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Lectionary Readings: May 1-31, 2023

Monday, May 1, 2023: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:17-23; 1 Peter 5:1-5

Tuesday, May 2, 2023: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:23-31; Hebrews 13:20-21

Wednesday, May 3, 2023: Psalm 100; Jeremiah 23:1-8; Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday, May 4, 2023: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Genesis 12:1-3; Acts 6:8-15

Friday, May 5, 2023: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Exodus 3:1-12; Acts 7:1-16

Saturday, May 6, 2023: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16; Jeremiah 26:20-24; John 8:48-59

Sunday, May 7, 2023: Acts 7:55-60 • Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 • 1 Peter 2:2-10 • John 14:1-14

Monday, May 8, 2023: Psalm 102:1-17; Exodus 13:17-22; Acts 7:17-40

Tuesday, May 9, 2023: Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:5-12; Acts 7:44-56

Wednesday, May 10, 2023: Psalm 102:1-17; Proverbs 3:13-18; John 8:31-38

Thursday, May 11, 2023: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 6:5-22; Acts 27:1-12

Friday, May 12, 2023: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 7:1-24; Acts 27:13-38

Saturday, May 13, 2023: Psalm 66:8-20; Genesis 8:13-19; John 14:27-29

Sunday, May 14, 2023: Acts 17:22-31 • Psalm 66:8-20 • 1 Peter 3:13-22 • John 14:15-21

Monday, May 15, 2023: Psalm 93; Genesis 9:8-17; Acts 27:39-44

Tuesday, May 16, 2023: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:8-12

Wednesday, May 17, 2023: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 31:1-13; John 16:16-24

Thursday, May 18, 2023: Acts 1:1-11 • Psalm 47 • Ephesians 1:15-23 • Luke 24:44-53

Friday, May 19, 2023: Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:1-12; Ephesians 2:1-7

Saturday, May 20, 2023: Psalm 93; 2 Kings 2:13-15; John 8:21-30

Sunday, May 21, 2023: Acts 1:6-14 • Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 • 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 • John 17:1-11

Monday, May 22, 2023: Psalm 99; Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24; 1 Peter 4:1-6

Tuesday, May 23, 2023: Psalm 99; Numbers 16:41-50; 1 Peter 4:7-11

Wednesday, May 24, 2023: Psalm 99; 1 Kings 8:54-65; John 3:31-36

Thursday, May 25, 2023: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:1-9a; Acts 2:1-11

Friday, May 26, 2023: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 19:16-25; Romans 8:14-17

Saturday, May 27, 2023: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 20:1-21; Matthew 5:1-12

Sunday, May 28, 2023: Acts 2:1-21 • Psalm 104:24-34, 35b • 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 • John 20:19-23

Monday, May 29, 2023: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; Romans 8:18-24

Tuesday, May 30, 2023: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29; Romans 8:26-27

Wednesday, May 31, 2023: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Numbers 11:24-30; John 7:37-39

Fellowship Luncheon on May 7

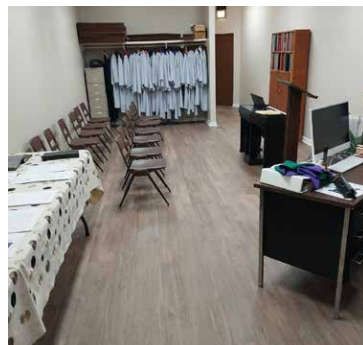
Our first fellowship luncheon of the year will be held on **Sunday, May 7, immediately after service**. Covered dishes of meat, sides or vegetables, or desserts are all welcome.

The Elders are hosting this luncheon as a meet and greet for their shepherding groups. Please look for your elder's table and sit there. Since your entire household is in the same elder's shepherding group, you'll still be able to sit with your family.

Shepherding groups are designed to provide a point of contact for every member with the church, so let's get to know each other!

Praise for Progress

There have been a lot of upgrades to the church property in the past year for which we should all give thanks. Recently, work was completed on the choir room. A sheetrock wall was repaired. The walls were painted, and the room now has a new floor. Also, some old furniture was moved out of it to make it a brighter, more functional space. Thanks to Jerry Hilgendorf, Charles Riddle, Chris Culp and Diane Sympson for all their hard work. The Chancel Choir really appreciates all the hard work!



