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## Regional Notes

### Disciples Men

We are trying to plan for a region-wide DM Winter Retreat. We need men in leadership roles at local congregations to help make this event a success.

Harvey Anderson from Indianola Christian Church will be reaching out to those who would like to help plan this in-person event for the winter of 2022. Please submit your contact information to [kristen@grrdisciples.org](mailto:kristen@grrdisciples.org) or call the Regional office at 501-562-6053 with your contact information to be forwarded to Harvey. We hope to have a meaningful DM event with fellowship, food, and fun.

### Ukraine Mission Trip

Rev. Mark and Karen Garner visited Ukraine in May 2022 with the "Youth With A Mission" Team. Through donations from the Great River Region and other friends and organizations, he raised \$8,000 along with supplies to use toward a refuge center in Poland. Pinnacle Outreach Ministry also contributed four large suitcases to the project. Mark will return to Ukraine with the same team in August or October to assist in building and repairing housing near Kyiv for families before winter sets in.

On Friday, August 5, 2022, the Regional Board affirmed this project as a wider mission focus of the Great River Region. We are asking all congregations and constituency groups to support this international project as our witness to God's work in the world, through Mark and Karen's call to service. We are asking for donations to help Volodymyr and Ira, a couple Mark met in Chernobyl, raise the \$25,000 needed to complete the construction of an orphanage for children and youth.

[Read more about this project here.](#)



## ***An Evening of Gospel and Jazz***

***Sunday, October 2, at 6:30 p.m.***

***First Christian Church, Baton Rouge, Sanctuary***

*Performers include*

*FCC Chancel Choir • Istrouma Magnet Choir*

*SELU Alumni • members of Phi Mu Alpha fraternity*

***Aaron Turnipseed, FCC Director of Music, Conductor***

No admission fee; donations welcome

# **CONSECRATION DAY**

*Ceremony & Celebration Luncheon*

**Sunday, October 16, 10:00 a.m.**

*With Offerings Set Apart and Dedicated to the Service and Worship of God.*

## **LOLL IS BACK! We have Lots of Living Left!**

Our group for those of *enhanced* years, to visit someplace interesting, or gather around a delectable table, or enjoy a view of art, or nature, or movie...**returns in November!** Contact Lucy Cody, or [send your contact info to the church office, here](#), to get on the list to join in!

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## *A Note from Pam*

### **GREAT APPRECIATION FOR THE GENEROSITY OF OTHERS**

As previously announced, thanks to an anonymous donor, we were recently able to replace our soundboard with a modern, digital model to complement the newer software and equipment we are using to livestream our Sunday service.

Well, this past week, three additional anonymous donors chipped in to make it possible for us to also obtain digital microphones — both a set of four handheld mics for the choir and others, as well as a lavalier mic for the minster. These have been ordered and should be available for use sometime in December.

I am continually amazed and humbled by the generosity of our members. I am also often pleasantly surprised, as in the case of the above, where we did not ask for donations but rather a member approached the church about meeting a need.

And lastly, I am extremely grateful to see where we are now with the livestream and various tech components on multiple levels. I am grateful for the generosity of financial gifts that allow us to continue to make improvements. I am grateful for the interest and dedication that members show in learning and serving to build video programs or

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## Outreach at First Christian Church, Baton Rouge

### SOUTHEAST MINISTRIES

There is immediate need of the following items:

**Peanut butter (large) • Cereal (hot or cold) • Canned meats  
• Canned fruit**



Thank you for your generosity! You help support over 60 families in our immediate area.

“And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’” — Matthew 25:40

**STAY TUNED FOR INFORMATION ON UPCOMING HOLIDAY OUTREACH PLANS...**  
holiday meal bags, shut-in outreach, CASA friends during the week.

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## Our Church Family News

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### Congratulations to ...

Margaret and Tom Moore, and daughter Lorraine, as their granddaughter Kaylee is now a teacher in child nutrition program (eating healthy foods) with an office next to the cafeteria and starting a large vegetable-fruit garden with the students at IDEA charter school. Her Masters was in Plant, Environmental and Soil Sciences (Horticulture), with a minor in Entomology. Her 100+ page thesis was *Evaluation of Hemp Cultivation Practices and Cannabinoid Development in South Louisiana* (Medical marijuana).

### Thank you ...

*A note from Elba Calderon, who writes, “Thanks — has been a blessing to praise the Lord with you. FCC-BR will always be my church.” Elba is from Puerto Rico and attended church with us while in the area working. She has now returned to Puerto Rico.*

## Congratulations to ...



**Meredith Taliaferro** who was honored as the first recipient of the Carley McCord Scholarship at St. Michael the Archangel High School. This award is given to a high school senior who demonstrates the qualities of deep faith, a strong work ethic, academic achievement, participation in sports, and a true love of both people and life. Way to go, Meredith!

**Shout out to Mike Wilson**, whose firm, CrumpWilsonArchitects, LLC, was recently spotlighted in the 40th Anniversary Edition of the Baton Rouge Business Report!

**HAVE NEWS TO SHARE WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY?** Please email us at [churchoffice@fccbrla.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccbrla.org) and provide information so we can celebrate life's joys and triumphs with you.

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to run the sound board, video program and/or livestream program each week. And I am grateful to David Chisham and Ted Baldwin who spent countless hours getting the livestream up and running back during the height of pandemic. We have come a long way in the past two and a half years but without that start, we would not be where we are today.

Love and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Pamela T. Jones'.

