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HURRICANE WEEK

Service has finally (Wednesday, September 8) been restored to the church, although our Internet service is not yet operational. We plan to resume services in the church this Sunday, September 12; the ability to livestream will depend on Internet restoration.

Sunday, September 12 - This Sunday, **The Reverend Dr. Michael Elmore** returns to our pulpit. Dr. Elmore is well known to many in our congregation, having served as a former pastor at First Christian Church, Baton Rouge.

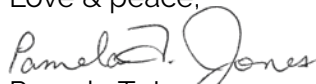
Sunday, September 19 - **The Rev. Dr. Jarrett Banks**, visionary of *JustLove*, the northshore new church vision, who preached here on August 15, will return.

Sunday, September 26 - **Dr. Julius "Tip" Tipton** is a professional musician and still active composer. Rev. Julius Tipton is a mostly retired minister (PCUSA). Tip Tipton is a fitness enthusiast, working out regularly, doing Tai Chi weekly and planning to participate in two charity walk/run events this fall. (Sponsors welcome.) He and Beverly are well-known to our congregation.

We are sad to announce that Jo Craddock, our office admin, has accepted a position elsewhere and will no longer be an employee of the church after this week. Jo has been a true asset in our daily life at FCCBR with her exceptional organizational skills, with all aspects of technology, and with so many little touches that she adds to all she does. Jo will definitely be missed on staff, but we wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

While you might find this news a bit unsettling in light of David's recent departure and so soon after a major storm that has certainly upset the apple cart of day-to-day life in our area, please do not worry. We might need your patience in the short-term as we adjust, but the church office will continue to function. We are pleased to let you know that Brenda Hilgendorf has agreed to return on a part-time basis. Beginning next week, the church office will be open Tuesday thru Thursday with email and voicemail being monitored remotely the rest of the time. The Board will be working with Brenda to keep things running smoothly, but in light of the recent chaos from the storm and with so many still getting back power and/or Internet, and realizing that we are all only human, it's very possible we might overlook some things here and there. Please feel free to reach out and let us know if there's anything you are aware of along the way that it appears might have been missed.

Love & peace,

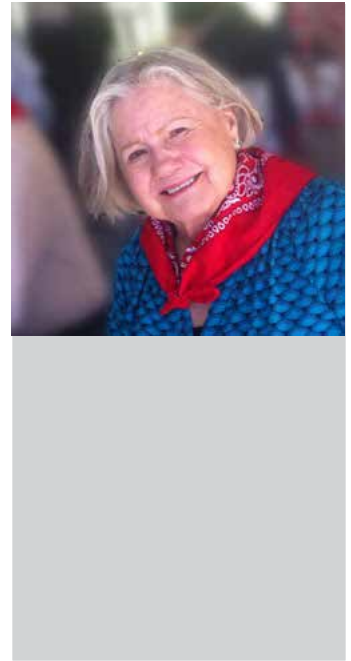


Pamela T. Jones
Board Chair

Donna Tetrick

October 12, 1935 - August 25, 2021

Services celebrating the life of Donna Tetrick
will be held at First Christian Church
on Saturday, September 11, 2021,
with visitation beginning at 1:00 p.m.,
followed by the service
led by the Rev. Tom Cody, at 2:00 p.m.



O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Donna, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory. In these and all things we ask in the Name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Au Revoir

If good feelings could fuel the world (and, hey, why don't they?), my difficult decision to accept another position wouldn't have been under consideration. Everyone at FCC has made my time here so joyful — even as we faced difficult and worrisome times, and had to make frequent accommodations as we adjusted to a global pandemic.

I have bragged to many acquaintances about the delightful, caring community here, and how diligently you take up your Christian duties toward each other and the larger community. Vicki Krupala shared with me some time ago that, “This church community is the best kept secret in Baton Rouge,” and she was right. But, go out and quit keeping that a secret!

Thank you for being so welcoming to me as part of your church staff these past two years. I will be keeping you in my prayers as you move forward into your new chapter of being the Disciples of Christ in the Baton Rouge area.

Peace,

Jo Craddock
jo@jocraddock.com



WEAR A MASK

Please keep your mask on when entering or exiting the sanctuary, and at all times (except during communion) if seated on the mask-required side.



