

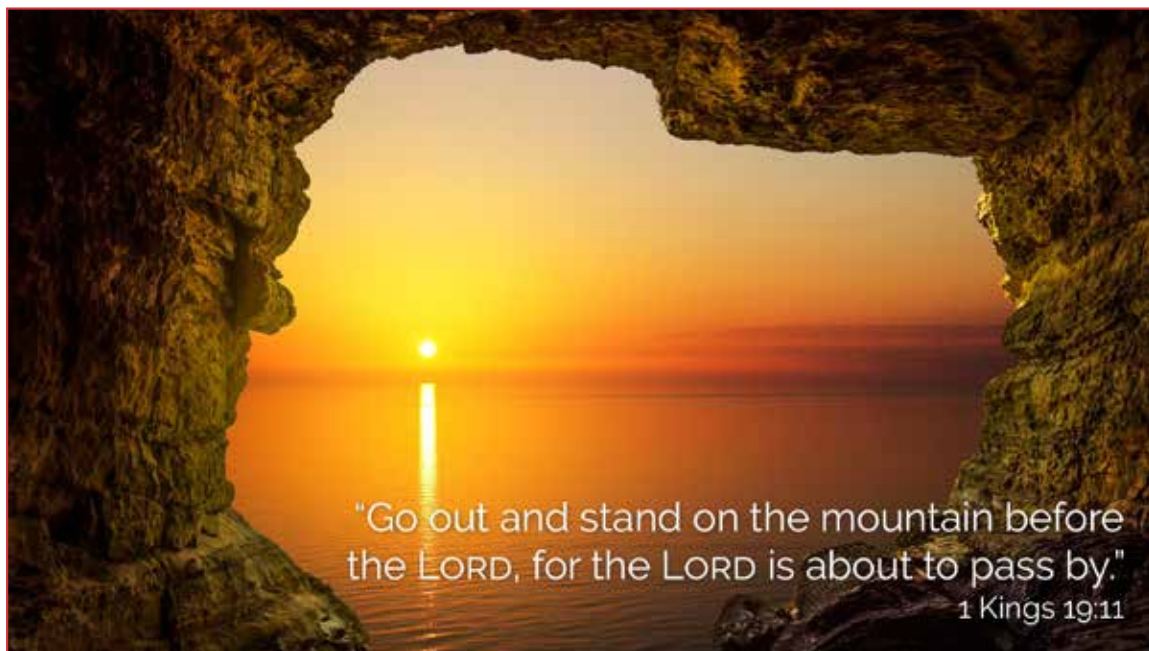
# First Christian Caller

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## WHAT'S THE CHANGE I FEEL?



I don't know about you, but for the most part, lately I've been taking things one day at a time, or if I'm feeling really confident, maybe a week at a time. Kori is a planner and likes to think months ahead. That's a wonderful gift, but I've been so focused on what's happening here and now, constantly re-adjusting for changing circumstances, it's been hard to work up the courage to think that far ahead. But as temperatures have dipped down, hopefully a sign that fall is here (though one never knows in Louisiana), I find myself reflecting on the summer we've come through, and looking forward to cooler temperatures and all that a more temperate season signifies.

It almost goes without saying, but this summer has been a challenge like no other. COVID, racial unrest, social distancing, watching statistics rise and fall and rise and fall. The casual familiarity of family and friends has turned to video calls, front porch grocery drops, and, for some, hours and hours of complete isolation. The news has been mostly worst-case-scenario reporting, and I could go on and on but that would only make this already dark article feel darker.

Usually I like to plan out a month or more of worship at a time, but I've found that almost impossible since everything seems to shift from one week to the next. But with the change in temperature, I feel this fall offers the promise of something familiar.

With the first Sunday in October, Consecration Sunday, completed, I decided it's time to start looking a little further ahead. I was startled to see that All Saints' Day is just around the corner, which means that Thanksgiving isn't that much further off, and Advent and Christmas follow closely on Thanksgiving's heels. Though our observance of these holidays will be different this year, their significance is in no way diminished. On All Saints, we give thanks for this precious life that God gives, even as we grieve the loss of loved ones. I think Thanksgiving will be all the more profound for all of us this year as we return thanks that God has walked with us through this dark season. And Christmas is a reminder that God's promised salvation is always close at hand.

