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Happy Thanksgiving



Daylight Savings Time is this Sunday, November 2nd. Make sure you set your clocks back an hour on Saturday night.

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HOSPITALITY

VICKI KRUPALA, CHAIR

Consecration Sunday was joyously celebrated on Oct. 19th during a 'pizza buffet' fellowship meal, featuring new and delicious varieties from Pizza Artista. With at least 95 'pizza lovers' in attendance, it was an absolute success!

Vicki,

Thank you for working hard to coordinate the Consecration Luncheon.

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A heartfelt 'thank you' goes out to those who worked so diligently behind the scenes to set-up & decorate the fellowship hall, prepare & assist with our buffet service, and clean-up afterwards:

**Nancy Fatta, Charles Riddle,
Ashley Bourgeois, Beverly Weselak,
Presley Hutchinson, Ray Acardo, and
Kendall Theunissen.**

It's wonderful to have so many amazing helpers! *Vicki Krupala*



WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOU!

November Birthdays

Tracy Shaffer	November 7th
Jody Chrisope	November 13th
Heather Dickey	November 15th
Beverly Weselak	November 19th
Martha Denova	November 19th
Sara Shaffer	November 30th

November Anniversaries

Steve and Chris Gibson	November 8th
Scott and Linda Sanders	November 16th

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Nov. 1st	Men's Jambalaya Fundraiser	10 am - 2 pm
Sunday, Nov. 2nd	All Saints Day	
Sunday, Nov. 2nd	Prayer Circle (Library)	11 am
Sunday, Nov. 9th	Veteran's Day	
Sunday, Nov. 9th	Church Growth Committe Meeting (FH)	11:15 am
Saturday, Nov. 15th	Christmas Craft Class (Youth Building)	9 am
Sunday, Nov. 16th	Thanksgiving Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)	11 am
Tuesday, Nov. 18th	Board Meeting (Youth Building)	6:30 pm
Thursday, Nov. 20th	Sisters in Christ (Fellowship Hall)	6 pm
Sunday, Nov. 23rd	Thanksgiving Sunday	
Saturday, Nov. 29th	Hanging of the Greens	10 am
Sunday, Nov. 30th	First Sunday in Advent	

AMAZING BIBLE FACTS

- * Over 100 million copies of the Bible are sold each year.
- * The full Bible has been translated into 532 languages. The Bible has been partially translated into 2,883 languages.
- * The King James Bible contains 788,258 words, 31,102 verses, 1,189 chapters, and 66 books.
- * While it took over 1,000 years to write the Old Testament, the New Testament was written within a period of 50-75 years.



This Hebrew Bible, more than 1,000 years old, is described as "one of the most important and singular texts in human history". This is the most valuable manuscript ever sold at auction. The Codex Sassoon, dating from the late 9th or early 10th century, sold for \$38.1 million at Sotheby's in New York.

OUTREACH

JUDY LESTER, CHAIR



SOUTHEAST MINISTRIES - our "pantry focus items" for November will include items to prepare a holiday meal: \$ or gift cards for meat, potatoes (boxed, canned, or fresh), cranberry sauce, macaroni and cheese, pie filling and boxed pie crust mix, powdered milk, and cornbread mix.



Donation collection is being extend until November 16th (3rd Sunday). As always please place items in the shopping cart.

HOODIE DRIVE FOR VETERANS - Large or X-Large hoodies (any color) are currently being collected through November 9th . They will be blessed during our Veterans recognition worship service and donated that day and delivered to the VET Center thereafter.



We have received 20 hoodies on the first day of collection. We want to thank the congregation for their generosity.



ADVENT SHUT-IN COOKIE DRIVE - We will again be delivering gift bags to FCCBR shut-ins in December. Sign-up sheets and instructions will be in the Narthex beginning Sunday, November 30th.

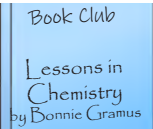
- * **BAKERS NEEDED:** cookies needed by Dec 11th.
- * **DELIVERY DRIVERS NEEDED:** deliveries to be made on Dec 14th or no later than Dec 19th.



CHURCH GROWTH

DR. CAROL MADERE, CHAIR

Book Club - will meet on Sunday, December 7th right after church and meet at Jason's Deli. The book is "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus. This story is about a female chemist in the 1960's who challenged societal norms. Any questions contact Carol Madere 225-931-4413.



