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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES CALENDAR

We give thanks to all those among us who continue to faithfully serve First Christian Church, its programs, and ministries. If you are currently on one of our serving teams, please remember our service year runs March 1-February 28, so please check our [online assignment calendar](#) to keep up with your scheduled dates!

As we prepare the March 2022-February 2023 calendar, please prayerfully consider how **you** might choose to serve in the coming year. You can [read more about the opportunities available, and sign-up, here!](#) Positions available are diverse, including:

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| Opening Church | Emergency Need Drives |
| Closing Church | Southeast Ministries |
| Children's Sermon | Visitor Follow-up |
| Building Video Program | Adult Education/Bible Study |
| Liturgist | Children's Worship & Wonder |
| Sound Tech | Church Work Days |
| Video Tech | Fellowship Meals/Coffees |
| Streaming Tech | |
| Choir | |
| Blood Drives | |

Take a constant interest in the needs of God's beloved people and respond by helping them. And eagerly welcome people as guests into your home. — Romans 12:13

Beloved ones, God has called us to live a life of freedom in the Holy Spirit. But don't view this wonderful freedom as an opportunity to set up a base of operations in the natural realm. Freedom means that we become so completely free of self-indulgence that we become servants of one another, expressing love in all we do. — Galatians 5:13

Look for the sign-up form in your Sunday bulletin this week, or sign up online at fccbrla.org/serve

BACK INTO FULL GEAR!

Our regular weekly event calendar returns for the new year, including: The **Chancel Choir** meets for Wednesday evening rehearsal starting **now at at 6:30 p.m.**, in the sanctuary.

Our ladies' fellowship group under its new name — The **Silver Angels** — meets on **Thursday mornings starting at 9:30 a.m.** in the Youth Building.

The **Adult Sunday school** class meets in the classroom at the rear of the Fellowship Hall, now called *The Study*, each Sunday morning at **9:00 a.m.**

COMMITTEE & BOARD MEETINGS

During the coming weeks, in addition to our regular meetings, will be:

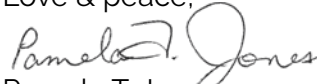
- **Elders Meeting** on Monday, January 24, at 6:00 p.m. (Youth Bldg. and Zoom);
- **General Board Meeting** on Tuesday, January 25, at 6:30 p.m. (YB and Zoom);
- **Disciples Women Meeting** on Wednesday, January 26, at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Building; and,
- **Search & Call Meeting** on **Thursday, February 3**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Building (note change of date).

SYMPATHY

We share the sympathy of the entire church family to Carol Madere, whose uncle passed away this past week.

Beginning with the next newsletter issue that will be coming out first week of February, we will be going to a once-monthly newsletter. Please be sure to check the monthly issue for upcoming events and serving schedules for the month.

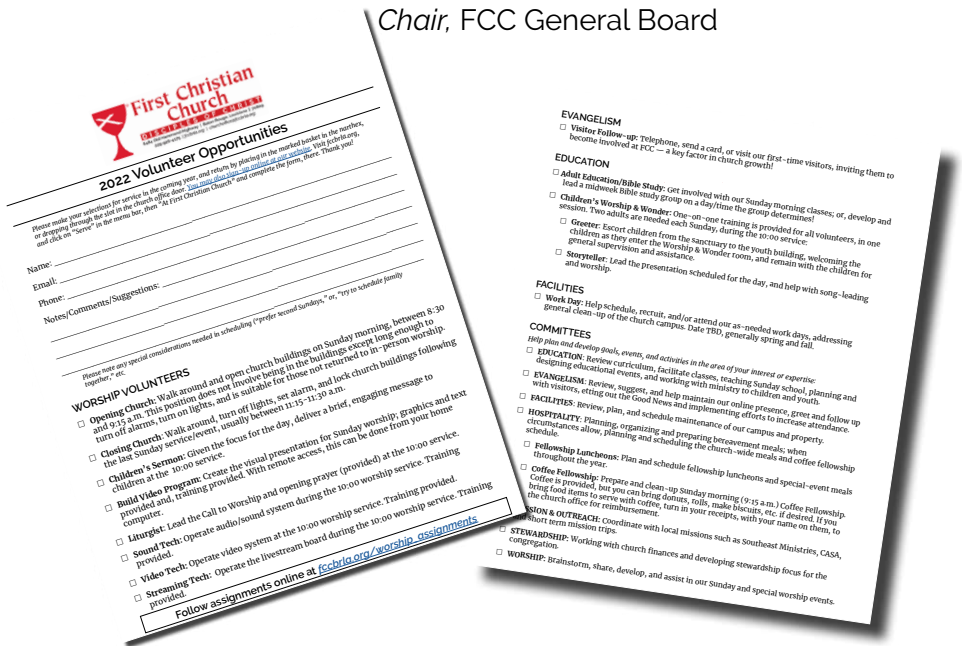
Love & peace,



Pamela T. Jones

Chair, FCC General Board

**Look for the Volunteer Sign-up forms
in church this Sunday, or sign-up
online at fccbrla.org/serve**



First Christian Church
CHURCH OF CHRIST

2022 Volunteer Opportunities

Please make your selection for service in the coming year, and return by starting in the marked basket to the members, or dropping through the slot in the church office door. www.fccbrla.org Visit YouTube and click on "serve" in the main menu. All from Christian Church and complete the form, there. Thank you!

Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____
Notes/Comments/Suggestions: _____

Please note any special considerations needed in scheduling ("prefer second Sundays," or, "try to schedule family together," etc.)

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

- Opening Church:** Walk around and open church buildings on Sunday morning, between 8:30 and 9:15 a.m. This position does not involve going in the buildings except long enough to turn off alarms, turn on lights and is suitable for those not returned to in-person worship.
- Closing Church:** Walk around, turn off lights, set alarm, and lock church buildings following the last Sunday service/event, usually between 11:15-11:30 a.m.
- Children's Sermon:** Given the focus for the day, deliver a brief, engaging message to children at the 10:00 service.
- Build Video Program:** Create the visual presentation for Sunday worship, graphics and text provided, and training provided. With remote access, this can be done from your home computer.
- Laurel:** Lead the Call to Worship and opening prayer (provided) at the 10:00 service.
- Sound Tech:** Operate audio/sound system during the 10:00 worship service. Training provided.
- Video Tech:** Operate video system at the 10:00 worship service. Training provided.
- Streaming Tech:** Operate the livestream board during the 10:00 worship service. Training provided.

Follow assignments online at fccbrla.org/worship_assignments

EVANGELISM

- Visitor Follow-up:** Telephone, send a card, or visit our first-time visitors, inviting them to become involved in FCC—a key factor in church growth!

EDUCATION

- Adult Education/Bible Study:** Get involved with our Sunday morning classes, or, develop and lead a midweek Bible study group on a day/time the group determines!
- Children's Worship & Wonder:** One-on-one training is provided for all volunteers, in one session. Two adults are needed each Sunday during the 10:00 service.
 - Greeter:** Escort children from the sanctuary to the youth building, welcoming the children as they enter the Worship & Wonder room, and remain with the children for general supervision and assistance.
 - Storyteller:** Lead the presentation scheduled for the day, and help with song-leading and worship.

FACILITIES

- Work Day:** Help schedule, recruit, and/or attend our as-needed work days, addressing general clean-up of the church campus. Date TBD, generally spring and fall.

COMMITTEES

Help plan and develop goals, events, and activities in the area of your interest or expertise.

- EDUCATION:** Review curriculum, facilitate classes, teaching Sunday school, planning and designing educational events, and working with ministry to children and youth.
- EVANGELISM:** Review, suggest, and help maintain our online presence; greet and follow up with visitors, setting out the Good News and implementing efforts to increase attendance.
- FACILITIES:** Review, plan, and schedule maintenance of our campus and property.
- HOSPITALITY:** Planning, organizing and preparing bereavement meals; when circumstances allow, planning and scheduling the church-wide meals and coffee fellowship schedule.
- Fellowship Luncheons:** Plan and schedule fellowship luncheons and special-event meals throughout the year.
- Coffee Fellowship:** Prepare and clean-up Sunday morning (9-15 a.m.) Coffee Fellowship. Coffee is provided, but you can bring donuts, rolls, make biscuits, etc. if desired. If you bring food items to serve with coffee, turn in your receipts, with your name on them, to the church office for reimbursement.
- MISSION & OUTREACH:** Coordinate with local missions such as Southeast Ministries, CASA, and short-term mission trips.
- STEWARDSHIP:** Working with church finances and developing stewardship focus for the congregation.
- WORSHIP:** Brainstorm, share, develop, and assist in our Sunday and special worship events.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

During the past couple of years, several of our church family members have made life changes that involved moving away as part of retirement, job change, being closer to family, school, etc. Between Covid, online services, masks, social distancing, etc. ... it's easier than usual to lose track of details and people. So, we wanted to provide some updates on those who have relocated during the past two years. Some of these people you may have known very well as they were active in church leadership, while others maybe you hardly knew at all because they were more active behind the scenes. All of them, however, were beloved members of our church family whom we miss and wish the best. Should you want to reach out to any of these people personally, please contact Brenda at the church office for contact info.

Melanie Mitchener Cobb and her husband Jeff moved to Jasper, Tennessee, to enjoy their retirement. Melanie is the daughter of Lindsey and Helen Mitchener.

David and Kori Chisham and their daughter Layne moved to Midland, Texas, for a new job and to be closer to family.

Paul & Mary Thompson moved to Greensboro, Georgia, to enjoy their retirement and be closer to children and grandchildren.

Nick and Jessica Madere and their daughter Zona moved to Gastonia, North Carolina, to be closer to Jessica's family. Nick is the son of Pete and Carol Madere.

Scott and Michelle Griswold moved to Pacific, Missouri, to be closer to their daughter's school. Their daughter, Gayla, is studying at the University of Missouri. Their son Mattie is studying at the Coast Guard Academy in Connecticut.

Jordan Cangelosi is studying at the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady University. She is the daughter of Joe and Jennifer Cangelosi, and the granddaughter of Jerry and Brenda Hilgendorf.

