

# First Christian Caller

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## National Day of Prayer

*Observance: First Thursday of May*

The history of America is replete with examples of the way in which the Judeo-Christian tradition has shaped the life of our nation. From the signing of the first civil document in the New World (the Mayflower Compact) until recent decades, the character of America was nurtured by the principles of the Holy Bible. In the Mayflower Compact, the Pilgrims affirmed their Christian commitment, stating they had come to America, quote, "for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith," end quote. During the Colonial Era, colonies set aside days for prayer and fasting as well as days of thanksgiving. It is clear from the language of these provisions that prayers were addressed to Jesus Christ and the God of the Bible. What is more, at the time the Constitution was implemented in 1789, eleven of the thirteen states required a profession of faith in Jesus Christ and the Bible as qualifications for holding public office, and no attempt was made by the federal government to disband these requirements. Many, many other examples could be offered as evidence of the enormous formative impact that Christianity has had upon America.

In keeping with the religious history of our nation, National Day of Prayer is annually observed on the first Thursday of May. On April 17, 1952, President Truman signed a bill establishing the National Day of Prayer as law. Twenty years later, in 1972, the National Prayer Committee was formed to assist the nation in its observance of the occasion. Subsequently the National Day of Prayer Task Force was formed for the intended purpose of coordinating events for the National Day of Prayer. The exact day to observe was decreed in 1988 when President Reagan signed a bill into law establishing the first Thursday of May as National Day of Prayer.

Given the fact that America has historically been a Christian nation, those not part of the Judeo-Christian tradition have been excluded from the events related to the observance of this day. The [secular] such as freethinkers, humanists, atheists, agnostics, and deists have responded by establishing their own "National Day of Reason," also held on the first Thursday of May.

*Posted by Dr. Stephen Flick | Apr 28, 2021*

*[christianheritagefellowship.com/christian-living-in-may/#National%20Day%20of%20Prayer](http://christianheritagefellowship.com/christian-living-in-may/#National%20Day%20of%20Prayer)*

## Congregational Meeting Reminder

As announced in the April newsletter, the Search & Call Committee has voted to recommend Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor to be our permanent senior minister.

On Sunday, April 24, a meet-and-greet time with Pastor Minor was held immediately after church. Pastor Minor shared his vision of the future for the church and what he feels God is calling him to do at FCCBRLA. The luncheon was hosted by the Search & Call Committee.

Board Chair Pam Jones has called for a **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, May 1, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service, to vote on candidate Dedrick Minor for the position of Senior Minister of First Christian Church of Baton Rouge (DOC).**

Please plan to be with us on Sunday, May 1, for this important event in the life of our church.

## Chancel Area Handrails

The new handrails have been installed in the chancel area and look wonderful. We'd like to thank **Sue Grigg** for recognizing the need for them and bringing it to the attention of the church as well as arranging funding for this project.

We also extend grateful thanks to the following who contributed to this project: Mike Wilson, handrail design; Jerry Hilgendorf, oversight of construction and installation; Fabco, donation of some of the materials and fabrication labor; and, Tate Marcil, donation of his carpentry skills.

## Regional News

### GRR Disciples Youth – Youth Commission Applications

Be a part of the youth leaders from across the Great River Region who help plan and lead regional youth events. All applications should be completed and returned to the regional office by April 30. New Commissioners will be announced by May 15. [Download the application here.](#)

### Bailey Institute of Learning – 2022 Summer Semester

Registration for the 2022 Summer semester is now open! The Spiritual Formation and Technology series will meet once per week for four weeks. Both are online and will cost \$15 each. Lastly, the Bailey series will include a weekly blog written by our Executive Regional Minister, Rev. Dr. Nadine Burton. To learn more and how to register for classes, [click here](#) or visit [grrdisciples.org/2022-spring-semester/](http://grrdisciples.org/2022-spring-semester/)



# Outreach at First Christian Church, Baton Rouge

## ISTROUMA MIDDLE SCHOOL



1. **5K Run sponsorship** – (April 23, 2022) *Aaron has been training hard, but we're just getting warmed up!* As of Easter Sunday, we had collected \$200 towards Aaron Turnipseed's 5K run in support of Istrouma Middle School's music program. But we're not finished yet!

