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OUTREACH COMMITTEE

JUDY LESTER, CHAIR



Do not let summer heat inertia slow your giving!



SOUTHEAST MINISTRIES

Our "pantry focus items" for August are: cookies, cake mix, snacks, small jars of jelly, dried (not canned) beans, and can meat.. Please place donated food items in the shopping cart located in the narthex.

Thank you for your contributions!!

COMING SOON

Plans are in the works for a combined project of the Church Growth and Outreach Committees entitled: "Children's Literacy Night at FCC", to be held in our Fellowship Hall on September 24th. Stay tuned for more information.



SCHOOL TOOLS

Thank you to all of our VBS kids and parents, and others of our congregation who have once again so generously donated school supplies to give to children in the state foster care system. Your kindness will help give these children some of the things they need to participate and thrive in school.



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

SHERRY McINNIS CHAIR

Barbecued ribs, boston butts, chicken, brisket, and balloons galore, a sure sign that summer picnic fun had begun on Sunday, July 19 in the Fellowship Hall. A huge thank you to all of our in-house chefs who barbecued the delicious meats: Tony Babin, Greg Comeaux, Trey Earle, John Engelsman, Steve Gibson, and Carmen Jones

***So appreciated is the faithful Congregation
for the well prepared tasty sides and
desserts that were enjoyed by all.***



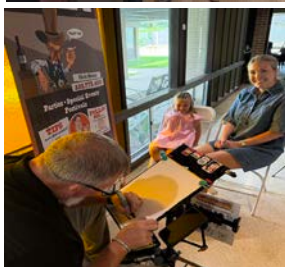
The hospitality team shared much fun and fellowship as the tone was set by executing the creative summer picnic theme designed by Bobby Johnson and Hal Holloway.

A huge thank you to the hardworking team: Ray Acardo, Tony Babin, John Engelsman, Hal Holloway, Bobby Johnson, Bonnie Hutchinson, Presley Hutchinson, Jeffrey Judice, Vicki Krupala, Dak McInnis, Cathi Pourciau, Charles Riddle, David Simon.



***Thank you so much to those on the hospitality team and to the
congregation who stayed behind to lend a helping hand in kitchen cleanup.***

BBQ PICTURES



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

SHERRY McINNIS, CHAIR

SAVE THE DATE

Gospel and Jazz Ensemble and Ice Cream Social
on

Sunday, September 20, 2026

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Gospel and Jazz Ensemble
led by Aaron Turnipseed

6:00 pm

in the Sanctuary

Ice Cream Social

7:00 pm

in the Fellowship Hall



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

REV. STEPHEN SANDERS AND PAM COMEAUX, CO-CHAIRS

Introduction to the **Gospels class** which will begin on **Sunday, August 23rd at 4:00 pm.** in the sanctuary. This class will be for 10 weeks. The first two weeks will concentrate on the period between the close of the Old Testament and the dawn of the New Testament. Where did the Roman Empire, Pharisees, and even demons, all of which are absent in the Old Testament, come from? What were the various schools of thought among God's people at the time of the birth of Jesus? Then we'll devote two weeks to each of the four gospels. For example, in what way is the Gospel of Mark an "apology" (explanation, defense of the cross?) We usually look at brief passages, but what does the overall organization of the gospel teach us? Who was the original audience?

We invite you to bring curious minds to this Bible study.
Rev. Stephen Sanders

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 call 225-926-4175. Names generally rotate off after 30 days.

MEMBERS IN OUR PRAYERS:

Judy Albin, JP Averette, Ann Baskin, Dora Blackburn, Jill Brian, Jody Chrisope, Rev. Tom & Lucy Cody, Christopher Comeaux, Rhonda Culp, Martha Denova, Lee Gullett, Jerry Hilgendorf, Jane Johnson, Marie Ladner, Kim Lax, BJ McRae, Helen Mitchener, Jerry Moses, Helen Rankin, Kim Rankin, Ruth Riddle, Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Linda Sanders

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF MEMBERS IN OUR PRAYERS:

Elaine Altazan, Stanley Bhim, Annette Bowers and Family, Marie Cannatella, Carl & Patty Hubeny, Sandy Krupala, Valerie Marcin, Dorothy Minor, Christy Paola, Ruth Payne, Bretton Pierce, Randall Priester, Debbie Riddle, Doris Swisher, Wanda Teston, Chrystal Vines

July 2026
I do watch the service from my home!
Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor always
provides a wonderful sermon.
He is a wonderful gift to the church.
Lisa



FCC DID YOU KNOW?

BIBLE TRIVIA

Easy: What did Moses say God commended the Pharaoh to do?

Medium: Who was Abram's wife?

Hard: Name of the demon Jesus cast out in the region of Gerasenes?

