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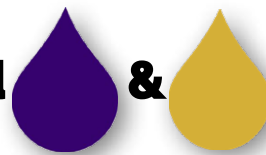
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**GIVE
BLOOD
SAVE
LIFE**



Do You Bleed & ?



Here's Your Chance To Prove It!

What: LifeShare Blood Drive

Where: FCCBR east parking lot

When: Sunday, September 25

Time: 8:30 a.m. 'til 12:30 p.m.?

Show your SPIRIT and BE THERE!

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Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

The following note to Rev. Dr. Minor is shared with the permission of the author..

Dear Rev. Dedrick,

This is Janet Younathan, a former member of FCC Baton Rouge, now living in suburban Philadelphia. I met you when I was in Baton Rouge in May. I am compelled to write after your sermon on Sunday, August 14, 2022, which spoke a healing balm into my current circumstances.

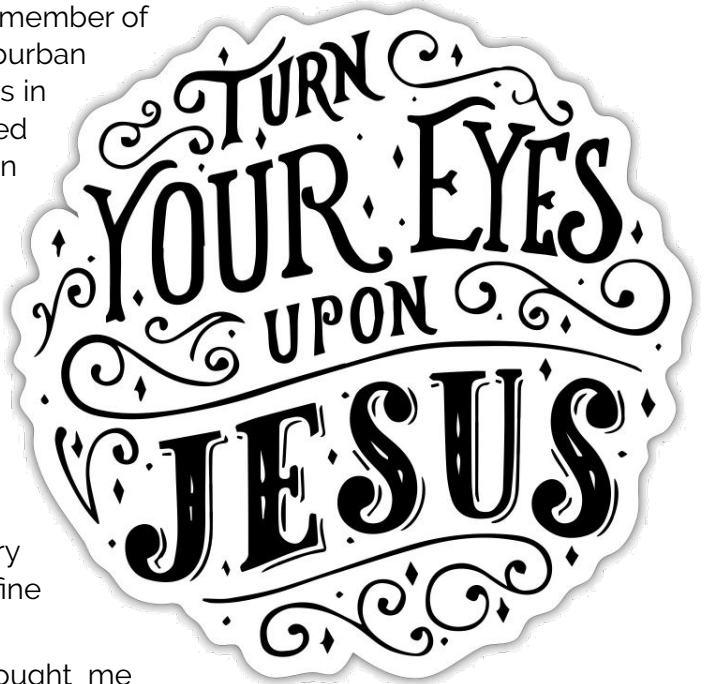
On Saturday, August 6, I had a surprise visit to the emergency room, which culminated the next day in surgery to remove my gallbladder. God was indeed with me in the ER, the OR, and in my hospital room. I had surgery that was badly needed and am fine now, recuperating well at home.

A nurse in my congregation brought me home from the hospital on Monday, August 8.

She made the point that it is difficult to quantify pain, because we each have different tolerances for pain and experience it in different ways. I told her the greatest pain in all of this was not the pain from the gallbladder; it was the pain from multiple vomits, because the whole body contracts and lurches.

Later, God reminded me that Christ suffered with his whole body to redeem us. You described His whole-body sacrifice in a vivid and understandable way. What I had not heard before was the interpretation of "the joy that was set before him" in Hebrews 12:2. I had read in the past that this joy was the joy of Jesus' future rule or His exaltation, but I see that the Reformation Study Bible interprets this joy as you do — "the joy of being Savior of His people".

The gospel makes us look at life completely differently than those who don't know it. What a comfort to know that Jesus is not "a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet



without sin" (Heb. 4:15). Jesus' redemptive work on the cross is finished, but his care for us will never be finished. He is our eternal shepherd, defender, and advocate. Indeed, He lives to intercede for us!

Thank you for this solid message to show us this Savior.

In Christ,
Janet

Welcome, Earl!

Welcome our newest addition to the FCCBRLA staff!
Earl Poole is our new worship leader.

Earl has been involved in the element of Music Worship ministries since 2015. He started as a Bass section leader at First United Methodist Church of Hammond, and Lead Vocalist for traditional and contemporary worship services at First United Methodist Church of Denham Springs. In addition, he also governed all children music ministry activities at FUMC Denham Springs, including VBS.

When not worshipping with us, he still pursues an active performance career. Earl has performed in several operas and musical theatre productions throughout south Louisiana. He has studied Musical Theatre at New Orleans Center for Creative Arts and Vocal Music Education at Southeastern Louisiana University.



HEADS UP! Mark your calendar now. **Sunday, October 16**, is a special day, set aside and made holy for the purposes and worship of God. This will be a special day at First Christian Church, Baton Rouge, a celebration not to miss.



Outreach at First Christian Church, Baton Rouge

SOUTHEAST MINISTRIES

Southeast Ministries is supported by 15 Christian churches comprised of eight denominations, all of which are united in support by committing to provide two Board members, numerous volunteers and continuous financial funding.



Canned meats and canned vegetables are our September focus. If you can help, please bring your donations to the church and leave them in the narthex. We have volunteers who will transport our food donations to Southeast Ministries during the week.

Our Church Family News

A heartfelt FCC Welcome to ...

Taylor Sonnier, Gail Ragas, and Bill Egger who joined our church family and fellowship on July 31, 2022. Please introduce yourselves to them on Sunday and make them feel welcome.



Congratulations to ...

James Robert and Gloria Lynn McIlwain Giammanco who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 19, 2022. Gloria and Jim met while students at LSU where both were members of the Golden Band from Tigerland. They were wed at Memorial United Methodist Church in Monroe, LA on August 19, 1972. Since their wedding, they have made their home in Baton Rouge. They have two children, Ian (Tanya) and Gina, and one granddaughter, Tessa. A luncheon for family and friends was held at Drusilla Place in Baton Rouge on July

30. Their 50-year marriage has been a blessing and an inspiration to both the Giammanco and McIlwain families, and to their fellow members at First Christian Church, Baton Rouge.

