the Great River Region, which includes south Louisiana, and was well known to the Disciples Women in the area. The fund will be used for ministries near and dear to Bobbie's heart: women's ministries, music ministries, and regional events. To donate to the fund: 1) Go to <https://christianchurchfoundation.org/donate/> 2) Write a check to the **Christian Church Foundation** and specify Bobbie Yellott Fund in the memo line. What a joyful way to remember and celebrate Bobbie's life and ministry!*



**Children's Disaster Services Training** - FCC Baton Rouge will be the site of a training session for people who want to help children cope with trauma after a disaster. The training will be held October 10 - 11 in the Fellowship Hall. Registration is \$55, but the Week of Compassion is offering scholarships for those who wish to attend. Please call the Church Office for more information.



**Upcoming Regional Mission Trip** - The second annual regional mission trip will be building houses in Point aux Chenes, Louisiana, which is south of Houma in Terrebonne Parish. The Outreach Committee at FCC Baton Rouge will announce plans for a mission team in January. Volunteers are welcome. It's a great way to help others while learning some home improvement skills yourself, and the fellowship is always great!



**FCC Slidell** - *First Christian Church in Slidell is closing. Their last service will be Sunday, December 28, 2025*



# WORSHIP

## NANCY FATTA, CHAIR

**PILOT MENTAL HEALTH CAMPAIGN** - LORRI FONTENOT, a registered nurse, and BRANDON MIGUEZ, an airline pilot, were part of a delegation that recently spoke to the House of Representatives and were instrumental in the House unanimously passing of the MENTAL HEALTH IN AVIATION ACT OF 2025. Lorri and Brandon are both former members of our congregation who moved out of state. They are the daughter and grandson of Beverly Weselak and also related to the Fatta, Bourgeois and Dotts clan. This bill requires the FAA to overhaul its mental health policies and culture. Previously, if a pilot sought mental health treatment, they were suspended for 6 months without pay with no guarantee that they would be reinstated. Seeking help is not a weakness, but a strength. This bill is now moving on to the Senate for their approval.



**SISTERS IN CHRIST** - our October meeting will be THURSDAY, October 23rd at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall lounge. We have free-flowing, informal discussions on a variety of topics which facilitates us getting to know each other on a more personal level, making us truly sisters in Christ. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. we always look forward to seeing new faces. We also have snacks!!



**HALLOWEEN PARTY AND TRUNK OR TREAT** - We will be holding our annual **HALLOWEEN PARTY** and **TRUNK OR TREAT** on Sunday, October 26 at 4:00 pm. Outside will have car trunks decorated and filled with candy! In the Fellowship Hall we will have food, games, crafts, and a costume parade. ALL members of the church are invited, from babies to seniors. Wear your favorite costume and join in the fun.



## CHURCH DEFINITIONS

**EVER HEAR US SAY REREDOS?** - Reredos is what we call the shelf where we display our candles and flowers in the Sanctuary. Originally from the Old French words "arere" meaning behind and "dos" meaning back, the word areredos was formed. The word was morphed into "reredos" in late middle English. A reredos is actually an ornamental screen covering the wall at the back of an altar. We do not have a formal altar, so we use the term for the shelf..

# ADDITIONAL FCC NEWS



September 21, 2025

*Congratulations Kendall and Julie!!*

Thank you so much to all who helped to make Kendall and Julie's wedding a wonderful event:

Beverly Weselak

Lucy Cody

Nancy Fatta

Carol Madere

Cathi Pourciau

Judy Lester

Lorrinda Dickinson

Sherry McInnis

Pam Comeaux

Diane Sympton

Alicia Levell

Charles Riddle

Callie Cody

Brenda Hilgendorf



## Christmas Creations Coming Soon!

Calling all crafters and wouldbe crafters! FCC is going to offer a morning of learning to make Christmas crafts on November 15th from 9 a.m. to noon in the Youth Building. A fee of \$25 per crafter will secure the crafting supplies. We need your help, though. If you make crafts and are willing to demonstrate a craft, please contact Carol Madere or Nancy Fatta. Otherwise, please spread the word to friends to come enjoy a morning of coffee, cake, and creativity.