Jenna Carballo is studying at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana. She is the daughter of Heather Dickey, and the granddaughter of Mike and Toni Wilson and Jerry and Brenda Hilgendorf.

Michaela Fennell is studying at the University of Southern Mississippi. She is the daughter of David and Lisa Fennel.

William Miguez is studying at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana. He is the son of Lorri Weselak Fontenot and the grandson of Wally and Beverly Weselak.

Justin Taliaferro and Aaron Taliaferro are both studying at Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, Louisiana. They are the twin sons of Greg and Amy Taliaferro and the grandsons of Joann Taliaferro.

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS

Please check your worship assignments in advance and arrange for a sub in the case of a scheduling conflict. We appreciate that very much! You can check assignments [online, here](#), or contact Brenda in the church office at 225-926-4175.

January 23, 2021

Church Opening George Cochran
Sacraments Lisa Fennell
Deacon/Greeter James Morgan
Liturgist Lisa Fennell
Youth Reader Leonardo Morgan
Children's Moment Carol Madere
Elder Lucy Cody
Video Tech Nicolas Morgan
Sound Tech Greg Taliaferro
Livestream Ted Baldwin/Sue Grigg
Church Closing Jerry Hilgendorf
Program Builder Jill Brian

January 30, 2022

Church Opening George Cochran
Sacraments Lisa Fennell
Deacon/Greeter Brenda Hilgendorf
Liturgist Sherry McInnis
Youth Reader Callie Cody
Children's Moment Crystal Casaraoti
Elder Trey Earle
Video Tech Greg Taliaferro
Sound Tech Jeff Cody
Livestream Ted Baldwin/Sue Grigg
Church Closing Jerry Hilgendorf
Program Builder Carol Madere

Lectionary Readings: January 19-February 1, 2022

Wednesday, January 19, 2022: Psalm 145; Song of Solomon 4:9-5:1; Luke 5:33-39
Thursday, January 20, 2022: Psalm 19; Isaiah 61:1-7; Romans 7:1-6
Friday, January 21, 2022: Psalm 19; Nehemiah 2:1-10; Romans 12:1-8
Saturday, January 22, 2022: Psalm 19; Nehemiah 5:1-13; Luke 2:39-52
Sunday, January 23, 2022: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21
Monday, January 24, 2022: Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:1-10; 1 Corinthians 14:1-12
Tuesday, January 25, 2022: Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:11-26; 2 Corinthians 7:2-12
Wednesday, January 26, 2022: Psalm 119:89-96; Jeremiah 36:27-32; Luke 4:38-44
Thursday, January 27, 2022: Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 34:1-7; Acts 10:44-48
Friday, January 28, 2022: Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 35:20-27; Acts 19:1-10
Saturday, January 29, 2022: Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 36:11-21; John 1:43-51
Sunday, January 30, 2022: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30
Monday, January 31, 2022: Psalm 56; 1 Kings 17:8-16; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16
Tuesday, February 1, 2022: Psalm 56; 2 Kings 5:1-14; 1 Corinthians 14:13-25

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, Ron & Dora Blackburn, Bill & Lois Burt, Norma Carr, Nancy Chapaneri, Jody Chrisope, Pam Culp, Marion & Martha Denova, Nancy Fatta, Paul Foster, the family of Fred Goodspeed, Rich Griswold, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Presley Hutchinson, Beryl Jacques, Jane Johnson, Marie Ladner, Ann Landry, Charlene Landry Family, the family of Melinda Looney, the family of Randy Looney, Carol Madere, William Miguez, Helen Mitchener, Kristin Morgan, Jerry Moses, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Helen Rankin, Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Felicia Still, the family of Donna Tetrick, Nathan Tipton, Lorry Trotter, Wally & Beverly Weselak, Toni Wilson, the family of Beverly Wolfe, FCC Search Committee

Friends & Family of Members in our prayers

The family of David Alsobrook, Shirley Bingham, Don & Donna Bohlcke, Angela Marie Avansi Casarotti, the family of Patricia Cornelius, Katrina Donoho, Dean Fife, Hugh Foster, Shannon Reid Holmes, the family of Rev. Joe Lacy, Jeff Judice, the family of Lesa Lambert, the family of Paul Payne, the family of Brian Phenix, the family of James Rudd, Alyssa Russell, Soni Family, Jennifer Thompson, Charlie Tipton, Nick Tullier, the family of Mary Jon Turner, John Whitworth

Members in Active Military Service:

PFC Gage Goodspeed

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION AND ONLINE LINKS:

Church Office Phone: 225-926-4175

Email: churchoffice@fccbrla.org

Office Hours: Tues-Thurs gam - 3 pm

The Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor, *Transitional Minister*

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Minister Hours: Wed. 4-7 pm; Sat. 10:30 am-1:00 pm

Website: fccbrla.org

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

Congratulations to ...

Margaret & Tom Moore on the arrival of their great-granddaughter, Kennedy Ann Moore on January 10, 2022, weighing 7 lbs., 5 oz. and measuring 19.5 inches long. Her proud and happy parents are Kelby and Tyler Moore.

