

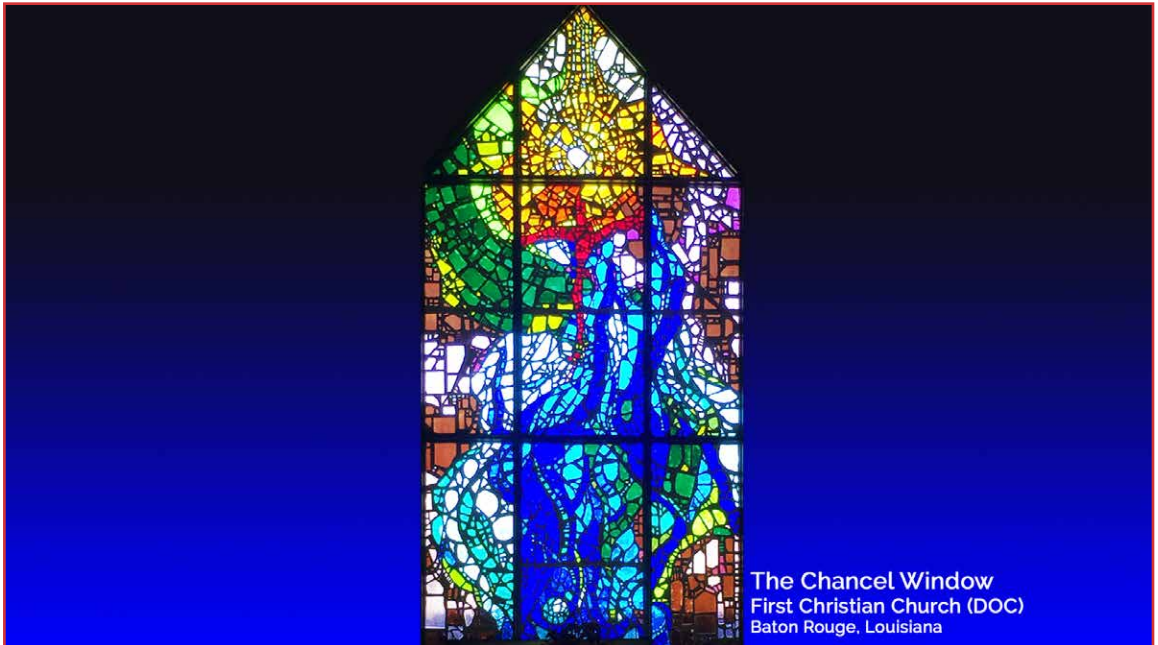
# First Christian Caller

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## **Symbolism in The Chancel Window**

The blood sacrifice, the cleansing water, and the presence of God are the major points of the window.

Starting at the peak of the window, the yellows depict the *opening of the veil*. The temple of the Old Testament separated the people in the meeting from the "Holy of Holies," by a curtain, or veil, as described in Exodus 26. Only after animal sacrifice and cleansing themselves, could the temple priests enter the altar which held the Ark of the Covenant — the presence of God.

Matthew 27:51 describes that, at the moment of Jesus' earthly death, "...the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom." Jesus has given himself as the full and perfect sacrifice. The presence of God is no longer hidden from the people or confined to the temple. The veil is opened.

Beneath the open veil, a strand of blood flows from the chalice in the shape of a cross, symbolizing of the cleansing of humanity from unrighteousness by Jesus' blood sacrifice.

The flowing blues represent the living water of baptism through which we make our repentance and receive forgiveness and renewal of life. The blues lead to the greens, browns, and earth tones symbolizing our life and growth through the gift of God's earth.

***Paraphrased from a presentation by Tom Moore.***

*What colors would you use? Can you find the symbols described above? Download a black-and-white line sketch of the window to color yourself, [here](#); (or visit our website at [fccbrla.org](#), under "Resources," then "Document Library," then "Miscellaneous.")*

## Installation of Rev. Dr. Minor on June 26

First Christian Church will host an installation ceremony for our new minister, Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor, on Sunday, June 26, at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. Executive Regional Minister Rev. Dr. Nadine Burton will conduct the installation service. A fellowship meal will follow. Congregation members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert for the meal, to be held in the Fellowship Hall.

