

# First Christian *Caller*

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## Lectionary Readings: October 1-31, 2023

Sunday, October 1, 2023: Proper 21 (26)

Monday, October 2, 2023: Psalm 42; Exodus 18:1-12; Philippians 1:3-14

Tuesday, October 3, 2023: Psalm 42; Exodus 18:13-27; Philippians 1:15-21

Wednesday, October 4, 2023: Psalm 42; Exodus 19:9b-25; Matthew 9:2-8

Thursday, October 5, 2023: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:1-9; Colossians 2:16-23

Friday, October 6, 2023: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:14-19; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a

Saturday, October 7, 2023: Psalm 19; Exodus 23:10-13; John 7:40-52

Sunday, October 8, 2023: Proper 22 (27)

Monday, October 9, 2023: Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 1 Peter 2:4-10

Tuesday, October 10, 2023: Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 5:22-6:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Wednesday, October 11, 2023: Psalm 119:49-56; Deuteronomy 6:10-25; John 11:45-57

Thursday, October 12, 2023: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:1-8; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14

Friday, October 13, 2023: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:9-11; James 4:4-10

Saturday, October 14, 2023: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Exodus 24:12-18; Mark 2:18-22

Sunday, October 15, 2023: Proper 23 (28)

Monday, October 16, 2023: Psalm 97; Exodus 32:15-35; Jude 17-25

Tuesday, October 17, 2023: Psalm 97; Exodus 33:1-6; Philippians 3:13-4:1

Wednesday, October 18, 2023: Psalm 97; 2 Kings 17:7-20; John 6:25-35

Thursday, October 19, 2023: Psalm 99; Exodus 33:7-11; 3 John 9-12

Friday, October 20, 2023: Psalm 99; Exodus 31:1-11; 1 Peter 5:1-5

Saturday, October 21, 2023: Psalm 99; Exodus 39:32-43; Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday, October 22, 2023: Proper 24 (29)

Monday, October 23, 2023: Psalm 63:1-8; Exodus 40:34-38; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20

Tuesday, October 24, 2023: Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 12:1-9; Revelation 18:21-24

Wednesday, October 25, 2023: Psalm 63:1-8; Numbers 13:1-2, 17-14:9; Matthew 17:22-27

Thursday, October 26, 2023: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 31:14-22; Titus 1:5-16

Friday, October 27, 2023: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 32:1-14, 18; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15

Saturday, October 28, 2023: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; John 5:39-47

Sunday, October 29, 2023: Proper 25 (30)

Monday, October 30, 2023:

Tuesday, October 31, 2023: Psalm 119:41-48; Exodus 34:29-35; James 2:14-26

## Thanks for Ten Years!



Aaron Turnipseed joined the FCC staff on October 6, 2013, and since then, the church has been blessed with his many talents. Through the pandemic and the loss of two organists, Aaron continues to provide music to inspire us during Sunday morning services. He even learned to play the organ! He has also created a very supportive choir culture in which even those who don't read music are encouraged to share their choral abilities. He has also brought in outside musical talents, like Earl Poole, to broaden our musical offerings. Please let Aaron know how much you appreciate all he's brought to FCC Baton Rouge.

### Trunk or Treat

FALL FESTIVAL AND HALLOWEEN PARTY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

5:00 – 7:00 PM

BRING YOUR KIDS, GRANDKIDS AND FRIENDS

- TRUNK OR TREAT
- GAMES
- PRIZES
- CRAFTS
- FOOD



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! SIGN UP SHEET IN THE NARTHAX**

## October Meetings

- **LOLL** (Lots of Living Left) will meet **Wednesday, October 4th at 10:00am** in the Youth Building.
- **TABS** (Thursday Afternoon Bible Study) meets every **Thursday at 1:00p.m.** in the Youth Building.
- **Children Worship and Wonder** will meet on **Sunday, October 1st**, 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, October 26th, 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, October 29th.**
- **Chancel Choir** rehearsals occur in the Sanctuary every **Wednesday at 6:30pm.**
- **Consecration Day Luncheon** will be held on **Sunday, October 15th at 11:00 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall.

## 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.

## Next Book Club Meeting

The book club will meet next on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 5:30p.m. in the Fellowship Hall Sunday School room. We will be reading "The Record Keeper," which is the third book in Charles Martin's Murph Shepherd series. It is available on Amazon in paperback and in the EBR Parish Library.

## Casa Thanks FCC for our Contribution

"Dear Friend:

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$250 to Capital Area CASA Association. With generous support from the community, CASA volunteers have provided a voice in court for over 3,500 abused, neglected, and abandoned children. With your support, we will continue to achieve our goal- a CASA volunteer for every child who needs one. Thank you for helping CASA speak up for a child." - Allison Traxler, Executive Director of CASA.

## Consecration Day- October 15th

At our most recent board meeting, we spent a majority of our time discussing how our FCC family can reach our local community and what our role should be in our community. All of our Board Members are very excited for the opportunities discussed in the meetings and the growth that will come for our congregation in focusing on our community in the next year. All this meshes quite well with our Consecration theme this year which is "From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving".

