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Friday, September 1, 2023: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Exodus 3:16-22; 2 Thessalonians 2:7-12

Saturday, September 2, 2023: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Exodus 4:1-9; Matthew 8:14-17

Sunday, September 3, 2023: Proper 17 (22)

Monday, September 4, 2023: Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 4:10-31; Revelation 3:1-6

Tuesday, September 5, 2023: Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 5:1-6:13; Revelation 3:7-13

Wednesday, September 6, 2023: Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18; Exodus 7:14-25; Matthew 12:22-32

Thursday, September 7, 2023: Psalm 149; Exodus 9:1-7; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21

Friday, September 8, 2023: Psalm 149; Exodus 10:21-29; Romans 10:15b-21

Saturday, September 9, 2023: Psalm 149; Exodus 11:1-10; Matthew 23:29-36

Sunday, September 10, 2023: Proper 18 (23)

Monday, September 11, 2023: Psalm 121; Exodus 12:14-28; 1 Peter 2:11-17

Tuesday, September 12, 2023: Psalm 121; Exodus 12:29-42; Romans 13:1-7

Wednesday, September 13, 2023: Psalm 121; Exodus 13:1-10; Matthew 21:18-22

Thursday, September 14, 2023: Holy Cross

Thursday, September 14, 2023: Psalm 114; Exodus 13:17-22; 1 John 3:11-16

Friday, September 15, 2023: Psalm 114; Exodus 14:1-18; Acts 7:9-16

Saturday, September 16, 2023: Psalm 114; Exodus 15:19-21; Matthew 6:7-15

Sunday, September 17, 2023: Proper 19 (24)

Monday, September 18, 2023: Psalm 77; Joshua 3:1-17; Hebrews 11:23-29

Tuesday, September 19, 2023: Psalm 77; Nehemiah 9:9-15; Romans 14:13-15:2

Wednesday, September 20, 2023: Psalm 77; 2 Kings 2:1-18; Mark 11:20-25

Thursday, September 21, 2023: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 15:22-27; 2 Corinthians 13:1-4

Friday, September 22, 2023: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:1-21; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Saturday, September 23, 2023: Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Exodus 16:22-30; Matthew 19:23-30

Sunday, September 24, 2023: Proper 20 (25)

Monday, September 25, 2023: Psalm 119:97-104; Exodus 16:31-35; Romans 16:1-16

Tuesday, September 26, 2023: Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:1-9; Romans 16:17-20

Wednesday, September 27, 2023: Psalm 119:97-104; Numbers 11:18-23, 31-32; Matthew 18:1-5

Thursday, September 28, 2023: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Isaiah 48:17-21; James 4:11-16

Friday, September 29, 2023: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 20:1-13; Acts 13:32-41

Saturday, September 30, 2023: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Numbers 27:12-14; Mark 11:27-33



Church Picnic

Thank you all for joining us for a lovely Sunday picnic. We all enjoyed getting to know everyone a little bit more with delicious food and a fun game! Thank you Judy Lester for putting this together for FCC!

Thanks to All Who Assisted with the Power Outage

We have wonderful people in this congregation who look out for all of us and I, as board chair, would like to thank them on behalf of the congregation. First, Charles Riddle notified Pastor Dedrick of the power outage and the tree damage. Pastor Dedrick informed Brenda Hilgendorf that service would have to be canceled, and she contacted the Shepherding Group elders to contact the members in their groups. She also sent out a church-wide email as well. Other members posted on Facebook about the cancellation. In the end, only two families didn't receive their notification in time. Now that, folks, is team work!



Contact Information

If you have not been getting the newsletter electronically, you probably need to contact the church office and update your contact information. On July 16, when a downed tree caused a power outage and service had to be cancelled, members needed to be contacted. Phone trees are only as good as the currency of the contact information for the congregation. Please let the church office know if yours has changed.

September Meetings

- **LOLL** (Lots of Living Left) will meet **Wednesday, September 6th at 10:00am** in the Youth Building.
- **TABS** (Thursday Afternoon Bible Study) **will not meet for September**. Will resume for October.
- **Children Worship and Wonder** will meet on **Sunday, September 3rd**, during the worship service. All kids, ages 3-11, are invited to participate in this worship experience for youth.
- **Disciples Women** will meet on **Thursday, September 28th, at 9:30 a.m.** in the Youth Building. All women of the church are invited to attend.
- **Elders** are scheduled to meet in the sanctuary immediately following worship service on **Sunday, September 24th**.
- **Chancel Choir** rehearsals occur in the Sanctuary every **Wednesday at 6:30pm**.
- **The Nominating Committee** will meet on **Thursday, September 7th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Youth Building.
- **Church Growth Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, September 10th at 11:00 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall.
- **Finance Committee Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, September 12th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Youth Building.
- **Board Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, September 19th at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Pastorial Relations Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, September 6th at 4:30p.m.** in Pastor Dedrick's office.