Congratulations to ...



Emily (Embree) and Michael Jackson on the birth of their first child, a son, Henry Reese Jackson, on Monday, August 15, 2022 at 7:03 a.m. Henry weighed 9 lbs., 3 oz., and measured 20" long. Thrilled grandmother (pictured, left, with Henry) is Donna Embree.



Katelyn (Brian) and Chris Gwin on the birth of their second child, Oliver Ray, pictured, right, with big brother, Cooper on August 23. Maternal grandparents are David & Jill Brian.

Thank you ...

Brenda - I can't thank you enough for how excellent your help was in planning my dad's service and running the A/V on Friday without a hitch. It was all perfect and exactly what I wanted to honor my dad's life and legacy.

*Charles and the Silver Angels were a **huge blessing** in making the reception easy for me. First Christian Church will always hold a special place in my heart for many reasons. May God bless FCC far into the future.*

—Michelle Griswold

On behalf of myself and the family of Kenny Sexton, I want to thank all my church family for the wonderful way you reached out to me and lifted me up during this difficult time. A special thank you to Brenda and Charles for your hard work to make Kenny's service so special. God bless you all.

—Edward Atkins

Our condolences ...

A memorial service for Kenny Sexton, partner of Ed Atkins, was held at FCC on Thursday, August 4, 2022.

A memorial service for Michael Mattison, father of Michelle Griswold, was held at FCC on Friday, August 12, 2022.

A family memorial for Wally Weselak, husband of Beverly Weselak, was held on Sunday, August 14.

Lois Burt, wife of Bill Burt, was memorialized at Charlie Marshall Funeral Home in Rockport, TX on Saturday, August 20, 2022.

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.

September 4, 2022

Church Opening Pam Jones
Sacraments Rhonda Culp
Greeter TBD
Deacons David Fennell, Lisa
Fennell, Dak McInnis,
Sherry McInnis
Liturgist Pam Comeaux
Youth Reader Leonardo Morgan
Children's Moment Nancy Fatta
Elder Chris Culp
Video Tech Frank Dickinson
Sound Tech Jeff Cody
Livestream Nicolas Morgan
Church Closing Jeff Cody
Program Builder Brenda Hilgendorf

September 18, 2022

Church Opening James Morgan
Sacraments Rhonda Culp
Greeter Bill Trotter
Deacons Steve Gibson,
Anderson Krupala, Bill
Trotter, Lorry Trotter
Liturgist Tip Tipton
Youth Reader Zachary Trotter
Children's Moment Tip Tipton
Elder Sally Bremer
Video Tech Greg Taliaferro
Sound Tech Jeff Cody
Livestream Anderson Krupala
Church Closing Jerry Hilgendorf
Program Builder Jeff Cody

September 11, 2022

Church Opening Pam Jones
Sacraments Rhonda Culp
Greeter Shelly Cody
Deacons Callie Cody, Jeff Cody,
Shelly Cody, Greg
Comeaux
Liturgist Lucy Cody
Youth Reader Anderson Krupala
Children's Moment Ashley Bourgeois
Elder Charlene Landry
Video Tech Nicolas Morgan
Sound Tech Greg Taliaferro
Livestream Pam Jones
Church Closing Chris Culp
Program Builder Jill Brian

September 25, 2022

Church Opening Frank Dickinson
Sacraments Rhonda Culp
Greeter Joann Taliaferro
Deacons Joann Taliaferro

Liturgist Charlene Landry
Youth Reader Callie Cody
Children's Moment Chris Culp
Elder Pam Jones
Video Tech Anderson Krupala
Sound Tech Greg Taliaferro
Livestream Charles Riddle
Church Closing Aaron Turnipseed
Program Builder Carol Madere

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:

Judy Albin, Ed Atkins and the family of Kenny Sexton, Ron & Dora Blackburn, Bill Burt, the family of Lois Burt, Dan Calvert, Robert Calvert, Norma Carr, Jody Chrisope, Marjorie Clark, Melanie Cobb, Pam Culp, Rhonda Culp, Martha Denova, Nancy Fatta, Paul Foster, Rich Griswold, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Presley Hutchinson, Marie Ladner, Tyler Lax, Helen Mitchener, Kristin Morgan, Jerry Moses, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Kim Rankin, Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Meredith Taliaferro, Beverly Weselak, the family of Wally Weselak

Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

Kim B., Jason Barnett, Don & Donna Bohlcke, Sibil Brian, Elden Cox, Dean Fife, Beckey Hedglin, Patty Hubeny, Ricky Hudson, Jeff Judice, Rhett Leger, Marc Porterfield Family, Beverly Rotolo, Alyssa Russell, Melissa Stephenson, Fulton & Toni Tolor, Ann Weeks

Members in Active Military Service:

PFC Gage Goodspeed

September Calendar Notes

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Wednesday, September 20	6:00 p.m.	General Board Meeting (YB)
Thursday, September 22	9:30 a.m.	Disciples Women (YB)
<i>Ongoing Meetings:</i>		
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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Disciples of Christ

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

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION AND ONLINE LINKS:

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

Email: 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*

Earl Poole, *Music Worship Leader*

Brenda Hilgendorf, *Administrator/Bookkeeper*

Charles Riddle, *Facilities*

Website: fccbrla.org YouTube Video Channel: youtube.com/fccbrla

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Instagram: instagram.com/fccbrla

The daily Scripture readings for September are available online: [Click here](#) for Year C readings (or visit 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!