The preacher of Ecclesiastes reminds us:

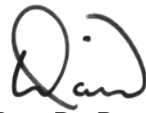
***For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;  
a time to kill, and a time to heal.***

Though it's not good to live only in the past, or obsess about the future, it is good spiritual practice to reflect on what we've experienced, and build a sense of hope for what is to come. Take some time this week to quietly reflect on what has passed and move more confidently into this new season.

My prayer for all of us is that this will be a season of birth, harvest and healing.

***“The night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.”*** Romans 13:12

Christ's Peace,



Rev. Dr. David Chisham  
*Senior Minister*

## ***Children Worship & Wonder - Sunday mornings***

Our acclaimed Sunday program for children **two-years-old through second grade** has begun the fall semester, with programming for children immediately following the Children's Sermon during the 10:00 service.

Our leaders have carefully prepared the area and materials for the children, following the latest guidance regarding exchange of aerosols and particles. Each child in the program will have their own set of materials to work.

***So What Exactly is CW&W?***

*CW&W is faith formation worship centered approach with storytelling, ritual, and fellowship that is used with children in churches to help them deepen their relationship with God.*

## Reach Out This Week to ...

Several members of our community remain largely or entirely isolating, so we'll share a few names with each newsletter, and ask that you **take just a moment to share a note, a card, or phone call with one or more of those listed:**

- ◇ *Chris & Steve Gibson (Sammy & Julia), 517 Avenue A, Port Allen LA 70767; 225-343-9448*
- ◇ *Barbara Knight, 12361 Archery Drive, Baton Rouge LA 70815; 225-275-0460; 225-954-0937*
- ◇ *Marie Ladner, 12259 Village Dr., Walker, LA 70785; 225-243-6905*
- ◇ *The Lax Family (Wanda, Allen & Kim), 12776 Archery Drive, Baton Rouge LA 70815; (W) 225-239-5612; (A) 225-252-5935; (K) 225-907-5542*

## Building an FCC Tool Depot

Judy Lester and Rev. David have identified and prepared secure space within the church campus to catalog, sort, and house gently-used tools for use in our outreach to members of our church in need as well as disaster relief in benefit to our congregation and community.

Are you downsizing your tool shed? Did you somehow accumulate a second pole saw or set of pruning shears? How about that tool you needed for one project that you've never touched again? Please consider finding a new home for your **tools and tarps that are in good, usable condition to the FCC Tool Depot.**

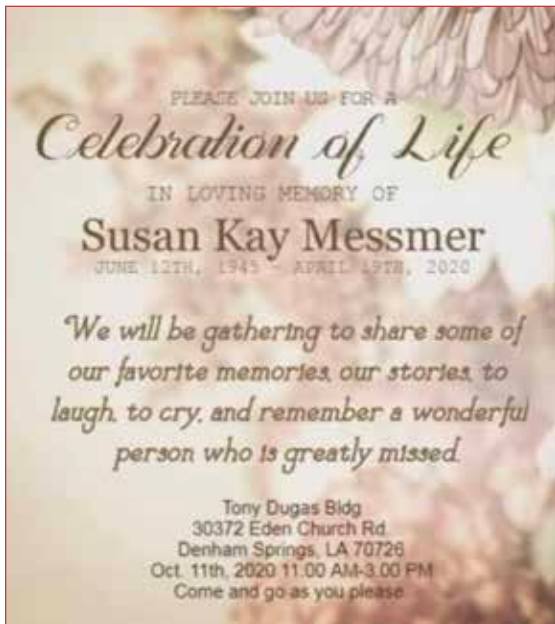
**Drop off your items at the church office, Monday-Thursday, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. ideally in time for our next Hurricane Relief outreach event on [Saturday, October 17!](#) Sign up to join the crew by phone (225-926-4175) or [email to the office!](#)**

Particularly of need are the following items. Please look through your own tool inventory and consider what you would like to go to such good use:

- Power washer
- Garden hose
- Garden rake
- Leaf rake
- Pole saw
- Bow saw
- Chain saw
- Sawzall (*reciprocating saw*)
- Hedge trimmers
- Pruning shears - large
- Pruning shears - small
- Pick-axe
- 6' ladder
- 8' ladder
- Extension ladder
- Paint brushes (1 ½ " & 2")
- Paint rollers
- Paint tray
- Circular saw
- Power drill
- Power nail gun
- Power sander
- Generator
- Extension cords
- Lumberpieces, e.g. 1x2x6-8'
- Decking screws

## CALENDAR REMINDERS

**Wednesdays Bible Study with Rev. David - 1:00 p.m. via Zoom** and in the church library. Each week, we'll study the coming Sunday's lectionary texts, available at Vanderbilt Divinity Library: [lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/](http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/) R.s.v.p. for Zoom link and in-person planning by calling us at 225-926-4175 or email [churchoffice@fccbrla.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccbrla.org).