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 winding up their tour of Proverbs and will begin a fresh study in the Old Testament book, The Song of Solomon, a lyric drama, which is also known as, "The Song of Songs". It is a beautiful love poem of God's love for us on many levels.

Church Growth Committee

The Church Growth Committee discussed in the last newsletter will meet in the Fellowship Hall after church on **Sunday, Sept. 10**. Lunch will be served. Anyone with ideas about growing our church is welcome to attend.

Next Book Club Meeting

The FCC Book Club will meet next on **Sunday, September 24 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Sunday School room of the Fellowship Hall. We will be reading The Letter Keeper by Charles Martin. All are invited to attend. Please contact Carol Madere at 225-931-4413 or cmmadere@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Upcoming Retreats

The Disciples Women's Retreat will be held on **Sept. 8-10** at the Wesley Center in Woodworth, Louisiana. This year's theme is "Claim Your Inheritance" based on Numbers 27. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Bobbie Yellott. Workshops will include "Sharing the Good News" presented by Rev. Vanessa L. Bostick, senior minister of FCC Little Rock and a painting workshop presented by our very own Yvonne Taylor.

To register, visit <https://grrdisciples.regfox.com/2023-grrdw-fall-retreat> or call the Regional Office at 501-562-6053 for help with registration.

The Disciples Men's Retreat will be **Sept. 29-30** at Kings Highway Christian Church in Shreveport. It is time to come together as Disciples Men. This event will be a time for connection, fellowship, and service to strengthen our spiritual walk as men of God. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Greg Alexander, the General Minister of Kentucky.

Registration is \$60.

To register, visit <https://grrdisciples.regfox.com/2023-disciples-men-fall-retreat>. You may also call the Regional Office at 501-562-6053 for assistance with registration.



Member News

Welcome our newest Members Valerie Taylor whom joined on 06/18/2023, Gregory Marshall and Margie Webb whom joined on 08/20/2023. Members be sure to shake their hands and welcome them to the FCC family when you see them Sunday.

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 3, 2023

Church Opening Jerry Hilgendorf
Sacraments Shelly Cody
Liturgist Tony Fatta
Children's Moment Ashley Bourgeois
Youth Reader Brynleigh Comeaux
Elder Chris Culp
Greeter David Fennell
Deacons Ed Atkins, Ashley Bourgeois, David Fennell, Lisa Fennell
Livestream Charles Riddle
Video Tech Rev. Tom Cody
Sound Tech Joshua Dotts
Church Closing James Morgan
Program Builder Brenda Hilgendorf

September 17, 2023

Church Opening David Fennell
Sacraments Shelly Cody
Liturgist Phyllis Willis
Children's Moment Rev. Dr. Tip Tipton
Youth Reader Zachary Trotter
Elder Judy Lester
Greeter Bill Trotter
Deacons Steve Gibson, Anderson Krupala, Bill Trotter, Lorry Trotter
Livestream Rev. Tom Cody
Video Tech Carmen Jones
Sound Tech Jeff Cody
Church Closing Tony Fatta
Program Builder Dr. Carol Madere

September 10, 2023

Church Opening Charles Riddle
Sacraments Shelly Cody
Liturgist Nancy Fatta
Children's Moment Pam Comeaux
Youth Reader Callie Cody
Elder Vicki Krupala
Greeter Shelly Cody
Deacons Callie Cody, Jeffy Cody, Shelly Cody, Bill Egger
Livestream Frank Dickinson
Video Tech Brenda Hilgendorf
Sound Tech Greg Taliaferro
Church Closing Judy Lester
Program Builder Jeff Cody

