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A PERFECT DAY



I shared this last Sunday, and it resonated with many people, so I thought I would share it again, here.

I have a personal preference that every winter have one, good, snow-day for it to feel like a complete winter. I realize they're rather rare in this part of the country, but they're not unheard of. The last one, and you'll probably remember this, was December 8, 2017.

I was awakened that morning to my daughter, standing in our bed, looking out the high window above our bed and saying excitedly, "Dad, there's snow on the ground!" I knew what I'd be doing for the rest of the day. We ate a quick breakfast then suited up for snow patrol. We walked through the neighborhood marveling at the thick blanket of wet snow covering everything. It was just warm enough that it didn't stick to the pavement, so there weren't many fender-benders, but it was heavy enough that schools let out and offices closed, giving everyone an unexpected three-day weekend.



*Sneaux Princess and
Layne Chisham
December 8, 2017*

The world was a shimmering silence like it always is on snow days. Only the sounds of neighborhood kids having a snowball fight broke the quiet. After a snowball fight of our own, we returned to the warmth of the house, changed into dry clothing, sipped hot chocolate and enjoyed hot soup, then went back out for an afternoon of building a bejeweled snowlady, carving a host of snow angels with our arms and legs, and laughing at our dog's reluctance to get her feet cold and wet.

I remember the end of the day feeling completely, full, satisfied and at peace. All was right with me, with my family, seemingly with the world as well. I know in truth that everything wasn't *that* perfect, but it felt that way. For me, that is a picture of God's shalom — God's peace.

As we turn toward the season of Lent, beginning next week, we remember that the world is not as God intended. According to the book of Genesis, God intended that we would live with a real sense of peace and wholeness, in the Garden that God prepared. Because of sin and selfishness, humanity's connection with God's peace became strained, but the story of the scripture is that God continued to bless humanity, steering us toward restored relationships with God and one another. But because of Jesus, and the power of the resurrection at work in us, we have been given a foretaste of God's redemption of all things.

I hope you have a safe and healthy Mardi Gras — as much as we're able, given the circumstances, and I'm hoping this next cold front will bring us some of the cold, white stuff (though I'm not holding my breath at the moment). And I hope that in your life, in your lived experience, you are finding the "peace the passes understanding" as we follow in faith.

Christ's peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Chisham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D" and "C".

Rev. Dr. David Chisham
Senior Minister

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, February 16, in observance of Mardi Gras. We will reopen at 9 am on Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021.

2021 VOLUNTEER CALENDAR March 2021-Feb. 2022

We've begun compiling our 2021-2022 volunteer calendar, based on your input on our volunteer form. (Forms are still available in the church narthex, and online at fccbrla.org/serve.) You can follow along and check your dates at:

fccbrla.org/worship-assignments

Sharing our Sunday morning worship online has helped us keep in touch with church family who have been isolating, or undergone quarantine or illness; and, is a ministry we will be continuing — meeting **all those within our reach** as it is safe and convenient for them! There is still space for you to be involved, particularly in one of our tech positions. Read more, below!

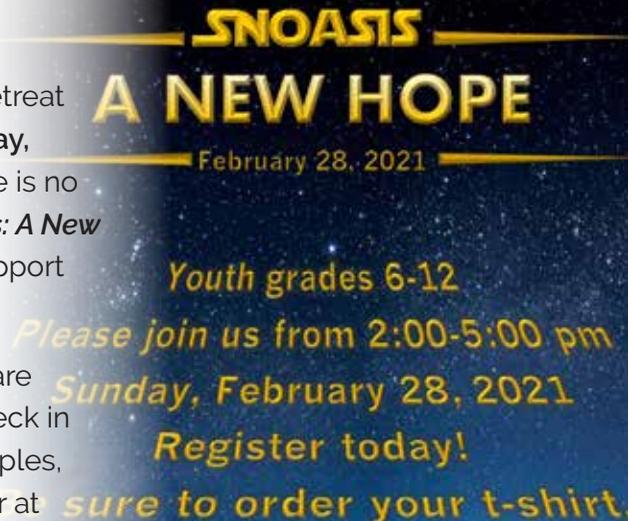
Attention Techies, or Techie-wannabes

We're looking for volunteers to help run parts of our in-person and livestream production — sound board, video board for graphic display, and/or the livestream production! You don't need to have specialized skills; just be able to follow the service and click a mouse. With training, you'll learn how to create a livestream program from beginning to end. We'll be using an industry standard app, OBS, for production, so the skills you learn here will transfer to productions you might do in work, school or just for fun! Talk to David if you're interested.

