

# First Christian Caller

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## Lectionary Readings: November 1-30, 2023

*Wednesday, November 1, 2023: All Saints Day*

*Thursday, November 2, 2023: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 1:1-11; Romans 2:17-29*

*Friday, November 3, 2023: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:1-14; 2 Peter 2:1-3*

*Saturday, November 4, 2023: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; Joshua 2:15-24; Matthew 23:13-28*

*Sunday, November 5, 2023: Proper 26 (31)*

*Monday, November 6, 2023: Psalm 128; Joshua 4:1-24; 1 Thessalonians 2:13-20*

*Tuesday, November 7, 2023: Psalm 128; Joshua 6:1-16, 20; Acts 13:1-12*

*Wednesday, November 8, 2023: Psalm 128; Joshua 10:12-14; Matthew 15:1-9*

*Thursday, November 9, 2023: Psalm 78:1-7; Joshua 5:10-12; Revelation 8:6-9:12*

*Friday, November 10, 2023: Psalm 78:1-7; Joshua 8:30-35; Revelation 9:13-21*

*Saturday, November 11, 2023: Psalm 78:1-7; Joshua 20:1-9; Matthew 24:1-14*

*Sunday, November 12, 2023: Proper 27 (32)*

*Monday, November 13, 2023: Psalm 78; Joshua 24:25-33; 1 Corinthians 14:20-25*

*Tuesday, November 14, 2023: Psalm 78; Nehemiah 8:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13*

*Wednesday, November 15, 2023: Psalm 78; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 24:29-35*

*Thursday, November 16, 2023: Psalm 123; Judges 2:6-15; Revelation 16:1-7*

*Friday, November 17, 2023: Psalm 123; Judges 2:16-23; Revelation 16:8-21*

*Saturday, November 18, 2023: Psalm 123; Judges 5:1-12; Matthew 12:43-45*

*Sunday, November 19, 2023: Proper 28 (33)*

*Monday, November 20, 2023: Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18; Judges 4:8-24; Romans 2:1-11*

*Tuesday, November 21, 2023: Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18; Exodus 2:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-18*

*Wednesday, November 22, 2023: Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18; Esther 7:1-10; Matthew 24:45-51*

*Thursday, November 23, 2023: Psalm 100; Genesis 48:15-22; Revelation 14:1-11*

*Friday, November 24, 2023: Psalm 100; Isaiah 40:1-11; Revelation 22:1-9*

*Saturday, November 25, 2023: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 34:25-31; Matthew 12:46-50*

*Sunday, November 26, 2023: Reign of Christ - Proper 29 (34)*

*Monday, November 27, 2023: Psalm 28; Numbers 27:15-23; 2 Timothy 2:8-13*

*Tuesday, November 28, 2023: Psalm 28; Zechariah 11:4-17; Revelation 19:1-9*

*Wednesday, November 29, 2023: Psalm 28; Jeremiah 31:10-14; John 5:19-40*

*Thursday, November 30, 2023: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Zechariah 13:1-9; Revelation 14:6-13*

# Courtyard Art Market



## Courtyard Art

Courtyard Art Market was established to support young local artists in the Greater Baton Rouge area.

Saturday, November 18th

FCC Fellowship Hall

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

# Courtyard Art Market

**Saturday, November 18th**  
**1:00pm-5:00 pm**

**First Christian Church**

**8484 Old Hammond Hwy**  
**Fellowship Hall**

**Come and see**  
**some local art!**

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

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

## November Meetings

- **LOLL** (Lots of Living Left) has been cancelled indefinitely. We will update members through our newsletter if anything changes.
- **Thursday Afternoon Bible Study** has been cancelled indefinitely. We will update members through our newsletter if anything changes.
- **Children Worship and Wonder** will meet on **Sunday, November 5th**, during the worship service. All kids, ages 3-11, are invited to participate in this worship experience for youth.
- **Disciples Women** will meet on not be meeting for the month of November.
- **Elders** are scheduled to meet in the sanctuary immediately following worship service on **Sunday, November 26th**.
- **Chancel Choir** rehearsals occur in the Sanctuary every **Wednesday at 6:30pm**.
- **Finance Committee Meeting** will occur **Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30pm** in the Youth Building.
- **Board Meeting** will occur **Tuesday, November 14th at 6:30pm** in the Youth Building.