Also, the Children's Worship and Wonder room was relocated to the Nursery Building to make that program more safe and accessible. Thanks to Charles Riddle for making that happen.



The railings added to the front of the sanctuary have been a welcome addition. Not only are they functional, but they blend beautifully with the wood in the sanctuary. Thanks to Sue Grigg for the idea for the railings and for donating money to have them built. Thanks to Mike Wilson and Jerry Hilgendorf for the design, construction, and installation work.

Thanks to the anonymous donors for the new sound board, stage box, and microphones in the sanctuary. It and the new livestream equipment have really enhanced our worship experience. Thanks to Brenda Hilgendorf for supervising those improvements and training the people who use the equipment.

Other improvements include repairing or replacing cabinet doors throughout the campus, replacing security lights, repairs to the restrooms, repairing loose trim, repairing or replacing Exit lights in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary, fencing replaced, mailbox replaced, Sanctuary roof shingles replaced, and many others.

Special thanks to Mike Wilson, Chris Culp, Charles Riddle, and Brenda and Jerry Hilgendorf for all they do to maintain and improve our campus.

LOLL Gathering

LOLL (Lots of Living Left) meets the **first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am in the Youth Building**. May 3rd will be our next meeting. We will meet for coffee and fellowship to plan the next few months' activities, then go to lunch together at a restaurant of our choosing. Join us if you are able.

The Study on Sunday Mornings

"The Study" meets in the Fellowship Hall classroom **each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.**, and is led by Dak McInnis. Join in anytime! Currently, the class is studying and sharing from the Book of Proverbs.

Children Worship and Wonder

Children, ages 3-9, meet the **first Sunday of each month directly after the Children's Moment** in the church nursery building for Children's Worship and Wonder, a program of singing, art, and Bible storytelling. Storytellers and Greeters are needed, so we can meet more often. If you are interested please contact Lucy Cody (318)-393-0451.



From left: (1) Javier Breaux and Brayden Joseph; (2) Brayden, Javier, Pastor Dedrick, and Tracy Shaffer; (3) Eli Culver Case

Baptisms

On Palm Sunday, the church welcomed the baptisms of **Brayden Joseph, Javier Breaux, and Tracy Shaffer**.

Brayden and Javier attended Pastor Dedrick's Pastor's Class throughout March. Tracy came forward to rededicate her life to Christ after having previously been baptised in the Methodist church.

Births

FCC welcomes little **Eli Culver Case**, born March 1 to proud parents Trevor & Meghan Case. Congratulations as well to proud grandparents David and Lisa Fennell.

We Celebrate Our Graduates

Congratulations to the following members on their educational achievements:



Ashley Bourgeois (left) graduated summa cum laude from Southeastern Louisiana University in December with a bachelor's degree in social work. She has already begun her career as a Registered Social Worker with the Department of Children and Family Services.



Aaron Taliaferro (right) will graduate in May with honors from Louisiana Tech. After completing a summer internship in Arkansas, he plans to enroll in the MBA program at LSU.



Justin Taliaferro (left) will graduate in May with honors from Louisiana Tech. He has accepted a position with Green Bay Packaging, Inc. in Hot Springs, Arkansas as a land forester in the fiber resources division.



Meredith Taliaferro (right) will graduate from St. Michael in May as a scholar diploma graduate. She will attend the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville as a pre-nursing/health sciences major.



Joshua Dotts (left) will graduate from Dutchtown High School in May. He is the recipient of an academic lettermen's jacket. He was accepted to both LSU and Southeastern, but will attend Southeastern pursuing a bachelor's degree in Fine Art with a concentration in Graphic Design.

From the Thompsons

Thanks so much to everybody for the lovely Easter brunch and especially Charles for his never ending work! Paul and I were so happy to see y'all and to worship in a place with people that are so dear to us. Much love to you all!