SNOASIS: A virtual retreat for sixth-twelfth graders

The annual Great River Region youth retreat will be held virtually this year, on **Sunday, February 28, from 2:00-5:00 p.m.** There is no cost associated with the event; *Snoasis: A New Hope* t-shirts are being sold to help support youth ministry in the region.

All youth in grades six through twelve are invited to attend this opportunity to check in with each other, meet new young Disciples, and help vision our New Hope. Register at <https://grrdisciples.regfox.com/snoasis-2021-a-new-hope> or click the image:



SNOASIS
A NEW HOPE
February 28, 2021
Youth grades 6-12
Please join us from 2:00-5:00 pm
Sunday, February 28, 2021
Register today!
sure to order your t-shirt

<https://grrdisciples.regfox.com/snoasis-2021-a-new-hope>



Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

Let it be known that on
Monday, the first of February
in the year twenty thousand and twenty-one

The family Tipton,
Julius Robinson, III and Beverly Ellett, of Clan MacLachlan,
former faithful servants of Queen Mary of Scotland, heirs to the royal
tradition and legacy of the aforementioned forebears do humbly
acknowledge and receive and accept your nomination to become
King and Queen of the Mardi Gras Crew of St. James Place, realm of
Louisiana, year of our Lord 2021. We will seek to rule over our (the royal
OUR) subjects with good will toward all and good wishes for good times
during this annual festival of joy. Duly noting the peril of this time,
we seek to enjoin the imperative of hopeful celebration and the
concurrent displacement of despair.

We (the royal WE) therefore decree that all residents of
St. James Place put away unnecessary cares for this day,
February 16, 2021, and enjoin the ancient phrase of our
(the royal OUR) ancestors: "*Laissez les bon temps rouler.*"

Your royal (temporarily) highness
King Tip and Queen Bev



*The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Julius
R. Tipton will reign as King
and Queen of the Krewe
of St. James Place during
Mardi Gras 2021.*

*Long live the King and
Queen! Laissez les bon
temps rouler!*

Fundraiser for *Istrouma Middle Magnet* Music Department

Our Director of Music, Aaron Turnipseed, is helping support the music department where he teaches — *Istrouma Middle Magnet School* — by fundraising with his participation in the 5K Jog-for-Music on Saturday, February 27. Aaron will jog/walk *five* kilometers (about three miles) during this event. Donors may choose to support him with a flat amount donation, or with a per kilometer donation. His goal is to raise \$1,500.00, so all donations will be appreciated! Get in touch with [Aaron, here](#), or make your check payable to Aaron Turnipseed, with *Jog-for-Music* in the memo line.



SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

February 14, 2021

February 21, 2021

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

<i>Church Opening</i>	Pam Jones	<i>Church Opening</i>	David Fennell
<i>Sacraments</i>	Felicia Still	<i>Sacraments</i>	Felicia Still
<i>Deacon/Greeter</i>	Jeff Cody	<i>Deacon/Greeter</i>	Trey Earle
<i>Liturgist</i>	Carol Madere	<i>Liturgist</i>	Ray Acardo
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Callie Cody	<i>Youth Reader</i>	Zachary Trotter
<i>Elder</i>	Yvonne Taylor	<i>Elder</i>	LucyCody/M.Thompson
<i>Video Tech</i>	Jeff Cody	<i>Video Tech</i>	Nicolas Morgan
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Tony Fatta	<i>Sound Tech</i>	Joshua Dotts
<i>Livestream</i>	Ted Baldwin/Sue Grigg	<i>Livestream</i>	Ted Baldwin/Sue Grigg
<i>Church Closing</i>	Nancy Fatta	<i>Church Closing</i>	Chris Culp
<i>Program Builder</i>	Church Office	<i>Program Builder</i>	Jeff Cody

Worship Assignments are available at fccbrla.org/worship-assignments

Sign up for ministry positions at fccbrla.org -> Serve -> At First Christian Church

Daily Lectionary: February 10, 2021 - February 23, 2021

Wednesday, February 10, 2021: Psalm 102:12-28; Job 6:1-13; Mark 3:7-12

Thursday, February 11, 2021: Psalm 50:1-6; 1 Kings 11:26-40; 2 Corinthians 2:12-17