September 24, 2023

Church Opening James Morgan
Sacraments Shelly Cody
Liturgist Carmen Jones
Children's Moment Nancy Fatta
Youth Reader Leonardo Morgan
Elder Tony Fatta
Greeter Tracy Shaffer
Deacons Nicolas Morgan, Doug Shaffer, Tracy Shaffer, Joann Taliaferro
Livestream Pam Jones
Video Tech Frank Dickinson
Sound Tech Brenda Hilgendorf
Church Closing Jerry Hilgendorf
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, Jody Chrisope, Marjorie Clark, Melanie Cobb, Rev. Tom Cody, Pam Culp, Martha Denova, Paul Foster, Sue Grigg, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Presley Hutchinson, Rev. Frank & Jane Johnson, Jeff Judice, Lindsay Kelly, Marie Ladner, Wanda Lax, BJ McRae, Helen Mitchener, Tom Moore, Jerry Moses, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Helen Rankin, Ruth Riddle, Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Bill & Lorry Trotter, Claudia Wagner

Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

Adam Alsobrook, Jason Barnett, Colette Blanchard, Don & Donna Bohlcke, Viola Bradshaw, Megan Elmore, Mary Ann Giacone, Trudy Graves, Bill Hebert, Kelly Hepburn Family, Patty Hubeny, Jake Huisingh, Drew Iacona, Ruth Jernigan, Cindy L, Sophie Leblanc, Paula Mack, Betty Marche, Dawn Minton, Aubrey Moran, Danny Morgan, Missy Perilloux, Charles Smith, Savannah Smith, Ramilla Soni, Willa Sowler, John Townsend, Ann Weeks

Active Military Service:

SPC Gage Goodspeed

September Calendar Notes

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Sunday, September 3	10:30 a.m.	Children Worship & Wonder - CW/W Room
Wednesday, September 6	10:00 a.m.	LOLL - YB
Wednesday, September 6	4:30p.m..	Pastorial Relations Committee- Office
Thursday, September 7	6:30 p.m.	Nominating Committee Meeting - YB
Sunday, September 10	11:00 a.m.	Church Growth Committee - FH
Tuesday, September 12	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting - YB
Tuesday, September 19	6:30 p.m.	Board Meeting - YB
Sunday, September 24	5:30 p.m.	FCC Book Club- FH
Sunday, September 24	11:00 a.m.	Elders Meeting - Sanctuary
Thursday, September 28	9:30 a.m.	Disciples Women - YB

Ongoing Meetings:

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



September 2023 Outreach



Southeast Ministries- We Need Help!

Southeast Ministries goes back a LONG way. We are one of the "founding 15" local Christian churches, comprised of eight denominations, united in helping those of our community needing food-assistance. Our commitment entails providing two individuals to serve as Board members, numerous volunteers, and continuous financial funding.

Southeast Ministries has experienced attrition over the last decade due to the loss of retiring staff, church support decline, and negative impacts of the COVID pandemic. They are currently lacking an operational manager, at a time when the need for food assistance is on the rise. Our own long-serving volunteers, Wanda Lax and Charlene Landry, are unable to continue working with this ministry to the degree they have served in the past. We congratulate and thank them for their faithful service! We are seeking other individuals that have a heart for this ministry to take the baton from them and continue the race. Would you be willing to serve in some capacity to this important ministry?

Pantry donation focus for September is mac-n-cheese, jelly, dry cereal and plastic grocery bags.

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:

476 Sharp Road
Baton Rouge, LA 70815

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday- Thursday
9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

Pack the Pack- CASA Thank You!

CASA was in need of school supplies and delighted with our generous donation. Thank you to everyone who donated items to help these children!!



FCC KIDS



The kids gathered around to listen to the Bible story of Noah's Arc told by Lucy Cody during August's Children's Worship and Wonder. Children Worship and Wonder occurs the first Sunday of every month. The children hear Bible stories, sing songs, and participate in activities like coloring and shaping playdough to go along with the lesson. Bring your little ones to join us September 3rd for a time of learning and fun.

We love our kids at FCC! Thank you to all the nursery workers who love on our kids while we are in service. A big shoutout to Genesis Bennie and Kayla Mercil.



Art Show at FCC



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DISCIPLES of CHRIST in BATON ROUGE

Courtyard Art Market

Saturday, November 20th

1:00pm-5:00pm

8484 Old Hammond Hwy
(Fellowship Hall)

**Come and see
some local art!**

Message [@courtyard.art](#) on
instagram if you'd like to be
apart of this art market or if
you have any questions!

ART SHOW
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BATON ROUGE

Attention all artists and art lovers!
We have an art show coming
November 20th in Fellowship
Hall. The art show will feature a
variety of local artists including
several church members. We
invite all FCC members to save
the date and plan to attend. If you
or someone you know would like
to participate as an artist, please
reach out to Nancy Fatta at 225-
405-7097.