The congregation voted on May 1 to call Pastor Minor as Senior Minister. A Baton Rouge native, Pastor Minor has served as a Disciples of Christ ordained minister for 10 years. He is also a board-certified clinical chaplain at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center, where he has worked for almost 20 years. He will be the first bi-vocational minister called by FCC Baton Rouge. He has an 18-year-old daughter, who is a college student majoring in education.

"I look forward to cultivating the overall spiritual fervency of the congregation through relationship-building, home and hospital visitation, and worship service leadership," said Pastor Minor.

Pastor Minor has served as FCC's transitional minister since January 2022.

## Regional News

### **GRR Disciples Women 2022 Fall Retreat**

The Annual GRR Disciples Women Fall Retreat will take place on September 9-11, 2022, at the Eagle Ridge Convention Center in Raymond, MS. Rev. Angéle Saunders Johnson, Executive Director of Disciples Women, will be the keynote. Stay tuned for more information.

### **Regional Assembly Update**

After careful consideration and approval from the Regional Board, the Regional Assembly planning team has decided to change this year's Regional Assembly dates. The Assembly will be held at Vicksburg Convention Center in Vicksburg, MS, on October 28-29, 2022. FCC Vicksburg is the host church. The theme is "Nothing Can Separate Us / CommUNITY (Romans 8:39)." Stay tuned for more information.



## Outreach at First Christian Church, Baton Rouge

### SOUTHEAST MINISTRIES



Your support of this vital ministry has helped to feed 70 families in our local area. Individuals requesting aid are screened and offered temporary assistance to tide them over during times of short-term need. Our collection focus for the month of **JUNE** will be **peanut butter (large)** and **jelly!**

### CASA - Court-Appointed Special Advocates



**1. Administrative Support for Annual Event - (July 1, 5 & 6)** - CASA needs volunteers to help stuff invitation envelopes for their annual fundraising event. Their office hours are M-F 8 am-4:30 pm, and volunteers can help on July 1, 5, or 6, at any time during office hours. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex on June 19 & 26 to see if there is interest, and to discern if volunteers would like to participate in a group.



**2. "Casas for CASA" Fundraising Event Volunteer - (July 31)** - CASA is conducting their sole annual fundraising event on July 31 from 5-8:00 pm. This will be a reception and silent auction at the Renaissance Hotel on Bluebonnet. Tickets will be \$50 per person if you wish to attend as a guest, or you can volunteer and get in free! Event volunteers will help with set up, serve, and clean up and should plan on arriving at 3:00 pm.

### ISTROUMA MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORAL PROGRAM

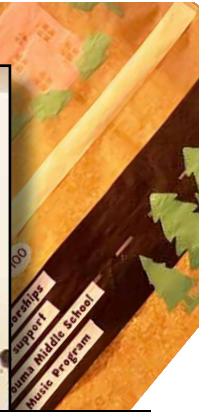


Our congregational giving, combined with some church-directed funds, allowed us to award a check for \$1,500 to Istrouma Middle Magnet School's choral program. The check was presented by Rev. Dedrick to Aaron and Istrouma Middle School Principal Yolanda Lankford at the Choral Performance held at FCC on Wednesday evening May 18.



Thank you to all those who donated money, provided food, attended the choral performance, and/or assisted with the reception. Your generosity, hard work, and hospitality made a big impression on our guests, who were all so appreciative. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!** By blessing others, we too are blessed!

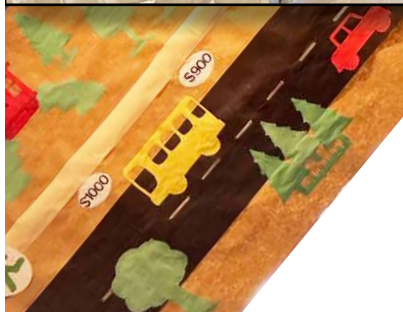
# Glimpses of the Istrouma Middle School Concert



Above: The Istrouma Middle School Choir in concert here on May 18. Right: Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor, IMS Principal Yolanda Lankford, and FCC Music Director/ IMS Choral Director Aaron Turnipseed. Far right: Aaron with a generous check from FCC!