Friday, February 12, 2021: Psalm 50:1-6; 1 Kings 14:1-18; 1 Timothy 1:12-20

Saturday, February 13, 2021: Psalm 50:1-6; 1 Kings 16:1-7; Luke 19:41-44

Sunday, February 14, 2021: *Transfiguration Sunday* - 2 Kings 1:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

Monday, February 15, 2021: Psalm 110:1-4; Exodus 19:7-25; Hebrews 2:1-4

Tuesday, February 16, 2021: Psalm 110:1-4; Job 19:23-27; 1 Timothy 3:14-16

Wednesday, February 17, 2021: *Ash Wednesday* - Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16, 21

Thursday, February 18, 2021: Psalm 25:1-10; Daniel 9:1-14; 1 John 1:3-10

Friday, February 19, 2021: Psalm 25:1-10; Daniel 9:15-25a; 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Saturday, February 20, 2021: Psalm 25:1-10; Psalm 32; Matthew 9:2-13

Sunday, February 21, 2021: *First Sunday in Lent* - Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Monday, February 22, 2021: Psalm 77; Job 4:1-21; Ephesians 2:1-10

Tuesday, February 23, 2021: Psalm 77; Job 5:8-27; 1 Peter 3:8-18a

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, or 225-926-4175. Names will rotate off after two months without an update.

Members in our prayers:

JD Albin, Rita Brian, Dora & Ron Blackburn, Lois Burt, Norma Carr, Jody Chrisope, Lucy Cody, Lorrinda & Frank Dickinson, Gloria Giammanco, Kaylan Grigg, Sue Grigg, Rich Griswold, Lee & George Gullett, Ruth Horn, Carmen Jones, Barbara Knight, Marie Ladner, Allen Lax, the family of Michael Mattison, Helen Mitchener, Leo Morgan, Jerry Moses, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Helen Rankin, Ruth Riddle, Gladys & Kelly Runnels, Beverly Tipton, Mary Jon Turner, Susan Valenti, Wally and Bev Weselak, Phyllis Willis, Mike Wilson

Friends & Family of Members in our prayers

Greg Anderson, Mary & Tom Arceneaux, Marcia Balcom, Donna & Don Bohlcke, Angela Marie Avansi Casarotti, Patricia Cornelius, Billy Cummings, Deloris Cyris, Johnny Durham, Dean Fife, Paul Foster, Sadie Fox, the family of Carl Frisbee, Lori Fry, Sarah Hill, Steve Hinton, Donita Hutchinson, Lee Lambert, Melody, Scott, JR Larsen, Cade Lucio, Mandy , Dawn McKee, Chuck McMains, Chelsey Miguez, Cheryl Nasab, Bobby Phillips, David & Kimber Pittman, Owen Prejean, Tallu Schuyler Quinn, Cherry Quin, Jeanie Reed, Debbie Riddle, the family of Aaron Roy, Lani Smith, Dayna Coupel Simoneaux, Beverly Tipton, Meredith & Adam Tipton, Dorie & Herb Tschudy, Pam Vicknair & family, the Ware family, the family of John P Whitworth, Jim Williams

Members in Active Military Service:

PVT Gage Goodspeed

Our Condolences go to Rita Brian, and the David Brian family, in the sudden loss of their son and brother Terry Brian. Services will be limited to the family.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND ONLINE LINKS:

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

WEEK OF COMPASSION Collection on February 28, 2021

2021 will bring many of the same challenges as 2020 — as well as some new ones. Disasters will continue to occur. Displaced populations remain vulnerable. And hundreds of millions of people around the world struggle under the weight of poverty. But thanks to your support, Week of Compassion will continue to respond. Events of the past year have shown us that, even in times when we cannot be physically together in one place, your offerings to support Week of Compassion continue to strengthen our church's presence all over the world: providing water to the thirsty, food for the hungry, and hope for the weary.



If the coin/mite box is part of your Week of Compassion discipline, we've received a small shipment of new boxes. Some are in the church for pick up. Let us know to put one in the mail to you! Email churchoffice@fccbrla.org or phone 225-926-4175.

*When you share
your gifts to Week
of Compassion,
you "Let Love Flow."
Your generosity
ensures that, even
in the midst of
uncertainty, the
transforming power
of compassion
continues to change
the world.*