## *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 has begun reading and meditating on Paul's first letter to the Church in Corinth. These early Christians faced many of the same basic questions and issues that confront us today. Join with us as we study and grow in faith through God's Word each week. All are welcome!

## Next Book Club Meeting

The FCC Book Club will meet again on **Sunday, Nov. 26 at 5:30 p.m.** to discuss the book "Daughter of Cana" by Angela Hunt. The group meets in the Sunday School room in back of the Fellowship Hall. Members are encouraged to park on the west side of the church (closer to Jefferson Highway) and come in the back door of the Fellowship Hall facing the parking lot.

## *Finance Committee Meeting*

Meeting will occur **Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30pm**. This meeting is to formulate 2024 General Budget Fund. We ask our members to be in prayer for the committee as they begin this important work in the life of this church.

## Thanksgiving Luncheon



Sunday, November 12th we will be having our Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner. The church will provide the turkey and ham. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes and/or desserts. We also need volunteers to cook the turkeys and hams. Volunteers should contact Judy Lester at 225-221-4478 or [jlester32@cox.net](mailto:jlester32@cox.net).

## Time Change November 5th



Clocks officially fall back at 2a.m. Sunday, November 5th. We will be gaining an hour on Nov 5th so make sure to adjust your clocks so we all arrive to church on time!

## All Saints Remembrance

On Sunday, November 5th, FCC will be celebrating All Saints Day in remembrance of our loved ones who has passed. This day, we especially remember our loved ones, our brothers and sisters in Christ, who have passed away in recent months:

**Susan Batts**

**Thomas Wesley Moore**

**David Barron**

**Vernon Strickland**

During service, we will light a candle for each of these beloved members. There will be an opportunity for families to come up to light a votive candle in memory of their loved ones.



## 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.

### November 5, 2023

*Church Opening* Jerry Hilgendorf  
*Sacraments* Charlene Landry  
*Liturgist* Pam Comeaux  
*Children's Moment* Ashley Bourgeois  
*Youth Reader* Brynleigh Comeaux  
*Elder* Dr. Trey Earle  
*Greeter* Ed Atkins  
*Deacons* Ed Atkins, Ashley Bourgeois, David Fennell, Lisa Fennell  
*Livestream* Brenda Hilgendorf  
*Video Tech* Carmen Jones  
*Sound Tech* Joshua Dotts  
*Church Closing* Jerry Hilgendorf  
*Program Builder* Brenda Hilgendorf

### November 19, 2023

*Church Opening* David Fennell  
*Sacraments* Charlene Landry  
*Liturgist* Sherry McInnis  
*Children's Moment* Chris Culp  
*Youth Reader* Callie Cody  
*Elder* Carol Madere  
*Greeter* Steve Gibson  
*Deacons* Anderson Krupala, Zachary Trotter, Lorry Trotter, Steve Gibson  
*Livestream* Nicolas Morgan  
*Video Tech* Frank Dickinson  
*Sound Tech* Pam Jones  
*Church Closing* Cathi Pourciau  
*Program Builder* Dr. Carol Madere

### November 12, 2023

*Church Opening* Charles Riddle  
*Sacraments* Charlene Landry  
*Liturgist* Chris Culp  
*Children's Moment* Pam Comeaux  
*Youth Reader* Leonardo Morgan  
*Elder* Vicki Krupala  
*Greeter* Callie Cody  
*Deacons* Callie Cody, Jeffy Cody, Shelly Cody, Bill Egger  
*Livestream* Pam Jones  
*Video Tech* Brenda Hilgendorf  
*Sound Tech* Greg Taliaferro  
*Church Closing* Jeff Cody  
*Program Builder* Jeff Cody