### **Sunday, October 11, 2020 - 11 am 'til 3 pm**

Sue Messmer's daughter, Kristen, has forwarded an invitation to Sue's friends to come by her Celebration of Life, being hosted in Denham Springs.

### **Saturday, October 17, 2020**

**Disaster Relief Mission Work** - another work trip is tentatively scheduled to southwest Louisiana, to help assist with debris clean-up, placement of tarps, etc. as determined by our DOC contacts in the area. ***Please register with the church office if you're able to go, so we'll have an idea of what help we can offer and finalize travel arrangements.***

### **Regional Assembly Workshops** will be

held online, and include opportunities to hear learned and powerful speakers such as Ronny Nowell on Youth Ministry; Rev. Dr. Jarrett Banks on Being Church When We Can't Go to Church; How Church Boards Can Survive a Pandemic with Rev. Dr. David Britt; and, Rev. Lisa Engelken, a *Children Worship & Wonder* trainer for 18 years on sharing the people of God's faithful stories, not just to children but to their families, as well. Read more, register, and join the conversation at the [GRR website, here](#).

**Friday, November 6, 2020 - KEEPING THE MAIN THING...THE MAIN THING!** the 2020 [Regional Assembly of the Great River Region](#), will also be held virtually, for worship, education, and annual business. First Christian Church is allowed **five voting delegates**; all members are allowed and encouraged to attend.

## SERVING SCHEDULE

October 11, 2020

### 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

<i>Church Opening</i>	George Cochran
<i>Sacraments</i>	Pam Comeaux
<i>Greeter</i>	Joanne Taliaferro
<i>Liturgist</i>	Ed Atkins
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Joshua Dotts
<i>Children's Sermon</i>	Chris Culp
<i>CW&amp;W Greeter</i>	Melanie Cobb
<i>CW&amp;W Storyteller</i>	Mary Thompson
<i>Elder</i>	Chris Culp
<i>Video Tech</i>	Jeff Cody
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Joshua Dotts
<i>Livestream</i>	Ted Baldwin/Sue Grigg
<i>Church Closing</i>	Ashley Bourgeois
<i>Program Builder</i>	Jill Brian

## SERVING SCHEDULE

October 18, 2020

<i>Church Opening</i>	Pam Jones
<i>Sacraments</i>	Pam Comeaux
<i>Greeter</i>	Trey Earle
<i>Liturgist</i>	Vicki Krupala
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Callie Cody
<i>Children's Sermon</i>	Leatus Still
<i>CW&amp;W Greeter</i>	Kori Chisham
<i>CW&amp;W Storyteller</i>	Beverly Tipton
<i>Elder</i>	Kori Chisham
<i>Video Tech</i>	Anderson Krupala
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Jeff Cody
<i>Livestream</i>	Ted Baldwin/Sue Grigg
<i>Church Closing</i>	Joshua Dotts
<i>Program Builder</i>	Yvonne Taylor

*Our assignments may be fluid while we adjust to the latest reports and recommendations. Please help keep track of your assignments on our [ministry web page](#), and let us know as soon as possible about potential conflicts, [HERE](#) or at [churchoffice@fccbrla.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccbrla.org)*

## Daily Lectionary: October 7, 2020 - October 20, 2020

**Wednesday, October 7, 2020:** Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 6:10-25; John 11:45-57

**Thursday, October 8, 2020:** Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:1-8; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14

**Friday, October 9, 2020:** Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:9-11; James 4:4-10

**Saturday, October 10, 2020:** Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:12-18; Mark 2:18-22

**Monday, October 12, 2020:** Psalm 97; Exodus 32:15-35; Jude 17-25

**Tuesday, October 13, 2020:** Psalm 97; Exodus 33:1-6; Philippians 3:13-4:1

**Wednesday, October 14, 2020:** Psalm 97; 2 Kings 17:7-20; John 6:25-35

**Thursday, October 15, 2020:** Psalm 99; Exodus 33:7-11; 3 John 9-12

**Friday, October 16, 2020:** Psalm 99; Exodus 31:1-11; 1 Peter 5:1-5

**Saturday, October 17, 2020:** Psalm 99; Exodus 39:32-43; Matthew 14:1-12

**Monday, October 19, 2020:** Psalm 63:1-8; Exodus 40:34-38; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20

**Tuesday, October 20, 2020:** Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 12:1-9; Revelation 18:21-24

# 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 one of the prayer cards in the attendance books and put it in the offering plate, or contact us at [churchoffice@fccbrla.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccbrla.org), or 225-926-4175. Names will rotate off after two months without an update.