Youth Group - On November 30th, the Youth Group will meet for lunch in the Fellowship Hall immediately after church and then travel to the downtown Planetarium for the "Hitchhikers Tour Through the Universe" show at 2 p.m. Parents are welcome to join us.

Christmas Creations - Calling all crafters and would-be 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 \$20 per crafter will secure the crafting supplies. Please spread the word to friends to come enjoy a morning of coffee, cake, and creativity.



First Christian Church Honors

Gladys Runnels

On October 19, FCC honored its First Lady of Music, Gladys Runnels. Gladys, who began playing the organ in services in 1954, worked as our full-time organist for 38 years. When she retired in 1996, she had worked with 11 choir directors.



Gladys was also influential in the process of purchasing our pipe organ, and in 1992, was the first musician to play it. The chimes for the organ were donated in her honor.

She also graced the congregation by playing the harp on many occasions and even arranged for the congregation to enjoy harp concerts by friends.

Gladys has spent countless hours perfecting her skills to ensure that her worship music was as beautiful as she could make it.

She was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation and a gift from the congregation by Lorrinda Dickinson after her encore performance on the piano of "Morning Has Broken"..

WORSHIP

NANCY FATTA, CHAIR

SISTERS IN CHRIST - our next meeting will be THURSDAY, November 20th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall lounge.

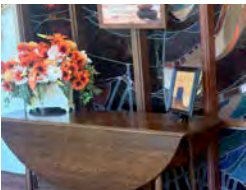


The Sisters in Christ are going to start a meal train for George and Lee Gullett. George is suffering from cancer and Lee has fibromyalgia. Their daughter, Laura, reached out asking for our help. If anyone is able to provide a meal for two that can be frozen, please let me know. You can bring your meal to the church and we will refrigerate and deliver it. Any questions call Nancy 'Fatta 225-405-7097



Hanging of the Greens - Please come on Saturday, November 29 at 10:00 to help decorate the Church for Christmas. Wreaths, Garland, and trees need to be placed in the Sanctuary and Narthex. *Refreshments afterwards!*

CHURCH DEFINITIONS



WHAT IS THE NARTHEX? - We use the word Narthex in church but realized that not everyone is familiar with this term or knows what it means. The entry for a home is a foyer, for an office, it's a lobby, but for the church, there is a special term. A Narthex is defined as the gathering area outside of a sacred space. Narthex is Greek for "enclosure". The Narthex is an entryway or gathering room leading into a Sanctuary. It is known as an area bridging the Sacred from the secular, that is usually found at the opposite end of the building from the Altar.

Currently FCC's Narthex you will find:

- Communion pods
- Religious artwork
- Welcome Center
- Brochures and information about FCC's church and community,
- TV screens announcing upcoming events. ***Take a look around to see what we have to offer.***
- FCC's monthly newsletter
- Devotionals
- FCC's church leaders

ADDITIONAL FCC NEWS



SAVE THE DATE: THANKSGIVING FEAST

Sunday, November 16th, 11:00am

You're invited to join us for our Thanksgiving Fellowship Meal on Sunday, November 15th following the worship service. Enjoy turkey/ham, bread and beverages provided by the church. The congregation is asked to bring a favorite Thanksgiving side-dish or dessert to share. Looking forward to giving thanks with each of you!

Vicki Krupada

A big thank you to all who participated in our annual Trunk or Treat Halloween Party.

Heather & Daniel Dickey, Jeff & Shelly Cody, Nancy & Tony Fatta, Presley Hutchinson & Ray Acado, Ashley Bouregois, Carole Madere, Beverly Weselak, Julie Theunissen, Tom & Lucy Cody, James & Kristin Morgan, Judy Lester & Dave Hughes. Also thanks to **Michael Rankin** for the music and all who stayed to help with cleaning up. Everybody had a great time and we also received many visitors thanks to our new sign and Carol's great FB posts. Thank you!