### November 25, 2023

*Church Opening* James Morgan  
*Sacraments* Charlene Landry  
*Liturgist* Ed Atkins  
*Children's Moment* Nancy Fatta  
*Youth Reader* Cora Cody  
*Elder* Sally Bremer  
*Greeter* Nicolas Morgan  
*Deacons* Nicolas Morgan, Doug Shaffer, Tracy Shaffer, Joann Taliaferro  
*Livestream* Anderson Krupala  
*Video Tech* Callie Cody  
*Sound Tech* Carmen Jones  
*Church Closing* James Morgan  
*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](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 Tom Moore, Dan Calvert, Robert Calvert, Norma Carr, Jody Chrisope, Marjorie Clark, Rev. Tom Cody, Pam Culp, Frank Dickinson, Martha Denova, Jason Dotts, 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, James Morgan Family, Jerry Moses, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Helen Rankin, Ruth Riddle, Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Scott Sanders, Bill & Lorry Trotter, Claudia Wagner

## Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

The Family of Jeremy Lee, Adam Alsobrook, Jason Barnett, Stanley Bihm, Colette Blanchard, Don & Donna Bohlcke, Viola Bradshaw, Jennifer Cangelosi, 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, Christy Rodrigue, Savannah Smith, Ramilla Soni, Willa Sowler, John Townsend, Joshua Dale Watson

## Active Military Service:

SPC Gage Goodspeed

## November Calendar Notes

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
Sunday, November 5	10:30 a.m.	All Saints Remembrance
Tuesday, November 7	6:30 p.m..	Finance Comittee Meeting (YB)
Tuesday, November 14	6:30 p.m..	Board Meeting (YB)
Thursday, November --	Not meeting	Disciples Women
Sunday, November 26	11:00 a.m.	Elders Meeting - Sanctuary
Sunday, November 26	5:30 p.m.	FCC Book Club- FH

### *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



## November 2023 Outreach



### Southeast Ministries

We need volunteers!

*Holiday time is a time of thankfulness for God's bounty and our blessings! It's also a time of sharing. The following holiday meal preparation items will be greatly appreciated!*



- Canned ham or turkey
- Powdered milk
- Powdered milk
- Pie filling
- Canned or fresh
- Peanut butter & jelly
- Gravy (canned or packets, no glass jars)
- Macaroni & cheese
- Stuffing mix
- Powdered eggs
- Chicken broth
- sweet potatoes
- Corn bread mix
- Cereal (cold or hot)
- Fresh or boxed potatoes
- Boxed pie crust
- Cranberry sauce
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables

Place donated grocery items & plastic shopping bags in the shopping carts in the Narthex. Thank you!!

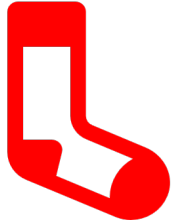




## Advent Season Project

**“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for Me’...”**

**Matthew 25:40**



Our Advent service project this year will be in support of a Ukrainian outreach ministry that Reverend Mark Garner, an interim pastor within our own Great River Region, has been involved with. Mark is supporting a Ukrainian family who, in addition to caring for their own four children, have taken on the huge task of caring for 40-50 conflict-impacted teenagers. Many of these kids, who have already suffered tragic conditions and incredible stress, are now trapped in a “Catch-22”... having aged-out of Ukraine's orphanage system's capabilities, but being too young to receive state support. Funds raised by this ministry thus far have been used to provide housing and simple job training for these youth. Mark has suggested that our donations will be used to provide winter coats and boots. However, in an attempt at making a personal connection that will show our concern and prayers for peace and support, we ask that each FCCBRLA family bring two pair of warm colorful boot socks (one women's size and one men's size - no packaged socks, please) rolled (not wrapped) and tied up with Christmas ribbon, each affixed with a Christmas Card with a personal note from your family. These cards and socks, along with some hard candy, will be mailed directly to the kids in the hope of providing a little Christmas cheer. The dates for this project are from November 5th through December 10th. Mark will be preaching on Sunday, November 12th and attending our Thanksgiving Fellowship Luncheon afterwards. I hope everyone will come out to hear his story and share in our fellowship that day.