Jesus has expectations of us. He expects us to do more than just come to church on Sunday morning, enjoy Dedrick's sermon, partake of communion, and then go about our normal daily tasks. I believe He expects us to share our abilities, our financial resources, and our emotional support to those beyond our eight walls (our sanctuary is an octagon). I believe Jesus expects us to represent him in our community. I believe He expects us to be his hands and voice.

I can't wait to see how the Holy Spirit leads us in 2024 – it could be our greatest year ever.-- Mike Wilson



As most of you know, Consecration Day is the culmination of our annual stewardship drive. Throughout the month of September, you've heard speakers describe what the theme of "From Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving" means to them and to supporting the church we love. Consecration Day is the Sunday on which we turn in our annual pledges and celebrate with a catered luncheon in the Fellowship Hall after service. It's a very important day to support the church with both your pledge and your presence. Please pray that our Consecration Day campaign is a success.- Dr. Carol Madere.

## 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 1, 2023

*Church Opening* Charles Riddle  
*Sacraments* Shelly Cody  
*Liturgist* Carol Madere  
*Children's Moment* Rev. Tom Cody  
*Youth Reader* Brynleigh Comeaux  
*Elder* Sherry McInnis  
*Greeter* Lisa Fennell  
*Deacons* Ed Atkins, Ashley  
Bourgeois, David  
Fennell, Lisa Fennell  
*Livestream* Pam Jones  
*Video Tech* Callie Cody  
*Sound Tech* Joshua Dotts  
*Church Closing* Jeff Cody  
*Program Builder* Brenda Hilgendorf

### October 15, 2023

*Church Opening* David Fennell  
*Sacraments* Shelly Cody  
*Liturgist* Jerry Moses  
*Children's Moment* Judy Lester  
*Youth Reader* Anderson Krupala  
*Elder* Dak McInnis  
*Greeter* Lory Trotter  
*Deacons* Steve Gibson,  
Anderson Krupala, Bill  
Trotter, Lory Trotter  
*Livestream* Rev. Tom Cody  
*Video Tech* Jeff Cody  
*Sound Tech* Tony Fatta  
*Church Closing* James Morgan  
*Program Builder* Dr. Carol Madere

### October 8, 2023

*Church Opening* Jerry Hilgendorf  
*Sacraments* Shelly Cody  
*Liturgist* Judy Lester  
*Children's Moment* Chris Culp  
*Youth Reader* Cora Cody  
*Elder* Lucy Cody  
*Greeter* Bill Egger  
*Deacons* Callie Cody, Jeffy Cody,  
Shelly Cody, Bill Egger  
*Livestream* Nicolas Morgan  
*Video Tech* Greg Taliaferro  
*Sound Tech* Carmen Jones  
*Church Closing* Cathi Pourciau  
*Program Builder* Jeff Cody

### October 22, 2023

*Church Opening* James Morgan  
*Sacraments* Shelly Cody  
*Liturgist* Vicki Krupala  
*Children's Moment* Jerry Moses  
*Youth Reader* Leonardo Morgan  
*Elder* Carmen Jones  
*Greeter* Joann Taliaferro  
*Deacons* Nicolas Morgan, Doug  
Shaffer, Tracy Shaffer,  
Joann Taliaferro  
*Livestream* Pam Jones  
*Video Tech* Rev. Tom Cody  
*Sound Tech* Brenda Hilgendorf  
*Church Closing* Judy Lester  
*Program Builder* Jill Brian

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# 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:

The Family of Susan Batts, Cadarette Family, Dan Calvert, Robert Calvert, Norma Carr, Jody Chrisope, Marjorie Clark, Rev. Tom Cody, Pam Culp, Frank Dickinson, Martha Denova, Paul Foster, Sue Grigg, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Presley Hutchinson, Clayton Johnson, Rev. Frank & Jane Johnson, Jeff Judice, Lindsay Kelly, Marie Ladner, BJ McRae, Helen Mitchener, Tom and Margaret Moore, James Morgan Family, 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, Jennifer Cangelosi, Megan Elmore, Mary Ann Giacone, Trudy Graves, Bill Hebert, Patty Hubeny, Jake Huisingh, Drew Iacona, Ruth Jernigan, Cindy L, Sophie Leblanc, Linda Medine, Paula Mack, Betty Marche, Dawn Minton, Cindy Moon, Aubrey Moran, Missy Perilloux, Savannah Smith, Ramilla Soni, Willa Sowler, John Townsend, Joshua Dale Watson, Ann Weeks

