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Be still and know that I am God
Psalm 46:10

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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 **still need volunteers** to cook **two** turkeys (2) or one ham (1). 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 following the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, November 21.

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

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, and 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.

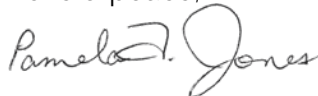
Sunday, November 21 - The Rev. Dedrick "DJ" Minor — known to his friends and family as simply "DJ" — is someone that many of you may recognize. He has worked as a clinical chaplain in various healthcare settings for nearly 20 years and is currently a chaplain at Our Lady of the Lake. Dedrick received 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 worshipping 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.

Love & peace,



Pamela T. Jones

Chair, FCC General Board

PARDON OUR PROGRESS

You might notice some work crews out at our church in the near future. As some of you are aware, we discovered a gas leak earlier this year but it's been a rather involved process to pin down the exact problem and something that both Finance and the Board have been aware of and working on for some time now. The work has been done in stages with discussion and evaluation after each stage and, unfortunately, the issue did turn out to be with the pipes running underground.

Rather than tear up the concrete in the courtyard to locate and solve the problem, the decision was made to instead run new gas lines through the attics of the affected buildings. The gas lines provide heat to these buildings, which include the office, the fellowship hall and the nursery, so getting this done before winter was always the goal. We are pleased to let you know that this work will be commencing sometime over the next couple of weeks prior to Thanksgiving. It will likely take up to two weeks to complete all the work, so should be wrapped up as we move into Advent.

LOOKING TOWARD THE HOLIDAY SEASON ...

DECK THE HALLS!

It's almost time to Deck the Halls — please join us at **10:00 a.m.** on **Saturday, November 27**, to decorate the church sanctuary.

Christmas Poinsettia Orders

If you would like to purchase a Christmas poinsettia to be in the church during the season, please contact the church office, or order online, [here](#). The cost is \$25 for a beautiful red full blooming, foil-wrapped, eight-inch plant.

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. We will again offer online viewing and online member voting will be open during this meeting.

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!

COOKIES & COMMUNION



Our FCCBRLA Elders will be delivering
in-home communion kits and Advent gifts
to our shut-ins and the children in our congregation
on Saturday, December 4.



We are asking for donations of cookies or candy
from our congregational cooks to include in these deliveries.



Baked goods will be needed by Thursday, December 2,
and should be delivered to the church office.

Please contact [Brenda Hilgendorf](#) (225-926-4175)
or [Judy Lester](#) (225-221-4478)

to sign up, and to schedule cookie drop-off.

Thank You!

GIVING BACK

We all love our little corner of the country, and so does FCCBRLA, but we wanted to share with you some of the ways we have been giving back to the local and greater community recently.

After Hurricane Ida, we donated funds to CASA that were used to help four CASA Group Homes in Lafourche, Jefferson, St. John, and Terrebonne parishes that had to be evacuated due to flooding. These homes are for older kids that do not get placed with a foster family and the money we donated specifically went to help replace items that the kids lost due to storm damage. More recently we made donations to both Pat's Coats For Kids and the Baton Rouge Food Bank.

Some of the funds we have used for these donations came from a *Week of Compassion* grant for Hurricane Relief and the rest was from our *Helping Hands* account which exists as a direct result of the generosity of our members. ***Thank you for all you do to help bless others.***

FCCBRLA ADVENT OUTREACH



We are collecting donations for **CASA of Greater Baton Rouge** with special emphasis on youth (aged 18-21) who are "aging out" of foster care. (*Donations earmarked for younger children are also welcome.*)

Donations will be collected through Sunday, Dec 5, 2021.

You may donate in the form of gift cards (such as Target, Walmart, grocery, or gasoline) mailed to or dropped off at the church - *or* - by check (payable to FCCBRLA with "CASA Outreach" in the memo line) and mailed to or dropped off at the church - *or* - online at fccbrrla.org/giving - please note "CASA Outreach" in memo line.

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

As we move into the holiday season, many of you be traveling during this time. Please check your worship assignments in advance and arrange for a sub in the case of a scheduling conflict. We would appreciate that very much! You can check assignments [online, here](#), or contact Brenda in the church office at 225-926-4175.

November 14, 2021

Church Opening Pam Jones
Sacraments Diane Sympson
Deacon/Greeter Jeff Cody
Liturgist Phyllis Willis
Youth Reader Zachary Trotter
Children's Moment Ashley Bourgeois
Elder Chris Culp
Video Tech Anderson Krupala
Sound Tech Greg Taliaferro
Livestream Ted Baldwin
Church Closing Jeff Cody
Program Builder Jeff Cody

November 21, 2021

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Deacon/Greeter Steve Gibson
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Youth Reader Anderson Krupala
Children's Moment Leatus Still
Elder Carol Madere
Video Tech Greg Taliaferro
Sound Tech TBD
Livestream Ted Baldwin
Church Closing Jerry Hilgendorf
Program Builder TBD

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, Nancy Fatta, Paul Foster, the family of Fred Goodspeed, Rich Griswold, Michelle Griswold, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Presley Hutchinson, Beryl Jacques, Jane Johnson, Marie Ladner, Ann Landry, Kim Lax, the family of Melinda Looney, the family of Randy Looney, William Miguez, Helen Mitchener, Jerry Moses, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Helen Rankin, Gladys & Kelly Runnells, the family of Donna Tetrick, Mary Jon Turner, Wally and Beverly Weselak, Toni Wilson, FCC Search Committees

Friends & Family of Members in our prayers

The family of David Alsobrook, Scott & Nikki Barbay, Donna & Don Bohlcke, Angela Marie Avansi Casarotti, Janiece Ferguson, Dean Fife, Rev. Jim Goode, Lane Holloman, Shannon Reid Holmes, the family of Rev. Joe Lacy, Jeff Judice, Matt Mattison, the family of Paul Payne, the family of Bryan Phenix, Tallu Schuyler Quinn, James Rudd, Matt Rink, Alyssa Russell, Rev. Bonnie Simmerly, Dayna Coupel Simoneaux, the Soni family; 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 church parlor.

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>



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

Lectionary Readings: November 9-23, 2021

Wednesday, November 10, 2021: Psalm 113; Genesis 24:28-42; Luke 4:16-30

Thursday, November 11, 2021: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Samuel 1:21-28; 1 Timothy 6:11-21

Friday, November 12, 2021: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Samuel 2:18-21; Colossians 2:6-15

Saturday, November 13, 2021: 1 Samuel 2:1-10; 1 Samuel 3:1-18; Mark 12:1-12

Sunday, November 14, 2021: Proper 28 - Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

Monday, November 15, 2021: Psalm 3; 1 Samuel 3:19-4:2; Hebrews 10:26-31

Tuesday, November 16, 2021: Psalm 3; Deuteronomy 26:5-10; Hebrews 10:32-39

Wednesday, November 17, 2021: Psalm 3; 1 Kings 8:22-30; Mark 13:9-23

Thursday, November 18, 2021: Psalm 132:1-12; 2 Kings 22:1-10; Acts 7:54-8:1a

Friday, November 19, 2021: Psalm 132:1-12; 2 Kings 22:11-20; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Saturday, November 20, 2021: Psalm 132:1-12; 2 Kings 23:1-14; John 3:31-36

Sunday, November 21, 2021: *Reign of Christ* - Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Monday, November 22, 2021: Psalm 63; 2 Kings 23:15-25; Revelation 11:1-14

Tuesday, November 23, 2021: Psalm 63; 1 Samuel 17:55-18:5; Revelation 11:15-19