

# First Christian Caller

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## UPCOMING GUEST PREACHER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Here is the schedule of guest preachers we have for the coming month:

**Sunday, October 3 - 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, October 10 - The Reverend Tom Cody** has been a member of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) since 1964 upon baptism at First Christian Church while a student in Huntsville, Texas. At various churches throughout Texas, Tom was an active member, holding every office except treasurer! In 1992, Tom moved to Shreveport, and joined Broadmoor Christian Church where he became a licensed minister in 1993. He retired from the City of Shreveport in 2005 and moved to Baton Rouge and First Christian Church, Baton Rouge, as a Licensed Minister until his retirement a second time, in 2019.

**Sunday, October 17 - Consecration Day - The Rev. Dr. Julius R. "Tip" Tipton**, musician, preacher, fitness enthusiast and participant, will lead our worship and preach.

**Sunday, October 24 - The Rev. Caroline Hamilton-Arnold** will share her message to us via video. Caroline holds a Master of Divinity from Claremont School of Theology and a BA from TCU. She is the Associate Director for Domestic Disaster Response with *Week of Compassion*, and her passion is connecting people with the creative, re-creative power of the living God through stories and faithful action.



**Sunday, October 31 - The Reverend Dr. Jarrett Banks**, visionary of *JustLove*, the northshore new church vision, who preached here on August 15, will return

We look forward to hearing and appreciating the different gifts each of these preachers will be sharing with us in the coming weeks!

***Please remember to respond to the Search and Call Committee survey (pages 2-3), by email to Carol, or bringing your response to church this Sunday, September 26.***

Love & peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Pamela T. Jones'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing 'J'.

Pamela T. Jones

## From the Search and Call Committee

The Search and Call Committee requests that you complete this survey concerning what qualities you value in a minister. Choose only five qualities. At the bottom, you have the opportunity to list goals you think the church should pursue in the next five years. You can either tear off this page, and bring your survey to church on Sunday, scan and email it to [cmadere@selu.edu](mailto:cmadere@selu.edu), email just the five qualities you checked to [cmadere@selu.edu](mailto:cmadere@selu.edu) or tear off this page of the newsletter after you've completed it, and mail the survey to me at

Carol M. Madere  
2005 Dennis Drive  
Hammond, LA 70401

Please return by September 26, 2021. Your input is valued and appreciated.

Carol Madere  
Chair, Search and Call Committee

### WHAT ARE THE QUALITIES WE WANT IN OUR NEXT SENIOR MINISTER?

As part of our discernment process, the Search and Call Committee would like to ask the congregation what qualities they value in a senior minister and what goals the church should pursue in the next five years. Please read through this list and check off FIVE qualities. You do not have to rank the qualities; just check only the five you consider most important. Use the blank line at the bottom of the survey to write in a quality you feel should have been included in the list. Please complete this survey and turn it in as you leave the sanctuary today.

Our church needs a minister who:

- is an effective preacher, speaker and teacher
- continues to develop his/her theological and biblical skills
- helps people develop their spiritual life
- helps people work together in solving problems
- is effective in planning and leading worship
- has a sense of the direction of his/her ministry
- regularly encourages people to participate in Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- helps people understand and act upon issues of social justice

- ministers effectively to people in crisis situations
- makes pastoral calls on people on members unable to attend church
- builds a sense of fellowship among the people with whom he/she works
- helps people develop their leadership abilities
- is an effective administrator
- has a strong commitment to the educational ministry of the church
- works regularly at bringing new members into the church and reaching out to inactive members
- works regularly in the development of stewardship growth
- is active in ecumenical relationships and encourages the church to participate
- is effective in working with youth
- is skilled in planning and leading programs
- encourages people to relate their faith to their daily lives
- accepts people of divergent backgrounds and traditions
- has a strong commitment and loyalty to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- understands and interprets the mission of the church from a global perspective
- deals effectively with conflict

**GOALS** the congregation should pursue in the next five years:

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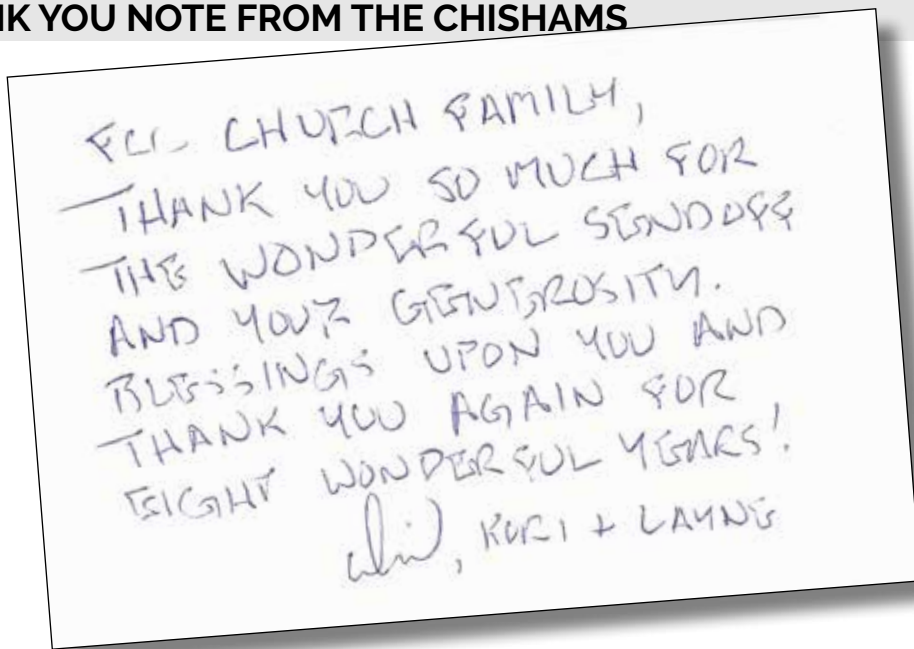
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*Remove this page and return to the Search Committee by snail mail to Carol's address on reverse, Carol's email, or bring with you this Sunday morning.*

