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CONSECRATION DAY - THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to everyone who joined us on Consecration Day. Whether you were there in person or with us in spirit only, we had a wonderful service followed by good food and fellowship. As always, we are so appreciative of everyone who gives so generously to support our church and its ministry. If you have not yet turned in your pledge, there is still time to do so as we move into budget preparations for 2022. Please contact Brenda in the office (225-926-4175) or [click here](#) to submit your confidential pledge.

THANKSGIVING DINNER - NOVEMBER 21

Our annual holiday Fellowship dinner is coming up on Sunday, November 21, and we hope everyone will make plans to join us that day. We do need some volunteers to cook four turkeys (4) and two hams (2). Please contact the office at 225-926-4175 or [email](#) and let us know if you can help out with this. The church will buy the meat which you can pick up from us in advance. And we hope everyone will plan to bring their favorite side dish, casserole, vegetable, salad or dessert and join us for a time of fellowship, food and fun on Sunday, November 21.

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

Sunday, November 7 - Rev. Dr. Michael Elmore

Sunday, November 14 - Rev. Laura Phillips-Peters was formerly an Associate Pastor at FCCBRLA, and went to Overland Park Christian Church in March 2013 as the Associate Pastor. In August of 2017 OPCC called Laura to serve as the Senior Pastor, the first woman to do so in OPCC's history. While at FCCBRLA, Laura was actively involved in leading and developing youth congregational growth, but in guiding a group of girls at Runnels school. No matter the ministry of the church, Laura seeks to create a safe and inviting place for all who are seeking, questioning, doubting, and looking for a relationship with God, no matter where they are on their journey. Ordained in 2009, Laura attended Lexington Theological Seminary and the University of Missouri. Her background and faith journey has colored her commitment to peace, social justice, outreach, and the many different ways in which people can experience God uniquely and authentically.

Sunday, November 21 - The Rev. Dedrick "DJ" Minor — known to his friends and family as simply "DJ" — is someone that many of you may recognize. He has worked as a clinical chaplain in various healthcare settings for nearly 20 years and is currently a chaplain at Our Lady of the Lake. Dedrick received a Bachelors from Oral Roberts University in New Testament Theology and Business Administration, a Masters of Divinity from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and will receive a Doctor of Ministry (with the specialization in Pastoral Counseling) this December from New

Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He was ordained by the Disciples of Christ in 2011 during his three-year tenure as associate pastor at Olive Branch Ministries of GNO Kenner. As a preacher's kid, Dedrick grew up in the church and started preaching at the age of 15. He also shared that he enjoys good coffee, jazz (even named his dog after Miles Davis), reading, writing, cooking, and basketball (life long Duke Blue Devil fan).

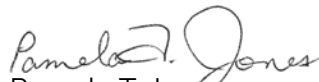
Sunday, November 28 - Rev. Cheryl Russell, who accepted her call to ministry while living in Baton Rouge and active at First Christian Church. She shares: I grew up in Central Indiana and found my way to Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 2007. I taught middle school outside Baton Rouge for three years and during that time I was an active member of First Christian Church, Baton Rouge. It was during my time worshiping and serving alongside the wonderful people at FCCBRLA that I finally accepted my call to ministry. I am forever grateful for the friendship and the nurturing I received from this congregation! When I left Baton Rouge, I got my Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, TN. I was ordained in 2013 in the church that raised me in Zionsville, IN. I have been serving churches as either an associate or senior minister since. Currently, I am serving as Interim Senior Minister at First Christian Church in Kokomo, IN and living in Noblesville, IN. My favorite thing to do is to spend time with my two nieces and nephew. I also enjoy playing golf, listening to podcasts, and making gumbo like I learned during my time in Cajun Country.

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

All Saints Day

Please join us on Sunday, November 7, as we remember and honor our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone on ahead to their Heavenly Reward. This year, we will be remembering Rita Brian, Ina Comeaux, Fred Goodspeed, Barbara Knight, Melinda Looney, Harvey Pryor, Donna Tetrick, and Beverly Wolfe.

Love & peace,



Pamela T. Jones

Chair, FCC General Board

We have reconnected to YouTube for streaming of our Sunday service after disruption following Hurricane Ida. We are still working on the Facebook connection, and apologize for this inconvenience. We hope to have all our channels back up and running very soon.

LOOKING TOWARD THE HOLIDAY SEASON ...

DECK THE HALLS!

It's almost time to Deck the Halls — please join us on Saturday, November 27, to decorate the church sanctuary; time to be determined.

Annual Membership Meeting

The 2021 membership meeting of First Christian Church will be held on **Sunday, December 12**, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service.

Christmas Cantata

Please join us on Sunday, December 19 at our 10:00 a.m. service for our Christmas Cantata. If you are interested in being part of this, please reach out to [Aaron Turnipseed](#) as soon as possible!

Great River Region Happenings



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.