## Active Military Service:

### October Calendar Notes

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Sunday, October 1	10:30 a.m.	Children Worship & Wonder - CWW Room
Wednesday, October 4	10:00 a.m.	LOLL - YB
Sunday, October 15	5:30 p.m.	FCC Book Club- FH
Thursday, October 26	9:30 a.m.	Disciples Women - YB
Sunday, October 29	11:00 a.m.	Elders Meeting - Sanctuary
Sunday, October 29	5:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat
<b>Ongoing Meetings:</b>		
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	1:00 p.m.	Thursday Bible Study - YB



## October 2023 Outreach



### Southeast Ministries



NEEDED:

**VOLUNTEERS!!**

Plastic grocery bags

Cereal (cold & hot) dry cereals

Mac-n-cheese

Peanut butter (large jars welcome) & jelly

**Place donated grocery items in the shopping carts in the Narthex. Thank you!!**

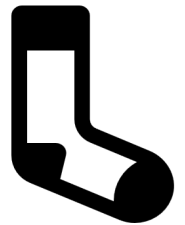


### Advent Season Project

This year our Advent Outreach Project will be in support of an endeavor sponsored by our own Great River Region.

It will involve Christmas Cards, Candy, and colorful SOCKS to send overseas! The dates for this project are from November 5th through December 10th .

You will learn all about it at our Thanksgiving Fellowship Luncheon.





## Upcoming Event

# Courtyard Art Market



**Saturday, November 18th**

**FCC Fellowship Hall**

**1:00p.m-5:00p.m**



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## **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](https://www.instagram.com/courtyard.art) on instagram if you'd like to be apart of this art market or if you have any questions!

**ART SHOW  
HOSTED BY FIRST  
CHRISTIAN  
CHURCH OF  
BATON ROUGE**

Our church will be hosting Courtyard Art Market's first event in our fellowship hall.

We, Nancy Fatta and Joshua Dotts, established this initiative because of our interest in appreciating and promoting local artists in the greater Baton Rouge area. Because this is our first event, we are asking for our congregation's assistance in promoting this project. We hope you will be willing to follow us, friend us and share our sites with your friends in order to spread the word and help make this event a success.

Facebook: Court Yard Art

Instagram: @courtyard.art

Email: [courtyardartmarket@gmail.com](mailto:courtyardartmarket@gmail.com)

Our goals are to support local artists and bring community attention to our congregation. There is no charge for the artists or the public.

## In Remembrance of Our Beloved Members

### Susan Batts



It is with great sadness that we report that Susan Batts passed away last week.

She was an eccentric soul, an artist through and through, who saw the world through a unique lens and expressed herself vibrantly through her art. She painted the beautiful painting that hangs in our Sanctuary parlor.

Her family will hold a celebration of her life at a later date. Please continue to hold her family and friends in your prayers.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Susan, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory. In these and all things, we ask in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



### Danny Morgan

We received news that Danny Morgan, James Morgan father, passed away recently. Please keep the Morgan family in your prayers.

### Al Cadarette

It is with great sadness that we report Al Cadarette passed away on September 2nd. Al and his family began attending church at FCC in 1996. He moved to Colorado in 2005. He was an elder and was active in many areas of church life during his time at FCC. Services celebrating the life of Al Cadarette will be held at First Christian Church on Saturday, October 7, 2023, with visitation beginning at 1:00 p.m., followed by the service at 2:00 p.m.

Please continue to hold the family and their friends in your prayers.

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that your servant Al, being raised with him, may know the strength of his presence, and rejoice in his eternal glory. In these and all things, we ask in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



# Continued Ministry Assignments

## October 29, 2023

<i>Church Opening</i>	David Fennell
<i>Sacraments</i>	Shelly Cody
<i>Liturgist</i>	Michael Wilson
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Dr. Carol Madere
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Callie Cody
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## Church Growth

The Church Growth Committee, formerly known as the Evangelism Committee, has begun meeting and considering ideas for growing our church membership and our ministry to the Baton Rouge community. We're going to start by bringing back Trunk or Treat on Oct 29 (see article elsewhere in this newsletter). We're also considering hosting a Parents Day Out on one Saturday before Christmas as well as other advertising and social media possibilities. If you have any ideas you'd like to suggest to the Church Growth Committee, please contact Carol Madere at [cmmadere@gmail.com](mailto:cmmadere@gmail.com).

## Regional News

After four years, Disciples across the United States and Canada gathered in Louisville, Kentucky, for General Assembly 2023. Our Executive Regional Minister and others represented the Great River Region. A portion of General Assembly consisted of business where voting delegates convened and voted on resolutions. An important resolution adopted was GA-2345, Re-election of the General Minister and President. Therefore, Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens will serve a second term as the General Minister and President making her the first African American female to do so. To view all adopted resolutions and reports, [click here](#). The remainder of the General Assembly consisted of worship, workshops, fellowship, and making connections. The 2025 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be held in Memphis, Tennessee, July 12-15, 2025.



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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](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*

Earl Poole, *Music Worship Leader*

Brenda Hilgendorf, *Bookkeeper*

Alyson Coyle, *Admin. Ass't.*

Charles Riddle, *Facilities*

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