A promotional banner for the 2022 Regional Assembly. The background is dark blue with light blue circular accents. On the left is a circular logo with a colorful puzzle piece design and the text 'NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US', 'COMMUNITY', and 'Romans 8:39'. In the center, the text reads '2022 REGIONAL ASSEMBLY' in large white and light blue letters, followed by 'OCTOBER 28-29, 2022', 'VICKSBURG CONVENTION CENTER', 'VICKSBURG, MS', and 'HOST CHURCH: FCC VICKSBURG'. At the bottom center is a white pill-shaped button with the website 'grdisciples.org'. On the right is another circular logo for 'Great River Region' with a wine glass icon. Below it, text reads '2022 PRE-ASSEMBLY SEMINAR FOR CLERGY', 'OCTOBER 28, 2022', '9:00 AM - 3:00 PM', and 'SPONSORED BY PINNACLE OUTREACH MINISTRY'.

## 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.

### October 2, 2022

*Church Opening* Pam Jones  
*Sacraments* Lisa Fennell  
*Greeter* Pam Jones  
*Deacons* David Fennell, Lisa Fennell, Dak McInnis, Sherry McInnis  
*Liturgist* Frank Dickinson  
*Youth Reader* Leonardo Morgan  
*Children's Moment* Pam Comeaux  
*Elder* Lucy Cody  
*Video Tech* Greg Taliaferro  
*Sound Tech* Jeff Cody  
*Livestream* Nicolas Morgan  
*Church Closing* Tony Fatta  
*Program Builder* Jill Brian

### October 16, 2022

*Church Opening* Pam Jones  
*Sacraments* Jerry Hilgendorf  
*Greeter* Lorry Trotter  
*Deacons* Steve Gibson, Anderson Krupala, Bill Trotter, Lorry Trotter  
*Liturgist* Tracy Shaffer  
*Youth Reader* Zachary Trotter  
*Children's Moment* Tom Cody  
*Elder* Sue Grigg  
*Video Tech* Callie Cody  
*Sound Tech* Jeff Cody  
*Livestream* Tom Cody  
*Church Closing* Pam Jones  
*Program Builder* Brenda Hilgendorf

### October 9, 2022

*Church Opening* David Fennell  
*Sacraments* Jerry Hilgendorf  
*Greeter* Greg Comeaux  
*Deacons* Callie Cody, Jeff Cody, Shelly Cody, Greg Comeaux  
*Liturgist* Jerry Moses  
*Youth Reader* Anderson Krupala  
*Children's Moment* Nancy Fatta  
*Elder* Pam Comeaux  
*Video Tech* Brenda Hilgendorf  
*Sound Tech* Greg Taliaferro  
*Livestream* Charles Riddle  
*Church Closing* Cathi Pourciau  
*Program Builder* Jeff Cody

### October 23, 2022

*Church Opening* James Morgan  
*Sacraments* Jerry Hilgendorf  
*Greeter* Joann Taliaferro  
*Deacons* Joann Taliaferro  
  
*Liturgist* Michael Wilson  
*Youth Reader* Callie Cody  
*Children's Moment* Nancy Fatta  
*Elder* Jerry Moses  
*Video Tech* Jeff Cody  
*Sound Tech* Greg Taliaferro  
*Livestream* Anderson Krupala  
*Church Closing* James Morgan  
*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](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:

Judy Albin, Ed Atkins & 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, Sue Grigg, Rich Griswold, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Presley Hutchinson, Marie Ladner, Ann Landry, Carol Madere, Emerson LeMieux, Helen Mitchener, Kristin Morgan, Jerry Moses, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Kim Rankin, Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Beverly Weselak, the family of Wally Weselak, Mike Wilson

## 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, Pat Soniat, Melissa Stephenson, Adam Tipton, Fulton & Toni Tolor, Ann Weeks

## Members in Active Military Service:

PFC Gage Goodspeed

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## October 30, 2022

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|-----------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Church Opening</i> | Frank Dickinson   | <i>Children's Moment</i> | Ashley Bourgeois   |
| <i>Sacraments</i>     | Jerry Hilgendorf  | <i>Elder</i>             | Frank Johnson      |
| <i>Greeter</i>        | Lorry Trotter   | <i>Video Tech</i>        | Frank Dickinson    |
| <i>Deacons</i>        | Steve Gibson, Anderson Krupala, Bill Trotter, Lorry Trotter | <i>Sound Tech</i>        | Jeff Cody          |
| <i>Liturgist</i>      | Vicki Krupala   | <i>Livestream</i>        | Pam Jones          |
| <i>Youth Reader</i>   | Leonardo Morgan   | <i>Church Closing</i>    | Jeff Cody          |
|                       |   | <i>Program Builder</i>   | Brenda Hillgendorf |



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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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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*

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### October Calendar Notes

| <i>Day/Date</i>           | <i>Time</i>       | <i>Description</i>                           |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Sunday, October 2         | 6:30 p.m.         | An Evening of Gospel and Jazz (Sanctuary)    |
| Monday, October 3         | 6:30 p.m.         | Elders Meeting (YB)                          |
| <b>Sunday, October 16</b> | <b>10:00 a.m.</b> | <b>Consecration Day - Sanctuary &amp; FH</b> |
| Thursday, October 27      | 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)                           |
| Thursdays                 | 1:00 p.m.         | Thursday Afternoon Bible Study (YB)          |
| Wednesdays                | 6:30 p.m.         | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Church)             |