Mary and Paul

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 7, 2023

Church Opening Jerry Hilgendorf
Sacraments Diane Sympson
Greeter David Fennell
Deacons Ed Atkins, Ashley Bourgeois, David Fennell, Lisa Fennell
Liturgist Carmen Jones
Youth Reader Brynleigh Comeaux
Children's Moment Ashley Bourgeois
Elder Sally Bremer
Video Tech Tom Cody
Sound Tech Joshua Dotts
Livestream Anderson Krupala
Church Closing James Morgan
Program Builder Brenda Hilgendorf

May 21, 2023

Church Opening David Fennell
Sacraments Diane Sympson
Greeter Bill Trotter
Deacons Steve Gibson, Anderson Krupala, Bill Trotter, Lorry Trotter
Liturgist Carol Madere
Youth Reader Zachary Trotter
Children's Moment Nancy Fatta
Elder Dak McInnis
Video Tech Nicolas Morgan
Sound Tech Jeff Cody
Livestream Tom Cody
Church Closing Jerry Hilgendorf
Program Builder Carol Madere

May 14, 2023

Church Opening Charles Riddle
Sacraments Diane Sympson
Greeter Shelly Cody
Deacons Callie Cody, Jeff Cody, Shelly Cody, Bill Egger
Liturgist Phyllis Willis
Youth Reader Anderson Krupala
Children's Moment Tom Cody
Elder Sue Grigg
Video Tech Carmen Jones
Sound Tech Greg Taliaferro
Livestream Nicolas Morgan
Church Closing Tony Fatta
Program Builder Jeff Cody

May 28, 2023

Church Opening James Morgan
Sacraments Diane Sympson
Greeter Tracy Shaffer
Deacons Nicolas Morgan, Doug Shaffer, Tracy Shaffer, Joann Taliaferro
Liturgist Judy Lester
Youth Reader Cora Cody
Children's Moment Chris Culp
Elder Carmen Jones
Video Tech Brenda Hilgendorf
Sound Tech Pam Jones
Livestream Charles Riddle
Church Closing Jeff Cody
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:

Dan Calvert, Robert Calvert, Norma Carr, Kish & Nancy Chapaneri, Jody Chrisope, Marjorie Clark, Melanie Cobb, Rev. Tom Cody, Pam Culp, Martha Denova, Paul Foster, Sue Grigg, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Presley Hutchinson, Jane Johnson, Carmen Jones, Jeff Judice, Lindsay Kelly, Marie Ladner, Wanda Lax, BJ McRae, Helen Mitchener, Jerry Moses, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Helen Rankin, Ruth Riddle, Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Bill Trotter, Claudia Wagner

Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

Adam Alsobrook, Jason Barnett, Colette Blanchard, Don & Donna Bohlcke, family of Cpl. Scotty Canezaro, Mary Ann Giancone, Trudy Graves, Bill Hebert, Kelly Hepburn Family, Patty Hubeny, Jake Huisingh, Drew Iacona, Ruth Jernigan, Sophie Leblanc, Paula Mack, Betty Marche, Dawn Minton, Missy Perilloux, Kasey Phillips, family of Sgt. David Poirrier, Debbie Rhodes, Rex Rowecamp, Savannah Smith, family of Brandon Taylor, John Townsend, Ann Weeks

Members in Active Military Service:

PFC Gage Goodspeed

May Calendar Notes

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Wednesday, May 3	10:00 a.m.	LOLL - YB then lunch offsite
Sunday, May 7	10:00 a.m.	Children Worship & Wonder - CWW Room
	11:10 a.m.	Fellowship Luncheon - FH
Sunday, May 14	10:00 a.m.	Graduate Recognition - Sanctuary
Tuesday, May 16	6:30 p.m.	Board Meeting - YB
Thursday, May 25	9:30 a.m.	Disciples Women - YB
Sunday, May 28	11:00 a.m.	Elders Meeting - Sanctuary

Ongoing Meetings:

Sundays	9:00 a.m.	The Study - Adult Bible Study - FH
Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Thursdays	9:30 a.m.	Silver Angels - YB
Thursdays	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Afternoon Bible Study - YB



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CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION AND ONLINE LINKS:

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

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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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