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THIS AND THAT

While Pastor Minor has posted office hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays, he is also available to **meet by appointment** at other times. Please contact him at the office (225) 926-4175 or by email at dedrick@fccbrla.org if you need to schedule a meeting

Starting on the first Sunday in March, we are returning to bringing our offering before the Lord by passing the offering plate, and we **welcome back our Deacons** who will be handling this, and bringing our offerings before the Lord's Table. The plate we've had at the back of the sanctuary for some time now, will no longer be set out each week. And, we would very much appreciate it if you would put the weekly attendance sign-in sheets in the offering plate as they are handed back to the Deacons, so we can get those collected at one time.

The Pastors Class starts on Saturday, March 26. Please keep Pastor Minor and our youth in your prayers as they go on this faith journey together. We are planning a Baptism Service on Palm Sunday, April 10.

The Easter Cantata will also be on Palm Sunday. We are looking for both singers and musicians at this time and welcome all who would like to participate. Those interested should contact our Director of Music, [Aaron Turnipseed](#).

Some Fun Facts about Mardi Gras

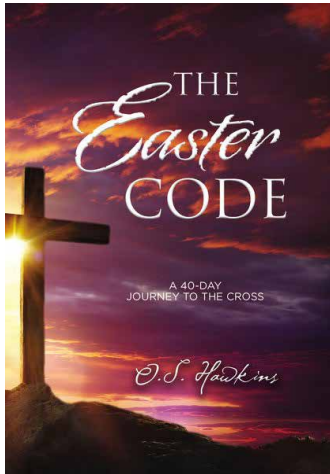
Mardi Gras is the last day before the beginning of Lent, a period of fasting and repentance leading up to Easter. Mardi Gras falls 41 days before Easter Sunday and is followed by Ash Wednesday. Traditionally, rich foods such as eggs, meat, oils and butter were strictly prohibited during the 40 days of Lent so it became customary to eat all that remained of those foods in the house and enjoy one last Feast on the day before the 40-day fast. The name "Fat Tuesday" reflects this tradition of enjoying rich foods on this day.

Here in Louisiana, we pretty much only refer to this holiday as Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday; however, it goes by several other names, depending on the locale. It is also known as Carnival which derives from the medieval Latin term *carnem levare* or *carnelevarium* which means to take away or remove meat. The name Shrove Tuesday derives from the practice of "shriving," or the confession and absolution of sin that takes place on that day.

In the UK, Ireland, Canada, and Australia, Shrove Tuesday is known as Pancake Tuesday as the central custom of feasting on pancakes was the means by which they used up the eggs and fat that would be prohibited during Lent. In England, there is a tradition of holding pancake races in which participants run while flipping a pancake in a pan. This tradition dates back to 1445, when a woman in the town of Olney heard the shriving bell while cooking pancakes and immediately ran out of her house to the church for confession still wearing her apron and holding her frying pan. <https://religionfacts.com/mardi-gras>

Congratulations to ...

...Laurie and Michael Thompson on the birth in February of their second child, **Hazel Jane**. Delighted paternal grandparents are Mary and Paul Thompson.



Please join us in reading *The Easter Code: A 40-Day Journey to the Cross*

Embark on a Lenten journey, guided by O. S. Hawkins, to prepare your heart and mind for Easter Sunday as we engage with a daily reflection accompanied by a Code word for the day, an encouraging Scripture, and a prayer. If you've not already picked up a copy, they are available in the foyer of the church.

March Calendar

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Tuesday, March 1		Mardi Gras - <i>office closed</i>
Wednesday, March 2		Ash Wednesday
Sunday, March 13	2:00 a.m.	Daylight Saving Time begins <i>Spring Forward!</i>
Tuesday, March 15	6:30 p.m.	FCC General Board meeting
Wednesday, March 23	9:30 a.m.	Disciple Women (YB)
Saturday, March 26	10:30 a.m.	Pastor's Class begins
Ongoing Meetings:		
Thursdays	9:30 a.m.	Silver Angels (YB)
Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (sanctuary)