# Upcoming Bylaws Changes

The Governance Committee met this summer to review the church's bylaws. They suggested the following changes, which were approved by the Board at its September member. Text in red was added. Text in blue was changed from its original wording. Congregation members will be asked to ratify these bylaws changes at the annual congregational meeting on Dec. 3.

1. Board Members must be willing to sign and abide by a written "Service Commitment" stipulating meeting attendance requirements and avoidance of conflicts of interest. (to be deleted)
2. BOARD MEMBERS--The committee wants to add the Diaconate Chair to the board.

The Board shall consist of eleven members:

1. Board Chair
2. Board Chair-elect
3. Treasurer
4. Secretary
5. Elder chair (ex-officio with full voting privileges)
6. Diaconate chair (ex-officio with full voting privileges)
7. Six Members at-large

## 3. Length of Term

The Board Chair, Board Chair-elect, Treasurer, Secretary and Elder chair shall serve one year terms with the option of a second year in the same position. The Board Chair Elect must serve one year before serving one year as Board Chair.

Members at-large shall serve two year terms, with three members elected each year, and the other three continuing. Members at large are limited to two consecutive terms. Elders shall elect a chair at an organizational meeting to be held before the first Board meeting of each year. No Elder shall hold the position of Elder Chair in excess of two consecutive years without a sabbatical year. However, a chair may change positions without a sabbatical year. The Elder Chair shall be an ex-officio member of the nominating committee.

A Deacon's service term shall be for three consecutive years, followed by at least one year of sabbatical. However, a deacon may change positions without a sabbatical year. Candidates for the Diaconate will be selected by the Nominating Committee as part of the slate of candidates presented for election at the annual congregational business meeting. The Diaconate shall elect a chair at an organizational meeting to be held before the first Board meeting of each year. No one shall hold the position of Deacon Chair in excess of two consecutive years. The Deacon Chair shall be an ex-officio member of the nominating committee.

Deacons shall elect a chair at an organizational meeting to be held before the first Board meeting of each year. No Deacon shall hold the position of Deacon Chair in excess of two consecutive years without a sabbatical year. However, a chair may change positions without a sabbatical year. The Diaconate Chair shall be an ex-officio member of the Church Board and the Nominating Committee with full voting privileges. A Sacraments Committee Member's service term shall be for three consecutive years. A Sacraments Committee Member may change positions without a sabbatical year.

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## Board Meetings

Meetings of the Board shall be held at least once every third of the year at a time and place to be determined by the Board Chair. Board meetings shall be held to address the business of the Congregation. All Board meetings are open-door attendance to any member of the Congregation unless, under exceptional circumstances, the Board Chair, Board Chair-elect or a majority of the Board calls for a closed-door session. Chairs of all standing Ministry Committees, such as Worship, Fellowship, Church Growth, Finance, Personnel, and Outreach shall be required to attend Board meetings and present written reports to the Board.

Quorum

The quorum required to transact business shall be a majority of the board members. If a quorum is not present, board members may receive and accept reports, but may not vote on issues of personnel or those which may be financially binding on the congregation.

### C. Terms of service

The term of service for any elected or appointed position shall begin on January 15 of each year.

## Christmas Poinsettias



FCC Members will be given the opportunity to purchase Christmas Poinsettias in honor of their loved ones. Order forms will be included in the bulletins starting November 12th. Deadline to order poinsettias will be December 3rd. Poinsettias will start being displayed in the Sanctuary on December 10th. Poinsettias are \$25 each.



**First Christian Church**

*Disciples of Christ*

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

## **CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION AND ONLINE LINKS:**

Church Office Phone: 225-926-4175

Email: [churchoffice@fccbrla.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccbrla.org)

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9 am - 3 pm

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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