*Oh, what a night!* If you missed our "Gospel & Jazz Concert" on Sunday, September 21st you missed a wonderful evening of sweets, song, impromptu audience singing, and SPIRIT! The Lord was truly in the house! Thank you to Aaron Turnipseed, Director of Music, for organizing this event and making it so much fun. We'd also like to thank and recognize our dedicated and hard-working choir members: [altos]: Carol Madere, Carmen Jones, [sopranos]: Diane Sympton, Judy Lester, [tenors]: Chris Culp, [bass]: Trey Earle, and the man that can sing it all... our "utility singer" Earl Poole, Worship Music Leader. It was an honor and delight to once again welcome the fabulous guest pianist, Dr. Henry Jones, and all our guest jazz ensemble members who are friends and/or students of Aaron's - many of whom have joined us before. They are AMAZING musicians, and we are so very blessed that they are willing to donate their time and talents to us!!! Psalm 100:1 says, "Make a joyful noise to the Lord". If you are interested in doing this, come join the choir on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm. All are welcome; we need and want you!



# Lectionary Readings: September 1 - 30, 2025

## (YEAR C)

- Wednesday, October 01, 2025: Psalm 62; Hosea 12:2-14; Matthew 19:16-22;
- Thursday, October 02, 2025: Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36; Revelation 2:8-11;
- Friday, October 03, 2025: Psalm 37:1-9; 2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37; Revelation 2:12-29;
- Saturday, October 04, 2025: Psalm 37:1-9; Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 20:29-34;
- Sunday, October 05, 2025: Proper 22 (27)
- Monday, October 06, 2025: Psalm 3; Habakkuk 1:5-17; James 1:2-11;
- Tuesday, October 07, 2025: Psalm 3; Habakkuk 2:5-11; 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21;
- Wednesday, October 08, 2025: Psalm 3; Habakkuk 2:12-20; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24;
- Thursday, October 09, 2025: Psalm 111; Leviticus 14:33-53; 2 Timothy 1:13-18;
- Friday, October 10, 2025: Psalm 111; Numbers 4:34-5:4; 2 Timothy 2:1-7;
- Saturday, October 11, 2025: Psalm 111; Numbers 12:1-15; Luke 5:12-16;
- Sunday, October 12, 2025: Proper 23 (28)
- Monday, October 13, 2025: Psalm 102:1-17; Jeremiah 29:8-23; Acts 26:24-29;  
Complementary: Psalm 61; 2 Kings 5:15-19a; Acts 26:24-29;
- Monday, October 13, 2025: Canadian Thanksgiving Day
- Tuesday, October 14, 2025: Psalm 61; 2 Kings 5:19b-27; Ephesians 6:10-20;
- Wednesday, October 15, 2025: Psalm 61; 2 Kings 15:1-7; Matthew 10:5-15;
- Thursday, October 16, 2025: Psalm 121; Isaiah 54:11-17; Acts 17:22-34;
- Friday, October 17, 2025: Psalm 121; Genesis 31:43-32:2; 2 Timothy 2:14-26;
- Saturday, October 18, 2025: Psalm 121; Genesis 32:3-21; Mark 10:46-52;
- Sunday, October 19, 2025: Proper 24 (29)
- Monday, October 20, 2025: Psalm 57; 1 Samuel 25:2-22; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11;
- Tuesday, October 21, 2025: Psalm 57; 1 Samuel 25:23-35; James 5:7-12;
- Wednesday, October 22, 2025: Psalm 57; 1 Samuel 25:36-42; Luke 22:39-46;
- Thursday, October 23, 2025: Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 9:1-16; 2 Timothy 3:1-9;
- Friday, October 24, 2025: Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 9:17-26; 2 Timothy 3:10-15;
- Saturday, October 25, 2025: Psalm 84:1-7; Jeremiah 14:1-6; Luke 1:46-55;
- Sunday, October 26, 2025: Proper 25 (30)
- Monday, October 27, 2025: Psalm 84:8-12; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Peter 4:12-19;
- Tuesday, October 28, 2025: Psalm 84:8-12; Daniel 5:1-12; 1 Peter 5:1-11;
- Wednesday, October 29, 2025: Psalm 84:8-12; Daniel 5:13-31; Matthew 21:28-32;
- Thursday, October 30, 2025: Psalm 32:1-7; Proverbs 15:8-11, 24-33; 2 Corinthians 1:1-11;
- Friday, October 31, 2025: Psalm 32:1-7; Job 22:21-23; 17; 2 Peter 1:1-11;