Nancy Fatta



Lectionary Readings: November 1 - 30, 2025

(YEAR C)

- Saturday, November 01, 2025: All Saints Day
- Saturday, November 01, 2025: Psalm 119:137-144; Habakkuk 2:5-11; John 8:39-47;
- Sunday, November 02, 2025: Proper 26 (31)
- Monday, November 03, 2025: Psalm 142; Habakkuk 2:12-20; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13;
- Tuesday, November 04, 2025: Psalm 142; Habakkuk 3:1-16 ; Jude 1:5-21;
- Wednesday, November 05, 2025: Psalm 142; Habakkuk 3:17-19; Luke 19:11-27;
- Thursday, November 06, 2025: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Zechariah 1:1-17; Acts 22:22-23:11;
- Friday, November 07, 2025: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Zechariah 6:9-15; Acts 24:10-23;
- Saturday, November 08, 2025: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Haggai 1:1-15a; Luke 20:1-8;
- Sunday, November 09, 2025: Proper 27 (32)
- Monday, November 10, 2025: Psalm 98; Haggai 2:10-19; 2 Peter 1:16-21;
- Tuesday, November 11, 2025: Psalm 98; Haggai 2:20-23; 2 John 1
- Wednesday, November 12, 2025: Psalm 98; Zechariah 8:1-17; John 5:19-29;
- Thursday, November 13, 2025: Isaiah 12; Isaiah 57:14-21; Romans 1:18-25;
- Friday, November 14, 2025: Isaiah 12; Isaiah 59:1-15a; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12;
- Saturday, November 15, 2025: Isaiah 12; Isaiah 59:15b-21; Luke 17:20-37;
- Sunday, November 16, 2025: Proper 28 (33)
- Monday, November 17, 2025: Psalm 76; Isaiah 60:17-22; Ephesians 4:25-5:2;
- Tuesday, November 18, 2025: Psalm 76; Isaiah 66:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1;
- Wednesday, November 19, 2025: Psalm 76; Isaiah 66:14-24; Matthew 23:37-24:14;
- Thursday, November 20, 2025: Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 21:1-14; Hebrews 9:23-28;
- Friday, November 21, 2025: Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 22:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9;
- Saturday, November 22, 2025: Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17;
- Sunday, November 23, 2025: Reign of Christ - Proper 29 (34)
- Monday, November 24, 2025: Psalm 117; Jeremiah 30:1-17; Revelation 21:5-27;
- Tuesday, November 25, 2025: Psalm 117; Jeremiah 30:18-24; Revelation 22:8-21;
- Wednesday, November 26, 2025: Psalm 117; Jeremiah 31:1-6; Luke 1:1-4;
- Thursday, November 27, 2025: Thanksgiving Day - Psalm 122; Daniel 9:15-19; James 4:1-10;
- Friday, November 28, 2025: Psalm 122; Genesis 6:1-10; Hebrews 11:1-7;
- Saturday, November 29, 2025: Psalm 122; Genesis 6:11-22; Matthew 24:1-22;
- Sunday, November 30, 2025: First Sunday of Advent



OTHER INFORMATION FOR FCC

THE STUDY - 8:45 – 9:45 am, Sunday (Youth Building)

Come join us in a lively, Spirit lead study of God's Word and answers to the question, "WHY?"

"WHY, LORD, WHY?"

Perhaps Deuteronomy 8:3b may be the answer: that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live.

Jesus said this: **the Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you - they are full of the Spirit and life.**

Man does not live by bread alone, but by the word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 8:3

RECIPES

Banana Bread

1/2 cup of butter

1 cup of sugar

2 eggs

3 bananas

2 cups of all purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon of salt

1 teaspoon of soda

2 tablespoons of buttermilk

1/2 cup of finely chopped nuts

1 teaspoon of vanilla

By Silver Angels
Ruth Riddle

- Cream the soften butter and sugar together.
- Mash the bananas.
- Add remaining ingredients and mix well.
- Spray 2 large loaf pans
- Bake at 325 degrees for 50 minutes.



Interesting Strange Bible Facts

1. Whose height was six cubits and a span?

Goliath. In 1 Samuel 17:4 "and there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span." This equals nine feet and nine inches tall.



2. What animal did God not let on the ark?

Fish and other sea creatures. God's instructions were to save air breathing land animals, the fish and sea creatures can survive in the water.



Bible Trivia

- Easy: Who was the first man? Who was the first women?
- Medium: How many books in the Old Testament:
How many books in the New Testament?
- Hard: Who conquered Judah and took Daniel to their country?
(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@fccbrla.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, Family of 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 Geneva Minton, Family of Margaret Moore, Jerry Moses, Helen Rankin, Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Bill & Lorry Trotter, and Phyllis Willis.

Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

Patty Hubeny, James Jablonski, Rev. Michael Karunas, Matt Kelley, Louis LaSalle, Jimmy Maddalone, John Miller, Beverly Pacas, Randall Priestler, Valentin Rhangelov, Debbie Riddle, Chase Roche, and Travis Valenti.

OTHER INFORMATION FOR FCC

November 30, 2025

Church Opening
Sacraments
Liturgist
Children's Moment
Youth Reader
Elder
Greeter
Deacons

Charles Riddle
Valerie Taylor
Nancy Fatta
Michael Rankin
Leonardo Morgan
Sherry McInnis
Michael Rankin
Michael Rankin
Kim Rankin
Doug Shaffer
Tracy Shaffer
Brenda Hilgendorf
Frank Dickinson
Carmen Jones
Callie Cody
Shelly Cody
Tony Fatta
Dr. Carol Madere

Livestream
Video Tech
Sound Tech
CW&W Greeter
CS&W Storyteller
Church Closing
Program Builder

*Congratulations to
Michaela Fennell Fakes
for being accepted
into an accelerated
Masters in Nursing program.*

Bible Trivia Answers

(from page 9)

Easy: Who was the first man? **Adam**

Who was the first women? **Eve**

Medium: How many books in the Old Testament: **39**

How many books in the New Testament? **27**

Hard: Who conquered Judah and took Daniel to their country? **The Babylonians**

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.

November 2, 2025

Church Opening	David Fennell
Sacraments	Valerie Taylor
Liturgist	Chris Culp
Children's Moment	Ashley Bourgeois
Youth Reader	Brynleigh Comeaux
Elder	Nancy Fatta
Greeter	Alicia Levell
Deacons	Alicia Levell
	Carl Cotten
	Gene Schilf
	Esther Schilf
Livestream	Daniel Dickey
Video Tech	Brenda Hilgendorf
Sound Tech	Jeff Cody
CW&W Greeter	Kayla Mercil
CS&W Storyteller	Genesis Bennie
Church Closing	James Morgan
Program Builder	Jill Brian

November 16, 2025

Church Opening	James Morgan
Sacraments	Valerie Taylor
Liturgist	Michael Rankin
Children's Moment	Pam Comeaux
Youth Reader	Cora Cody
Elder	Carmen Jones
Greeter	Tony Babin
Deacons	Tony Babin
	Ed Atkins
	Greg Taliaferro
	Steven Gibson
Livestream	Pam Jones
Video Tech	Jeff Cody
Sound Tech	Brenda Hilgendorf
CW&W Greeter	Leonardo Morgan
CS&W Storyteller	Kristin Morgan
Church Closing	Jerry Hilgendorf
Program Builder	Brenda Hilgendorf

November 9, 2025

Church Opening	Michael Rankin
Sacraments	Valerie Taylor
Liturgist	Lorrinda Dickinson
Children's Moment	Chris Culp
Youth Reader	Byrnleigh Comeaux
Elder	Tony Fatta
Greeter	Cathi Pourciau
Deacons	Cathi Pourciau
	Jeff Cody
	Kim Rankin
	Michael Rankin
Livestream	Michael Rankin
Video Tech	Frank Dickinson
Sound Tech	Greg Taliaferro
CW&W Greeter	Pam Comeaux
CS&W Storyteller	Dr. Carol Madere
Church Closing	Jeff Cody
Program Builder	Michael Rankin

November 23, 2025

Church Opening	Jerry Hilgendorf
Sacraments	Valerie Taylor
Liturgist	Tracy Shaffer
Children's Moment	Rev. Stephen Sanders
Youth Reader	Leonardo Morgan
Elder	Dak McInnis
Greeter	Doug Shaffer
Deacons	Doug Shaffer
	Tracy Shaffer
	James Morgan
	Kristin Morgan
Livestream	Daniel Dickey
Video Tech	Brenda Hilgendorf
Sound Tech	Greg Taliaferro
CW&W Greeter	Kayla Mercil
CS&W Storyteller	Genesis Bennie
Church Closing	Nancy Fatta
Program Builder	Jeff Cody



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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SERVICE AT 10:00 AM EACH SUNDAY - IN PERSON and ONLINE

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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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