Left: A lovely reception followed the concert, with delicious food by FCC volunteers. Below: Rev. Dr. Minor assisted with greeting guests and members alike. Background: Aaron's successful challenge chart for his 5-K fundraiser.



## 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.

### June 5, 2022

*Church Opening* Marion Denova  
*Sacraments* Diane Sympson  
*Greeter* Lisa Fennell  
*Deacons* David Fennell, Lisa Fennell, Dak McInnis, Sherry McInnis  
*Liturgist* Charlene Landry  
*Youth Reader* Callie Cody  
*Children's Moment* Ashley Bourgeois  
*Elder* Frank Johnson  
*Video Tech* Callie Cody  
*Sound Tech* Jeff Cody  
*Livestream* Anderson Krupala  
*Church Closing* Aaron Turnipseed  
*Program Builder* Jeff Cody

### June 19, 2022

*Church Opening* David Fennell  
*Sacraments* Diane Sympson  
*Greeter* Lorry Trotter  
*Deacons* Steve Gibson, Anderson Krupala, Bill Trotter, Lorry Trotter  
*Liturgist* Frank Dickinson  
*Youth Reader* Zachary Trotter  
*Children's Moment* Chris Culp  
*Elder* Jerry Moses  
*Video Tech* Greg Taliaferro  
*Sound Tech* Jeff Cody  
*Livestream* Brenda Hilgendorf  
*Church Closing* Cathi Pourciau  
*Program Builder* Jill Brian

### June 12, 2022

*Church Opening* Frank Dickinson  
*Sacraments* Diane Sympson  
*Greeter* Greg Comeaux  
*Deacons* Callie Cody, Jeff Cody, Shelly Cody, Greg Comeaux  
*Liturgist* Jerry Moses  
*Youth Reader* Leonardo Morgan  
*Children's Moment* Tip Tipton  
*Elder* Lucy Cody  
*Video Tech* Anderson Krupala  
*Sound Tech* Brenda Hilgendorf  
*Livestream* Nicolas Morgan  
*Church Closing* Tony Fatta  
*Program Builder* Carol Madere

### June 26, 2022

*Church Opening* Pam Jones  
*Sacraments* Diane Sympson  
*Greeter* Joann Taliaferro  
*Deacons* Joann Taliaferro  
  
*Liturgist* Tracy Shaffer  
*Youth Reader* Anderson Krupala  
*Children's Moment* Pam Comeaux  
*Elder* Carol Madere  
*Video Tech* Jeff Cody  
*Sound Tech* Brenda Hilgendorf  
*Livestream* Charles Riddle  
*Church Closing* Pam Jones  
*Program Builder* Brenda Hilgendorf

# 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:

Ron & Dora Blackburn, Bill & Lois Burt, Dan Calvert, Norma Carr, Kish & Nancy Chapaneri, Jody Chrisope, Marjorie Clark, Pam Culp, Marion & Martha Denova, Paul Foster, Gloria Giammanco, Sue Grigg, 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, Tip & Beverly Tipton, Wally & Beverly Weselak

## Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

Arthur Bates, Don & Donna Bohlcke, Elba Calderon Family, Angela Marie Avansi Casarotti, Katrina Donoho, Lois Elmore, Dean Fife, Hugh Foster, Nathaniel Gosnell, Jeff Judice, Nina Kincaid, Bill Lacy, Sophie LeBlanc, Dale Ludwig, Ramagos family, Alyssa Russell, Kevin Swilley, Jennifer Thompson, family of Nick Tullier, Ann Weeks, family of Tyreke Walker, Lori Wells

## Members in Active Military Service:

PFC Gage Goodspeed

## June Calendar Notes

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Monday, May 30		Memorial Day - Office Closed
Monday, June 6	6:30 p.m.	Elders Meeting (YB - no Zoom)
Wednesday, June 22	9:30 a.m.	Disciples Women (YB)
<b>Sunday, June 26</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Service of Installation of the Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor as FCC Senior Minister with Fellowship Meal following</b>

## Ongoing Meetings:

Sundays	9:00 a.m.	The Study (FH) - Adult Bible Study
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, *Senior 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*

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The daily Scripture readings for June 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!