(Answers on page 10)

WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOU!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Kinzley McCoy	August 4th
David Brian	August 6th
Stephanie Weselak	August 7th
Kristin Morgan	August 7th
Carmen Jones	August 12th
Kendall Theunissen	August 12th
Mollie Choate	August 15th
Greyson Poole	August 16th
Hal Holloway	August 18th
Mike Wilson	August 21st
Sarah Wilson	August 24th
Scott Sanders	August 25th
Linda Sanders	August 27th
Donna Embree	August 29th



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Greg and Amy Taliaferro	August 12th
Jim and Gloria Giammanco	August 19th



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 2nd		Blessing of the Backpacks and Students
Tuesday, August 25th	6:00 pm	Sisters in Christ (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, August 27th	9:30 am	Disciples Women

Chancel Choir meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm;
Silver Angels meet on Thursdays at 9:30 am

LECTIONARY READINGS *August 1 - 31, 2026*

Saturday, August 01, 2026: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Isaiah 44:1-5, Matthew 7:7-11;
Sunday, August 02, 2026: Genesis 32:22-31;
Monday, August 03, 2026: Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29, Deuteronomy 8:1-10, Romans 1:8-15;
Tuesday, August 04, 2026: Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29, Deuteronomy 26:1-15, Acts 2:37-47;
Wednesday, August 05, 2026: Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29; Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35, Matthew 15:32-39;
Thursday, August 06, 2026: Psalm 85:8-13, 1 Kings 18:1-16, Acts 17:10-15;
Friday, August 07, 2026: Psalm 85:8-13, 1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40, Acts 18:24-28;
Saturday, August 08, 2026: Psalm 85:8-13, 1 Kings 18:41-46, Matthew 16:1-4;
Sunday, August 09, 2026: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28, Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22;
Monday, August 10, 2026: Psalm 18:1-19, Genesis 7:11-8:5, 2 Peter 2:4-10;
Tuesday, August 11, 2026: Psalm 28, Genesis 39:1-23, Romans 9:14-29;
Wednesday, August 12, 2026: Psalm 28, Genesis 40:1-23, Matthew 8:23-27;
Thursday, August 13, 2026: Psalm 67, Isaiah 45:20-25, Revelation 15:1-4;
Friday, August 14, 2026: Psalm 67, Isaiah 63:15-19, Acts 14:19-28;
Saturday, August 15, 2026: Psalm 67, Isaiah 56:1-5, Matthew 14:34-36;
Sunday, August 16, 2026: Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 133:1-3;
Monday, August 17, 2026: Psalm 87, 2 Kings 5:1-14, Acts 15:1-21;
Tuesday, August 18, 2026: Psalm 87, Isaiah 43:8-13, Romans 11:13-29;
Wednesday, August 19, 2026: Psalm 87, Isaiah 66:18-23, Matthew 8:1-13;
Thursday, August 20, 2026: Psalm 138, Ezekiel 28:11-19, 1 Corinthians 6:1-11;
Friday, August 21, 2026: Psalm 138, Ezekiel 31:15-18, 2 Corinthians 10:12-18;
Saturday, August 22, 2026: Psalm 138, Ezekiel 36:33-38, Matthew 16:5-12;
Sunday, August 23, 2026: Exodus 1:8-2:10,
Monday, August 24, 2026: Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32, 1 Samuel 7:3-13, Romans 2:1-11;
Tuesday, August 25, 2026: Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32, Deuteronomy 32:18-20, 28-39;
Wednesday, August 26, 2026: Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32, Isaiah 28:14-22, Matthew 26:6-13;
Thursday, August 27, 2026: Psalm 26:1-8, Jeremiah 14:13-18, Ephesians 5:1-6;
Friday, August 28, 2026: Psalm 26:1-8, Jeremiah 15:1-9, 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12;
Saturday, August 29, 2026: Psalm 26:1-8, Jeremiah 15:10-14, Matthew 8:14-17;
Sunday, August 30, 2026: Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26;
Monday, August 31, 2026: Psalm 17, Samuel 11:2-26, Revelation 3:1-6.



THE STUDY

LED BY REV. DAK MCINNIS

**9:00 am, Every Sunday in the Youth Building
with continental breakfast at 8:45am**

Everyone is Welcome!

God's WORD is POWERFUL!

The Bible describes the Word of God as active alive, and authoritative, possessing the supernatural ability to bring physical creation, sinner transformation, and spiritual salvation.

We study God's Word because it has:

- * **POWER** to penetrate the human heart;
- * **POWER** to guide and direct;
- * **POWER** to create and fulfill; and
- * **POWER** to save and heal.

Come study the **WORD** with us every Sunday and be **EMPOWERED**.

FCC DID YOU KNOW?

Solomon wrote 3,000 proverbs and 1,005 songs.

1 Kings 4:32 - *“Solomon wrote 3,000 wise sayings and composed more than 1,000 songs.”*

Silver was of little value in Solomon's day.