We are accepting donations through Sunday, May 15, after which time the money will be presented to Aaron for benefit of the Istrouma Middle School music program on the night of the choral performance (May 18 - see below). Please make checks out to FCCBR, with "Istrouma" noted on the memo line. Cash donations, if placed in the collection plates, should be placed in a marked envelope for "Istrouma," or placed in the special basket at the rear of the sanctuary.



2. **End-of-year choral program & reception** – (Wednesday, May 18, 2022) The Istrouma student choral performance is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. ***All FCCBR members are invited and encouraged to attend the performance as well as the reception immediately thereafter, in the Fellowship Hall.***

Volunteers are needed for help with the reception. Please sign the sheets in the Narthex if you can assist with food prep, set up, serving, and/or cleanup.

## SOUTHEAST MINISTRIES

For the month of MAY, our collection drive focus for SE Ministries is ***personal hygiene products*** like toothpaste, tooth brushes, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner and ***household hygiene products*** such as soaps, detergents, and cleaning products.

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### May 29, 2022

*Church Opening* Pam Jones  
*Sacraments* Charlene Landry  
*Greeter* Pam Jones  
*Deacons* David Fennell, Lisa Fennell, Dak McInnis, Sherry McInnis  
*Liturgist* Tip Tipton  
*Youth Reader* Anderson Krupala

*Children's Moment* Crystal Casaroti  
*Elder* Leatus Still  
*Video Tech* Frank Dickinson  
*Sound Tech* Jeff Cody  
*Livestream* Tom Cody  
*Church Closing* Jerry Hilgendorf  
*Program Builder* Jill Brian

## Welcome to the newly baptized!

In a service of baptism on Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022, the following were welcomed into the Body of Christ through baptism (as pictured on the cover, left to right): **Collin Landry, Kinzley McCoy, Jordan Bourgeois, and Leonardo Morgan**. We love each of you, and commit to do all in our power to support you in your life in Christ.

Please enjoy the additional photos, below, or re-visit the service on our [Facebook page](#) or [YouTube](#) channel.



*Left: Rev. Dr. Minor and Kinzley McCoy*

*Below: Rev. Dr. Minor and Jordan Bourgeois*



*Above: Rev. Dr. Minor and Collin Landry*

*Right: Rev. Dr. Minor and Leonardo Morgan*



## 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.

### May 1, 2022

*Church Opening* Marion Denova  
*Sacraments* Charlene Landry  
*Greeter* Brenda Hilgendorf  
*Deacons* David Fennell, Lisa  
Fennell, Dak McInnis,  
Sherry McInnis  
*Liturgist* Phyllis Willis  
*Youth Reader* Anderson Krupala  
*Children's Moment* Chris Culp  
*Elder* Charlene Landry  
*Video Tech* Greg Taliaferro  
*Sound Tech* Jeff Cody  
*Livestream* Nicolas Morgan  
*Church Closing* Pam Jones  
*Program Builder* Carol Madere

### May 15, 2022

*Church Opening* David Fennell  
*Sacraments* Charlene Landry  
*Greeter* Bill Trotter  
*Deacons* Steve Gibson,  
Anderson Krupala, Bill  
Trotter, Lorry Trotter  
*Liturgist* Pam Comeaux  
*Youth Reader* Zachary Trotter  
*Children's Moment* Leatus Still  
*Elder* Carol Madere  
*Video Tech* Callie Cody  
*Sound Tech* Jeff Cody  
*Livestream* Anderson Krupala  
*Church Closing* Jeff Cody  
*Program Builder* Jeff Cody