# OTHER INFORMATION FOR FCC



**THE STUDY - 9:00 – 9:45 am, every Sunday in the Youth Building** - Our adult Bible study is beginning a new series of reading, discussing and exploring the life of "Abraham, Father of Faith". Join with us as we gain new insight and revelation into our own faith journeys, finding encouragement and inspiration to truly live a life of believing and obeying. When it comes to the subject of a true walk of faith, Abraham is, "The Guy, The MVP, a Rockstar" in the Bible. Come give it a try! Coffee, treats, fellowship and THE STUDY of God's Word.

*You will not be disappointed.*



By Silver Angels

## Ice Cream Cake

Joann Taliaferro

1/2 gallon of Vanilla Ice Cream

1 10-12 ounce box of Ritz crackers

1 1/2 sticks of margarine - melted

1 carton of Cool Whip

2 small boxes of instant chocolate pudding

Crush Ritz crackers and mix with melted margarine to make a crumb crust. Line the pan with these crumbs (save some for the top). Your ice cream should be sitting out melting, for about 15 minutes. Mix pudding and ice cream together. Pour this mixture on the layer of crumbs. Spread the cool whip on top of the pudding. Sprinkle the crumb mix on top. Put in refrigerator.

## Interesting Strange Bible Facts

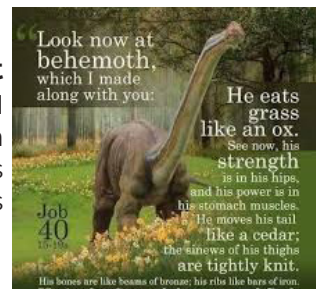
### 1. The longest name in the Bible is: "Mahershalhashbaz."

The name Mahershalhashbaz was only mentioned twice in the Bible. Isaiah 8:1 - Then the Lord said to me, "Take a large tablet and write on it in common characters, 'belonging to Maher-shalal-hash-baz.'"



**2. The Bible contains descriptions of giant creatures that resemble dinosaurs.** Job 40:15-18 15 "Behold, Behemoth, which I made as well as you; He eats grass like an ox. 16 Behold, his strength in his waist, And his power in the muscles of his belly. 17 He hangs his tail like a cedar; The tendons of his thighs are knit together. 18 His bones are tubes of bronze; His limbs are like bars of iron."

**What do you think?**



## Bible Trivia

Easy: How many days did God take to create the world?

Medium: How many books are in the Bible?

Hard: How many kings of Judah were there?

How many kings of Israel were there?

(Answers on page 10)



# PRAYER LIST

The following people represent some of the current concerns at First Christian Church. If you would like to have a name added, update a current prayer request, or remove someone from the prayer list, please fill out the prayer request section of our [online check-in page](#), or contact us at [churchoffice@fccbri.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccbri.org), or 225-926-4175. Names generally rotate off after 30 days.

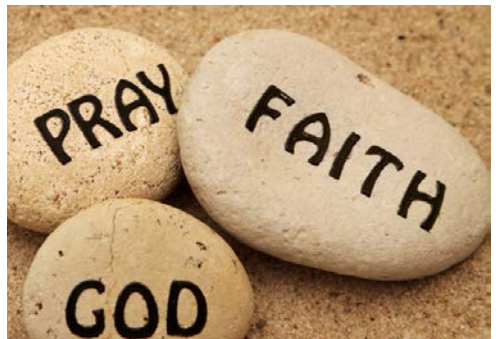
## Members in our prayers:

Judy Albin, JP Averette, Ann Baskin, Dora Blackburn, Family of Dianne Buhler, Jody Chrisope, Marjorie Clark, Rev. Tom & Lucy Cody, Martha Denova, George & Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Rev. Frank & Jane Johnson, Marie Ladner, Allen Lax, BJ McRae, William Miguez, Helen Mitchener, Family of Margaret Moore, Jerry Moses, Helen Rankin, Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Bill and Lorry Trotter, and Phyllis Willis

## Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

Patty Hubeny, James Jablonski, Rev. Michael Karunas, Matt Kelley, Whitney Butler Lutz her and the family, John Nguyen, Beverly Pacas, Randall Priester, Valentin Rhanglov, Debbie Riddle, Brian Wyer, and Travis Valenti..

## Bible Trivia Answers (from page 9)



*Easy: How many days did God take to create the world?* 6

*Medium: How many books are in the Bible?* 66

*Hard: How many kings of Judah were there?* 20

*How many kings of Israel were there?* 19

# SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

Please check your worship assignments in advance and arrange for a sub in the case of a scheduling conflict. We appreciate that very much! You can check assignments [online, here](#), or contact the church office at 225-926-4175.

## October 5, 2025

Church Opening	Michael Rankin
Sacraments	Shelly Cody
Liturgist	Pam Comeaux
Children's Moment	Ashley Bourgeois
Youth Reader	Cora Cody
Elder	Dr. Trey Earle
Greeter	Carl Cotten
Deacons	Carl Cotten, Alicia Levell, Gene & Esther Schilf
Livestream	Nicolas Morgan
Video Tech	Jeff Cody
Sound Tech	Pam Jones
CW&W Greeter	Kayla Mercil
CW&W Storyteller	Genesis Bennie
Church Closing	Nancy Fatta
Program Builder	Michael Rankin

## October 19, 2025

Church Opening	Jerry Hilgendorf
Sacraments	Shelly Cody
Liturgist	Tony Fatta
Children's Moment	Michael Rankin
Youth Reader	Leonardo Morgan
Elder	Frank Dickinson
Greeter	Ed Atkins
Deacons	Ed Atkins, Tony Babin, Greg Taliaferro, Steven Gibson
Livestream	Brenda Hilgendorf
Video Tech	Jeff Cody
Sound Tech	Pam Jones
CW&W Greeter	Leonardo
Morgan	
CW&W Storyteller	Kristin Morgan
Church Closing	Michael Rankin
Program Builder	Jeff Cody

## October 12, 2025

Church Opening	James Morgan
Sacraments	Shelly Cody
Liturgist	Vicki Krupala
Children's Moment	Judy Lester
Youth Reader	Brynleigh Comeaux
Elder	Ashley Bourgeois
Greeter	Jeff Cody
Deacons	James & Kristin Morgan Jeff Cody and Cathi Pourciau
Livestream	Frank Dickinson
Video Tech	Michael Rankin
Sound Tech	Carmen Jones
CW&W Greeter	Pam Comeaux
CW&W Storyteller	Dr. Carol Madere
Church Closing	Tony Fatta
Program Builder	Brenda Hilgendorf

## October 26, 2025

Church Opening	Charles Riddle
Sacraments	Shelly Cody
Liturgist	Dr. Carol Madere
Children's Moment	Nancy Fatta
Youth Reader	Cora Cody
Elder	Donna Embree
Greeter	Kim Rankin
Deacons	Michael & Kim Rankin Doug & Tracy Shaffer
Livestream	Charles Riddle
Video Tech	Greg Taliaferro
Sound Tech	Tony Fatta
CW&W Greeter	Kayla Mercil
CW&W Storyteller	Genesis Bennie
Church Closing	Charles Riddle
Program Builder	Dr. Carol Madere



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**Aaron Turnipseed**, M.M.P., *Director of Music*

**Earl Poole**, *Music Worship Leader*

**Brenda Hilgendorf**, *Bookkeeper / Human Resources*

**Charles Riddle**, *Facilities*

**Kimberly Lax**, *Administrative Assistant*

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**DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS:** [Vanderbilt Divinity Library - Year C](#)