Lectionary Readings: March 1-31, 2022

Tuesday, March 1, 2022: Psalm 35:11-28; Ezekiel 1:1; 2:1; Acts 10:23b-33
Wednesday, March 2, 2022: Ash Wednesday - Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2
Corinthians 5:20b—6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Thursday, March 3, 2022: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Exodus 5:10-23; Acts 7:30-34
Friday, March 4, 2022: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Exodus 6:1-13; Acts 7:35-42
Saturday, March 5, 2022: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; John 12:27-36
Sunday, March 6, 2022: First Sunday in Lent - Deuteronomy 26:10-11; Psalm 91:1-2,
9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13
Monday, March 7, 2022: Psalm 17; 1 Chronicles 21:1-17; 1 John 2:1-6
Tuesday, March 8, 2022: Psalm 17; Zechariah 3:1-10; 2 Peter 2:4-21
Wednesday, March 9, 2022: Psalm 17; Job 1:1-22; Luke 21:34-22:6
Thursday, March 10, 2022: Psalm 27; Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18; Philippians 3:2-12
Friday, March 11, 2022: Psalm 27; Genesis 14:17-24; Philippians 3:17-20
Saturday, March 12, 2022: Psalm 27; Psalm 118:26-29; Matthew 23:37-39
Sunday, March 13, 2022: Second Sunday in Lent - Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;
Philippians 2:17—4:1; Luke 13:31-35
Monday, March 14, 2022: Psalm 105:1-42; Exodus 33:1-6; Romans 4:1-12
Tuesday, March 15, 2022: Psalm 105:1-42; Numbers 14:10b-24; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Wednesday, March 16, 2022: Psalm 105:1-42; 2 Chronicles 20:1-22; Luke 13:22-31
Thursday, March 17, 2022: Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 2:8-11
Friday, March 18, 2022: Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 12:1-4; Revelation 3:1-6
Saturday, March 19, 2022: Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 5:1-7; Luke 6:43-45
Sunday, March 20, 2022: Third Sunday in Lent - Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8; 1
Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
Monday, March 21, 2022: Psalm 39; Jeremiah 11:1-17; Romans 2:1-11
Tuesday, March 22, 2022: Psalm 39; Ezekiel 17:1-10; Romans 2:12-16
Wednesday, March 23, 2022: Psalm 39; Numbers 13:17-27; Luke 13:18-21
Thursday, March 24, 2022: Psalm 32; Joshua 4:1-13; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5
Friday, March 25, 2022: Psalm 32; Joshua 4:14-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-15
Saturday, March 26, 2022: Psalm 32; Exodus 32:7-14; Luke 15:1-10
Sunday, March 27, 2022: Fourth Sunday in Lent - Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32, 2
Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Monday, March 28, 2022: Psalm 53; Leviticus 23:26-41; Revelation 19:1-8
Tuesday, March 29, 2022: Psalm 53; Leviticus 25:1-19; Revelation 19:9-10
Wednesday, March 30, 2022: Psalm 53; 2 Kings 4:1-7; Luke 9:10-17
Thursday, March 31, 2022: Psalm 126; Isaiah 43:1-7; Philippians 2:19-24

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.

March 6, 2022

Church Opening Marion Denova
Sacraments Sally Bremer
Greeter David Fennell
Deacons David Fennell, Lisa
Fennell, Dak McInnis,
Sherry McInnis
Liturgist Michael Wilson
Youth Reader Anderson Krupala
Children's Moment Tip Tipton
Elder Debbie Poché
Video Tech Greg Taliaferro
Sound Tech Jeff Cody
Livestream Ted Baldwin
Church Closing Pam Jones
Program Builder Jill Brian

March 20, 2022

Church Opening James Morgan
Sacraments Sally Bremer
Greeter Steve Gibson
Deacons Steve Gibson,
Anderson Krupala, Bill
Trotter, Lorry Trotter
Liturgist Vicki Krupala
Youth Reader Zachary Trotter
Children's Moment Pam Comeaux
Elder Trey Earle
Video Tech Callie Cody
Sound Tech Jeff Cody
Livestream Ted Baldwin
Church Closing Jeff Cody
Program Builder Carol Madere

March 13, 2022

Church Opening Pam Jones
Sacraments Sally Bremer
Greeter Callie Cody
Deacons Callie Cody, Jeff Cody,
Shelly Cody, Greg
Comeaux
Liturgist Tracy Shaffer
Youth Reader Callie Cody
Children's Moment Chris Culp
Elder Lucy Cody
Video Tech Carol Madere
Sound Tech Greg Taliaferro
Livestream Sue Grigg
Church Closing James Morgan
Program Builder Jeff Cody

March 27, 2022

Church Opening Frank Dickinson
Sacraments Sally Bremer
Greeter Lee Gullett
Deacons Lee and George Gul-
lett, Presley Hutchin-
son, Joann Taliaferro
Liturgist Carmen Jones
Youth Reader Leo Morgan
Children's Moment Leatus Still
Elder Vicki Krupala
Video Tech Frank Dickinson
Sound Tech Greg Taliaferro
Livestream Sue Grigg
Church Closing Chris Culp
Program Builder Jill Brian

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, Rich Griswold, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Presley Hutchinson, Beryl Jacques, Jane Johnson, Marie Ladner, Ann Landry, Charlene Landry, Carol Madere, William Miguez, Helen Mitchener, Kristin Morgan, Jerry Moses, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Helen Rankin, Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Lorry Trotter, Wally & Beverly Weselak, Toni Wilson, FCC Search Committee

Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

Shirley Bingham, the family of Jill Bihm, Christian Boatner, Don & Donna Bohlcke, Angela Marie Avansi Casarotti, Roger Clites, Katrina Donoho, the family of Ethel Droptini, Dean Fife, Hugh Foster, Jeff Judice, Nina Kincaid, the family of Hattie Belle Lester, Dale Ludwig, the family of James Rudd, Alyssa Russell, Soni Family, Jennifer Thompson, Nick Tullier, the family of Mary Jon Turner, Lori Wells, John Whitworth

Members in Active Military Service:

PFC Gage Goodspeed

Additions/Your Concerns:



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

Email: dedrick@fccbrrla.org

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

Aaron Turnipseed, M.M.P., *Director of Music*

João Casarotti, D.M.A., *Accompanist*

Brenda Hilgendorf, *Administrator/Bookkeeper*

Charles Riddle, *Facilities*

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