1 Kings 10:21 - *“Since silver was almost worthless in those days, everything was made of gold, even the cups and dishes used in Forest Hall.”*

Egyptians despised shepherds.

Genesis 46:34 - *“When he does, be sure to say, ‘We are shepherds. Our families have always raised sheep.’ If you tell him this, he will let you settle in the region of Goshen.”*

God Himself buried Moses, and no one knows where.

Deuteronomy 34:5-6 - *“And so, Moses the Lord's servant died there in Moab, just as the Lord had said. The Lord buried him in a valley near the town of Beth-Peor, but even today no one knows exactly where.”*

FCC DID YOU KNOW?

ANIMALS IN THE BIBLE

Fox: *Nehemiah 4:3*

"Look at the wall they are building!
Why, even a fox could knock over this pile of stones."



Frog: *Exodus 8:2*

"If he refuses, I will cover his entire country with frogs".

Gazelle: *Deuteronomy 14:5*

"You may eat the meat of cattle, sheep, and goats; wild sheep and goats; and gazelles, antelopes, and all kinds of deer."



Gecko: *Leviticus 11:30*

" the gecko, the monitor lizard, the wall lizard, the skink"



BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWERS

(from page 6)

Easy: Let his people go.

Middle: Sarai

Hard: Legion



SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

AUGUST 30, 2026

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

Livestream
Video Tech
Sound Tech
Program Builder
CW&W Greeter
CW&W Storyteller

David Fennell
Jeff Cody
Alicia Cotten
Mike Wilson
Donna Embree
Brynleigh Comeaux
Donna Embree
Tony Babin
Shelly Cody
Steven Gibson
Greg Taliaferro
Brenda Hilgendorf
Michael Rankin
Kim Lax
Kim Lax
Kayla Mercil
Genesis Bennie

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.

AUGUST 2, 2026

Church Opening	David Fennell
Church Closing	Jeff Cody
Sacraments	Alicia Cotten
Liturgist	Rev. Stephen Sanders
Children's Moment	Ashley Bourgeois
Youth Reader	Cora Cody
Elder	Lorrinda Dickinson
Deacons	(Greeter) Ray Acardo
	Alicia Cotten
	Carl Cotten
	Presley Hutchinson
Livestream	Daniel Dickey
Video Tech	Amy Taliaferro
Sound Tech	Greg Taliaferro
Program Builder	Dr. Carol Madere
CW&W Greeter	Kayla Mercil
CW&W Storyteller	Genesis Bennie

AUGUST 16, 2026

Church Opening	Jerry Hilgendorf
Church Closing	Jerry Hilgendorf
Sacraments	Alicia Cotten
Liturgist	Dr. Tracy Shaffer
Children's Moment	Chris Culp
Youth Reader	Leonardo Morgan
Elder	Carmen Jones
Deacons	(Greeter) Greg Taliaferro
	Tony Babin
	Shelly Cody
	Steven Gibson
Livestream	Michael Rankin
Video Tech	Kim Lax
Sound Tech	Carmen Jones
Program Builder	Michael Rankin
CW&W Greeter	Leonardo Morgan
CW&W Storyteller	Kristin Morgan

AUGUST 9, 2026

Church Opening	Jerry Hilgendorf
Church Closing	Jerry Hilgendorf
Sacraments	Alicia Cotten
Liturgist	Kristin Morgan
Children's Moment	Pam Comeaux
Youth Reader	Brynleigh Comeaux
Elder	Judy Lester
Deacons	(Greeter) Callie Cody
	Kristin Morgan
	James Morgan
	Cathi Pourciau
Livestream	Nicolas Morgan
Video Tech	Greg Taliaferro
Sound Tech	Jeff Cody
Program Builder	Brenda Hilgendorf
CW&W Greeter	Callie Cody
CW&W Storyteller	Shelly Cody

AUGUST 23, 2026

Church Opening	Michael Rankin
Church Closing	Michael Rankin
Sacraments	Alicia Cotten
Liturgist	Michael Rankin
Children's Moment	Michael Rankin
Youth Reader	Cora Cody
Elder	Frank Dickinson
Deacons	(Greeter) Kendall Theunissen
	Kim Rankin
	Michael Rankin
	Julie Theunissen
Livestream	Brenda Hilgendorf
Video Tech	Jeff Cody
Sound Tech	Pam Jones
Program Builder	Jill Brian
CW&W Greeter	Callie Cody
CW&W Storyteller	Shelly Cody



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Disciples of Christ

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

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Church Office Email: churchoffice@fccbrrla.org

Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9am - 3 pm

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

Earl Poole, *Music Worship Leader*

Emily McDowell, *Guitarist*

Brenda Hilgendorf, *Bookkeeper / Human Resources*

Charles Riddle, *Facilities*

Kimberly Lax, *Administrative Assistant*

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