Consecration Day: From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving

That is our theme for this year's Consecration Effort. **Consecration Day is Sunday, October 15, 2023.** Consecration is the act of transforming secular (earthly) things (our talents, ourselves, and/or our financial gifts) into a higher (spiritual) purpose. At First Christian Church, Consecration Day is that day when we ask God to transform our financial estimates of giving to a higher, spiritual endeavor. With the right tools and the right people and the right endeavor, what will God make happen in our lives? In our church? The right tools are our financial support. The right people are our congregation. The right endeavor is our community. As Dedrick says every Sunday "I can't wait to see what blessings God has for us today". --Carol Madere Board Chair



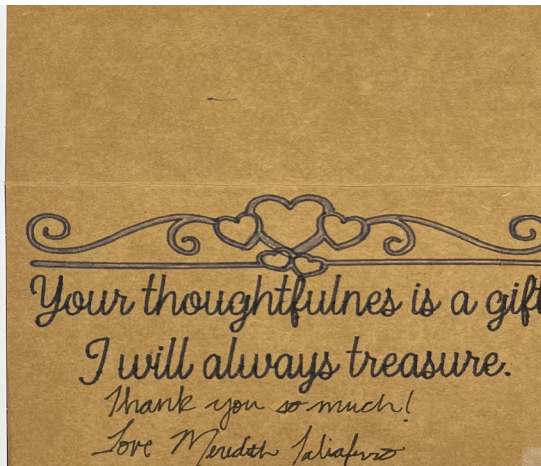
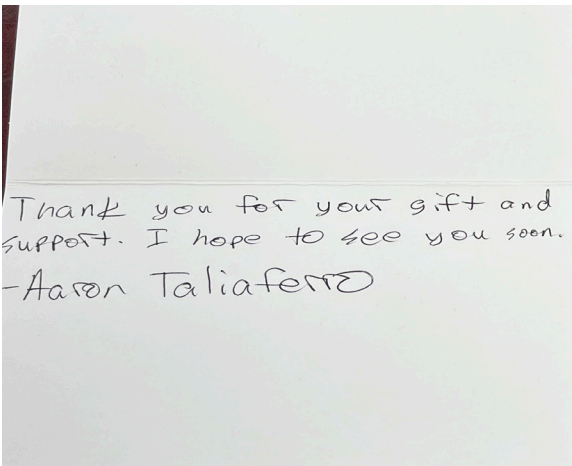
Updates for Members to Look Forward to:

Property Update-

There will be work done in the Fellowship Hall sometime this Fall. Look forward to additional information to be announced soon.

Upcoming Congregational Meeting: Meeting will be held sometime in October for members to meet to approve some bylaws changes that's being discussed by Board in September. Look forward to additional information to be announced soon.

A thank you from our graduates



A thank you to FCC

FCC Members, we want to share with you the letter we received from some of the AA groups that meet throughout the week at FCC. We are so grateful to be able to provide the space for them to meet and we pray God continues blessing them in their journeys.

Saturday and Tuesday Night Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

8484 Old Hammond Hwy
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

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Mark
David
Uch
L. Frank

James
OSMANS

Ciaze
Thank you!
Thank you!
Thank you!

Thank you for saving
my life
Will

To the Congregation of First Christian Church,

Over many years, the First Christian Church has provided a home for several 12-Step Programs. During Covid, many of our normal meeting places were unavailable to the recovering community. Your church was an exception. To those of us who are deeply wounded by this disease, you were the Good Samaritan providing shelter and comfort.

Our fellowships would like to thank your congregation for all the physical support so necessary for recovery. You are the silent partner to thousands of recovering men and women, and we wish to acknowledge your love.

Sincerely,

Thank you!
T. HENRY

Thank you
Bly
THANK YOU
Kearn

Thank you &
MAY GOD BLESS
you
Congratulation!
Jimp S.

Alde R.
JAMES S.

Thank you
Bart

Thank you
Good R.
TRAVIS B
Steve

THANK YOU
KATIE

THANK YOU
- Brooke
Thank you!
- Tony
- Theresa

Thank you
BOSSAM

Thank you!
Melanie V.

I appreciate
you!
Aaron

Thank you
Nita
+ James S.

Thank you,
Francesca

THANKS,
Sharon

Thanks to all of
you faithful folks
here who have stood
by us all these
years Kim &



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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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Email: churchoffice@fccbrla.org

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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, *Bookkeeper*

Alyson Coyle, *Admin. Ass't.*

Charles Riddle, *Facilities*

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