### May 8, 2022

*Church Opening* Frank Dickinson  
*Sacraments* Charlene Landry  
*Greeter* Shelly Cody  
*Deacons* Callie Cody, Jeff Cody,  
Shelly Cody, Greg  
Comeaux  
*Liturgist* Chris Culp  
*Youth Reader* Callie Cody  
*Children's Moment* Pam Comeaux  
*Elder* Pam Jones  
*Video Tech* Carol Madere  
*Sound Tech* Greg Taliaferro  
*Livestream* Charles Riddle  
*Church Closing* James Morgan  
*Program Builder* Jill Brian

### May 22, 2022

*Church Opening* James Morgan  
*Sacraments* Charlene Landry  
*Greeter* Presley Hutchinson  
*Deacons* Presley Hutchinson,  
Joann Taliaferro  
*Liturgist* Lucy Cody  
*Youth Reader* Leonardo Morgan  
*Children's Moment* Carol Madere  
*Elder* Sally Bremer  
*Video Tech* Jeff Cody  
*Sound Tech* Greg Taliaferro  
*Livestream* Nicolas Morgan  
*Church Closing* Chris Culp  
*Program Builder* Carol Madere

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# 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](mailto: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, Jody Chrisope, Pam Culp, Marion & Martha Denova, Paul Foster, Rich Griswold, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Presley Hutchinson, Beryl Jacques, Pam Jones, Marie Ladner, Ann Landry, Charlene Landry, Helen Mitchener, Kristin Morgan, Jerry Moses, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Wally & Beverly Weselak, FCC Search Committee

## Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

Arthur Bates, Shirley Bingham, the family of Judy Barbay, the family of Jill Bihm, Don & Donna Bohlcke, the Elba Calderon Family, Angela Marie Avansi Casarotti, Katrina Donoho, Dean Fife, Hugh Foster, Nathaniel Gosnell, Jeff Judice, Nina Kincaid, Bill Lacy, Sophie LeBlanc, Dale Ludwig, Ramagos family, Alyssa Russell, Kevin Swilley, Jennifer Thompson, Nick Tullier, Ann Weeks, Lori Wells, John Whitworth

## Members in Active Military Service:

PFC Gage Goodspeed

## May Calendar Notes

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Sunday, May 1	11:00 a.m.	Congregational Meeting
	11:45 a.m.	Lunch Bunch @ Serop's - rsvp to Helen Rankin at 225-766-1741
Tuesday, May 10	6:30 p.m.	Board Meeting (YB)
Wednesday, May 18	7:00 p.m.	Istrouma Choral Program and Reception (Sanctuary and FH)
Wednesday, May 25	9:30 a.m.	Disciple Women (YB)
Monday, May 30		Memorial Day - Office Closed
<b>Ongoing Meetings:</b>		
Sundays	9:00 a.m.	The Study (FH)
Thursdays	9:30 a.m.	Silver Angels (YB)
Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Church)



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

## CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION AND ONLINE LINKS:

Church Office Phone: 225-926-4175

Email: [churchoffice@fccbrla.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccbrla.org)

Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 9am - 3 pm

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

Email: [dedrick@fccbrla.org](mailto:dedrick@fccbrla.org)

Minister's Hours: Wed. 4-7 pm; Sat. 10:30 am-1:00 pm and by appointment

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

João Casarotti, D.M.A., *Accompanist*

Brenda Hilgendorf, *Administrator/Bookkeeper*

Charles Riddle, *Facilities*

Website: [fccbrla.org](http://fccbrla.org) YouTube Video Channel: [youtube.com/fccbrla](https://youtube.com/fccbrla)

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The daily Scripture readings for May are available online: [Click here](#) for Year C readings (or visit [lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=C](http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/daily.php?year=C)). Links to the Sunday lectionary are within the listings on that page. If you need a hard copy for your daily use, please contact us at the church office, and we'll get one out to you!