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 7 - *Fall Back One Hour*



Benjamin Franklin takes the honor (or the blame, depending on your view of the time changes) for coming up with the idea to reset clocks in the summer months as a way to conserve energy, according to David Prerau, author of "Seize

the Daylight: The Curious and Contentious Story of Daylight Saving Time" (Thunder's Mouth Press, 2005). By moving clocks forward, people could take advantage of the extra evening daylight rather than wasting energy on lighting. At the time, Franklin was ambassador to Paris and so wrote a witty letter to the Journal of Paris in 1784, rejoicing over his "discovery" that the sun provides light as soon as it rises.

Even so, DST didn't officially begin until more than a century later. Germany established DST in May 1916 as a way to conserve fuel during World War I. The rest of Europe came onboard shortly thereafter. And in 1918, the United States adopted daylight saving time.

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

October 31, 2021

November 7, 2021

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Church Opening George Cochran
Sacraments Sally Bremer
Deacon/Greeter James Morgan
Liturgist Nancy Fatta
Youth Reader Zachary Trotter
Children's Sermon Crystal Casaroti
Elder David Brian
Video Tech Callie Cody
Sound Tech Jeff Cody
Livestream Ted Baldwin
Church Closing Chris Culp
Program Builder Jill Brian

Church Opening Marion Denova
Sacraments Lisa Fennell
Deacon/Greeter Brenda Hilgendorf
Liturgist Frank Dickinson
Youth Reader Anderson Krupala
Children's Sermon Chris Culp
Elder Pam Comeaux
Video Tech Carol Madere
Sound Tech Chris Culp
Livestream Ted Baldwin
Church Closing Cathi Pourciau
Program Builder Carol Madere

Lectionary Readings: October 27-November 9, 2021

Wednesday, October 27, 2021: Psalm 28; Ezekiel 14:12-23; Matthew 20:29-34
Thursday, October 28, 2021: Psalm 146; Ruth 1:18-22; Hebrews 9:1-12
Friday, October 29, 2021: Psalm 146; Ruth 2:1-9; Romans 3:21-31
Complementary: Psalm 119:1-8; Leviticus 19:32-37; Romans 3:21-31
Saturday, October 30, 2021: Psalm 146; Ruth 2:10-14; Luke 10:25-37
Sunday, October 31, 2021: Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34
Monday, November 1, 2021: All Saints Day - Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44
Monday, November 1, 2021: Psalm 18:20-30; Ruth 2:15-23; Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10
Tuesday, November 2, 2021: Psalm 18:20-30; Ruth 3:1-7; Acts 7:17-29
Wednesday, November 3, 2021: Psalm 18:20-30; Ruth 3:8-18; John 13:31-35
Thursday, November 4, 2021: Psalm 127; Ruth 4:1-10; Romans 5:6-11
Friday, November 5, 2021: Psalm 127; Ruth 4:11-17; Hebrews 9:15-24
Saturday, November 6, 2021: Psalm 127; Ruth 4:18-22; Mark 11:12-14, 20-24
Sunday, November 7, 2021: Proper 27 - 1 Kings 17:8-16, Psalm 146, Hebrews 9:24-28, Mark 12:38-44
Monday, November 8, 2021: Psalm 113; Genesis 24:1-10; 1 Timothy 5:1-8
Tuesday, November 9, 2021: Psalm 113; Genesis 24:11-27; 1 Timothy 5:9-16

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, 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, Rich Griswold, Michelle Griswold, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Jane Johnson, Marie Ladner, Ann Landry, Kim Lax, William Miguez, Helen Mitchener, Jerry Moses, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Helen Rankin, Gladys & Kelly Runnells, Mary Jon Turner, Wally and Beverly Weselak, Toni Wilson, FCC Search Committee

Friends & Family of Members in our prayers

Scott & Nikki Barbay, Donna & Don Bohlcke, Angela Marie Avansi Casarotti, Janiece Ferguson, Dean Fife, Rev. Jim Goode, Lane Holloman, Jeff Judice, Joe & Barbara Lacy, Kenneth Lamar, Lesa Lember, Matt Mattison, Tallu Schuyler Quinn, James Rudd, Alyssa Russell, Rev. Bonnie Simmerly, Dayna Coupel Simoneaux, Charlie Tipton, Lori Wells

Members in Active Military Service:

PFC Gage Goodspeed

ADULT SUNDAY CLASS

Dak McInnis leads the adult Sunday forum, starting at 9:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

Join in for a cup of coffee, and lively discussion!



CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION AND ONLINE LINKS:

Church Office Phone:

225-926-4175

Email: churchoffice@fccbrla.org

Website: 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>



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

Our Family News - Meredith Taliaferro Makes History



From *The Advocate*, by Elyse Carmosino, Staff Writer, Oct. 15, 2021

Although she's the first female student in St. Michael's history to ever join the school's football team, the main challenge Taliaferro said she faces is adjusting to an unfamiliar sport, which requires a new set of skills.

"I love it. It's really like a family," she said. "All the guys have taken me in, and the coaches are awesome, especially coach Leger. He always tells us he loves us and that we're a family and we stick together."

On Friday Taliaferro added another title to her standout year: member of her school's homecoming court. [Read The Advocate here.](#)