USE HAND SANITIZER

Bottles are located at each entrance and exit, in the restrooms, and elsewhere.

Given community infection rates, **both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons age 2 and older are mandated to wear masks indoors** if at least six feet of distancing from others not in your household is not physically possible.

FOLLOW SANCTUARY SIGNS, PLEASE

You are welcome to sit wherever you are most comfortable, but we do ask that **if you are in the "Masks Required" section, you wear a face mask, properly covering your nose and mouth** (except when consuming the Lord's Supper).

If you are in the Masks Optional section, please wear your mask while entering or exiting the sanctuary, lowering or removing it *only while* you are seated and safely distanced from others not in your household.

MEAL MINISTRY seeking sign-ups



COOKS and DRIVERS needed! As we do what we can to help our church family who are recovering from medical issues, we are developing a **First Christian Church Meal Ministry**.

This ministry will address those within our church community whose **temporary need for meal assistance due to medical issues** is not already being met through their involvement in a church group, family, or friends.

You may **bring a frozen meal by the church office during business hours, to be labelled and stored in our freezers until called for, or sign up for prep of a ready-to-eat meal on an as-needed basis**. Depending on the recipient's needs and physical restrictions, delivered meals may be frozen, or ready-to-eat.

"I don't cook, anymore. What can I do to help?" We all have differing gifts! Perhaps you'd like to be a delivery driver, picking up a prepared or frozen meal from one of our volunteer cooks, and delivering it to our member in need? We need you, too!

TO VOLUNTEER: Contact the church office by email, [here](#), or phone 225-926-4175, and let us know whether you'll be a cook/contributor of meals, or delivery driver.

GRR Disciples Women Fall Retreat 2021

The annual fall retreat will be held **September 17-19** at the Vine's Center (also known as the Arkansas 4H Center) located ten miles west of Little Rock, at 1 Four-H Way, Little Rock, AR 72223.

Check-in for Disciples Women will begin at 4:00 pm, September 17. There will be fellowship, food, worship, workshops, and fun in gathering for the in-person event. Vaccinations are encouraged, and all non-vaccinated participants should wear a face mask in common areas. We will have some events livestreamed to a Zoom link for those not comfortable with an in-person gathering. When you register for virtual only, exact times for these events will be sent to you a few days prior to the event. The cost of registration for in-person attendance includes a t-shirt, room accommodations, all events, Keynotes, services, workshops and meals.



The keynote speaker is Rev. Vanessa Lynn Bostick MDiv She was born in West Texas and was raised in East Texas, and has been the Chair of the CCOM and served on RCOM while she served in the Southwest Region. She chaired the NEA Assembly Committee, Evangelism Committee, and the Christian Women's Fellowship. Her Ministry is Gospel Girl John 3:16. She is co-owner of Burning Bush Designs and Novelties which she operates with her twin, Valenda Axelrad. [Read more and register, here.](#)

Fall Online Classes offered at The Bailey Institute



Dwight K. We REACH, TEACH, and TRANSFORM LIVES Through Christ's Love
BAILEY INSTITUTE
of Learning
Empowering GRR Disciples through learning opportunities

*The cost for each series will be \$15 per semester

2021 FALL SEMESTER

Upcoming Classes

Classes meet 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Lay Leader Series 101 (Online)
September 27 - October 18
Every Monday ~ 4 weeks
Facilitator: Rev. Alison Robuck

Spiritual Formation Series 201 (Online)
September 30 - October 21
Every Thursday ~ 4 weeks
Facilitator: Elder LaVerne Bobo

Technology Series 301 (Online)
October 28 - November 18
Every Thursday ~ 4 weeks
Facilitator: Kristen Beach/Teonicka Russell

The Bailey Series 401 (Online)
September 27 - November 15
Every Monday ~ 8 weeks
Facilitator: Rev. Dr. Nadine Burton

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

September 12, 2021

September 19, 2021

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Church Opening Pam Jones
Sacraments Susan Valenti
Deacon/Greeter Sherry McInnis
Liturgist Tip Tipton
Youth Reader Anderson Krupala
Children's Sermon Ashley Bourgeois
Elder Pam Comeaux
Video Tech Callie COdy
Sound Tech Chris Culp
Livestream Ted Baldwin
Church Closing Chris Culp
Program Builder Jeff Cody