## THANK YOU NOTE FROM THE CHISHAMS



## Fall Online Classes offered at The Bailey Institute



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Through Christ's Love  
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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 26, 2021**

**October 5, 2021**

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

*Church Opening* George Cochran  
*Sacraments* Brenda Hilgendorf  
*Deacon/Greeter* Joann Taliaferro  
*Liturgist* Jerry Moses  
*Youth Reader* Callie Cody  
*Children's Sermon* Crystal Casaroti  
*Elder* Carol Madere  
*Video Tech* Greg Taliaferro  
*Sound Tech* Jeff Cody  
*Livestream* Ted Baldwin  
*Church Closing* Jeff Cody  
*Program Builder* Jeff Cody

*Church Opening* Marion Denova  
*Sacraments* Sally Bremer  
*Deacon/Greeter* Dak McInnis  
*Liturgist* Sally Bremer  
*Youth Reader* Anderson Krupala  
*Children's Sermon* Leatus Still  
*Elder* Lucy Cody  
*Video Tech* Nicolas Morgan  
*Sound Tech* Jeff Cody  
*Livestream* Ted Baldwin  
*Church Closing* Chris Culp  
*Program Builder* Jill Brian

### Lectionary Readings: September 22-October 5, 2021

Wednesday, September 22, 2021: Psalm 128; Ecclesiastes 5:1-20; John 8:21-38  
Thursday, September 23, 2021: Psalm 124; Esther 1:1-21; Acts 4:13-31  
Friday, September 24, 2021: Psalm 124; Esther 2:1-23; Acts 12:20-25  
Saturday, September 25, 2021: Psalm 124; Esther 3:1-15; Matthew 5:13-20  
Sunday, September 26, 2021: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 and Psalm 19:7-14 • James 5:13-20 • Mark 9:38-50  
Monday, September 27, 2021: Psalm 140; Esther 4:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9  
Tuesday, September 28, 2021: Psalm 140; Esther 5:1-14; 1 John 2:18-25  
Wednesday, September 29, 2021: Psalm 140; Esther 8:1-17; Matthew 18:6-9  
Thursday, September 30, 2021: Psalm 26; Job 2:11-3:26; Galatians 3:23-29  
Friday, October 1, 2021: Psalm 26; Job 4:1-21; Romans 8:1-11  
Saturday, October 2, 2021: Psalm 26; Job 7:1-21; Luke 16:14-18  
Sunday, October 3, 2021: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 and Psalm 19:7-14 • James 5:13-20 • Mark 9:38-50  
Monday, October 4, 2021: Psalm 55:1-15; Job 8:1-22; 1 Corinthians 7:1-9  
Tuesday, October 5, 2021: Psalm 55:1-15; Job 11:1-20; 1 Corinthians 7:10-16

# 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](mailto: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, Michelle Griswold, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Jane Johnson, Marie Ladner, Ann Landry, Kim Lax, Wanda Lax, William Miguez, Helen Mitchener, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Helen Rankin, Gladys & Kelly Runnels, the family of Donna Tetrick, Mary Jon Turner, Wally and Beverly Weselak, Beverly Wolfe, Kings Highway CC, FCC Search Committee

## Friends & Family of Members in our prayers

Donna & Don Bohlcke, Angela Marie Avansi Casarotti, Lacy Christianson, Patricia Cornelius, Dean Fife, Lane Holloman, Jeff Judice, Charlene Rhodes, Matt Rink, 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

*Kelly Runnels is a patient at NeuroMedical Center. If you would like to send him a card, please mail to his home address: Kelly Runnels, 1592 S. Elaine Dr., Baron Rouge, LA 70815.*

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## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION AND ONLINE LINKS:

Church Office Phone:

225-926-4175

Email: [churchoffice@fccbrla.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccbrla.org)

Website: [fccbrla.org](http://fccbrla.org) Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 9 am-3 pm 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**

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

**Webinar Celebration on Wednesday,  
September 29, at 1:00 pm**

The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, we remember that we are part of the whole body of believers.

Join the Global Ministries of the Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ on the Wednesday before World Communion Sunday as we celebrate and worship together.

[Register here](#) for the webinar on Wednesday, September 29, at 1:00 p.m., Baton Rouge time.