## Members in our prayers:

JD Albin, Ann Baskin, Rita Brian, Dora & Ron Blackburn, Linda Burns-Sanders, Lois Burt, Norma Carr, Nancy Chapaneri, Jody Chrisope, Lorrinda Dickinson, the Grigg family, Rich Griswold, Dawn & Craig Harvey, Ruth Horn, Barbara Knight, Marie Ladner, Allen Lax, Kim Lax, Dak McInnis, Helen Mitchener, Jerry Moses, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Helen Rankin, Ruth Riddle, Gladys & Kelly Runnels, Yvonne Taylor, Bill Trotter, Mary Jon Turner, Wally and Bev Weselak, Toni Wilson

## Friends & Family of Members in our prayers

Greg Anderson, Donna & Don Bohlcke, Angela Maria Avansi Casarotti, Patricia Cornelius, Mark Discher, Mary Jo Dobroski, Jimmie E. Dugas, Frances Durham, Johnny Durham, Paul Foster, the family of Joey Guitierrez, J.W. Green, Reynaud Henton, the family of Remi Hidalgo, Sarah Hill, Jamone Hodge, Ray Hutchinson, Mike Keene, Lee Lambert, Melody, Scott, Jr Larsen, Terri McIlwain, Robert McKinnis family, Chelsey Miguez, the family of Clint Mock, Cheryl Nasab, Judy Olson, Bobby Phillips, David & Kimber Pittman, the family of Alvin Pounds, Tallu Schuyler Quinn, Cherry Quin, Jeanie Reed, Debbie Riddle, Lani Smith, Dayna Coupel Simoneaux, Dad to Aaron Turnipseed, Leta Turnipseed, Pam Vicknair & family, Claudia Wagner, Ardelle & Danny Wallace, Jim Williams

## Members in Active Military Service:

PVT Gage Goodspeed

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## CONTACT INFORMATION AND ONLINE LINKS:

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Rev. David Chisham: 703-220-6011 Email: [david@fccbrla.org](mailto:david@fccbrla.org)

Website: [fccbrla.org](http://fccbrla.org)

YouTube Video Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/FCCBRLA/featured>

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/fccbrla>

Facebook Worship at Home: <https://facebook.com/fccbrlaworshipathome>

Instagram: <https://instagram.com/fccbrla>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/fccbrla>



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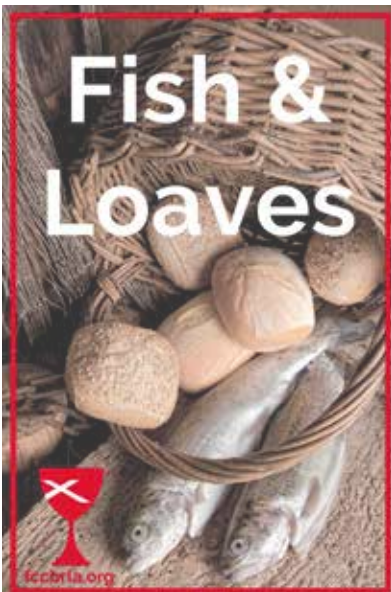
*Disciples of Christ*

8484 Old Hammond Hwy.

Baton Rouge, LA 70809-1317

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



*Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. —John 6:11*

**FCCBR Food Drive - Donations left at church are delivered weekly to Southeast Ministries:**

Suggested donations: *Jelly, instant potatoes, Jiffy cornbread mix, mac & cheese, crackers, bags of apples, oranges, onions, or potatoes, rubbing alcohol or other anti-viral cleaning agents.*

**EMPTY EGG CARTONS ARE CURRENTLY NEEDED, TOO!**

Southeast Ministries - Checks can be made out directly to Southeast Ministries and brought to the church during food drop-off times, or mailed to 476 Sharp Road, Baton Rouge LA 70815. *Be sure to mark the memo line with "First Christian Church."*