Church Opening David Fennell
Sacraments Susan Valenti
Deacon/Greeter Ed Atkins
Liturgist Tony Fatta
Youth Reader Carol Madere
Children's Sermon Chris Culp
Elder Anderson Krupala
Video Tech Tony Fatta
Sound Tech Ted Baldwin
Livestream Ted Baldwin
Church Closing Cathi Pourciau
Program Builder Yvonne Taylor

Lectionary Readings: September 8-21, 2021

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 - Psalm 73:1-20; Proverbs 14:1-9; Matthew 17:14-21

Thursday, September 9, 2021 - Psalm 19; Proverbs 15:1-17; Hebrews 11:17-22

Friday, September 10, 2021 - Psalm 19; Proverbs 19:24-29; James 2:17-26

Saturday, September 11, 2021 - Psalm 19; Proverbs 21:1-17; Matthew 21:23-32

Sunday, September 12, 2021 - Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

Monday, September 13, 2021 - Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 22:1-21; Romans 3:9-20

Tuesday, September 14, 2021 - Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 25:1-28; Colossians 3:1-11

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 - Psalm 73:21-28; Proverbs 29:1-27; John 7:25-36

Thursday, September 16, 2021 - Psalm 1; Proverbs 30:1-10; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Friday, September 17, 2021 - Psalm 1; Proverbs 30:18-33; Romans 11:25-32

Saturday, September 18, 2021 - Psalm 1; Ecclesiastes 1:1-18; Matthew 23:29-39

Sunday, September 19, 2021 - Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

Monday, September 20, 2021 - Psalm 128; Proverbs 27:1-27; James 4:8-17

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 - Psalm 128; Ecclesiastes 4:9-16; James 5:1-6

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, 60, or 90 days without an update, depending on the nature of the original request.

Members in our prayers:

JD Albin, Dora & Ron Blackburn, Lois & Bill Burt, Norma Carr, Jody Chrisope, Pam Culp, Marion Denova, Martha Denova, Paul Foster, the family and friends of Fred Goodspeed, Rich Griswold, Mark Mattison & Michelle Griswold, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Jane Johnson, Jeff Judice, Marie Ladner, Ann Landry, Wanda Lax, William Miguez, Helen Mitchener, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Helen Rankin, Kelly Runnells, the family of Donna Tetrick, Mary Jon Turner, Wally and Bev Weselak, Beverly Wolfe, Kings Highway CC, FCC Search Committee

Friends & Family of Members in our prayers

Donna & Don Bohlcke, Angela Marie Avansi Casarotti, Patricia Cornelius, Dean Fife, Lane Holloman, Charlene Rhodes, Cindy Minton, Tallu Schuyler Quinn, Bryan Phenix, Matt Rink, Jimmy Rudd, Alyssa Russell, Rev. Bonnie Simmerly, Dayna Coupel Simoneaux, Will and Blake Stevenson, Charlie Tipton, Nick Tullier, Lori Wells

Members in Active Military Service:

PFC Gage Goodspeed

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION AND ONLINE LINKS:

Church Office Phone: 225-926-4175 Email: churchoffice@fccbrla.org
Website: fccbrla.org Office Hours Text: 225-755-9838
YouTube Video Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/FCCBRLA/featured>
Facebook: <https://facebook.com/fccbrla> Twitter: <https://twitter.com/fccbrla>
Instagram: <https://instagram.com/fccbrla>



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

NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US

COMMUNITY

Romans 8:39

2021 ANNUAL GATHERING

**SATURDAY
11.6.2021**

HOST CHURCH: FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FORT SMITH, AR 72903

The Great River Region is pleased to announce that the first **Fall Gathering** will be held at First Christian Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas, on **Saturday, November 6**, from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The theme is **Nothing Can Separate Us / CommUNITY** (Romans 8:39). This will be a short gathering where we will worship, conduct a business meeting, then positively impact the host city with a Regional Mission Project. Please stay tuned for more details.