# First Christian Caller

# First Christian Church, Baton Rouge

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### Lectionary Readings: February 1-29, 2023

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Thursday, February 29, 2024: Psalm 19; Exodus 19:1-9a; 1 Peter 2:4-10

### **About our Members**



We are thrilled to announce JP Averette joined our FCC family as an official member on Sunday, January 14th, 2024. Be sure to give JPyour appreciation when you see him on Sundays.



Congrats Frank!

A congrats to Frank
Dickinson for 50
years as a member
of the Louisiana Bar
Association!



# **Support Our Youth**

"Leo Morgan recently joined Boy Scout Troop 203. He is currently working on all of his First Class requirements. He has been given the opportunity to attend a BSA summer camp in Colorado. The trip cost for each scout is \$400 due March 3, 2024. He would like to ask for support in monetary donations. Donations can be received cash or check in person or to Kristin's Venmo @K-Morgan-79. He is looking forward to this adventure to advance his knowledge, experience, and rank within his scouting journey. Thank you to all his family and friends that have supported his scouting through the years. He is truly blessed and is appreciative of your care and prayers."- Kristin Morgan

FCC family, please be sure all donations are made directly to the Morgan family. No funds should be directed towards the church office for this event. Thank you all!

### **February Meetings**

- Children Worship and Wonder will meet on Sunday, February 4th, 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, February 22nd in the Youth Building.
- Elders are scheduled to meet in the sanctuary immediately following worship service on Sunday, February 25th.
- Chancel Choir rehearsals occur in the Sanctuary every Wednesday at 6:30pm.

### The Study on Sunday Mornings

"The Study" meets **each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.** Calling all who seek a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR! How would you like for EVERYTHING you do to prosper? Join us this, and every Sunday, in THE STUDY for a delightful 45 minutes of God's WORD, prayer and fellowship. Each week learn more about the goodness, kindness and richness of God's Grace through Jesus Christ; how to live it, how to give it - guaranteed to prosper! Come join with us, 9:00 AM, Youth Building, First Christian Church. All are welcome.

### **Next Book Club Meeting**

The FCC Book Club will meet next on **Sunday**, **March 3 at Newk's at 11:30 a.m.** Our book will be "The Masterpiece" by Francine Rivers.

### Fellowship Hall Updates

Kitchen Cabinet/Wall Upgrade: An anonymous donor has volunteered to pick up the tab for having the Kitchen cabinets and dark paneling within the Kitchen painted. What a great surprise. First Christian Church very much appreciates this generous act. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. Mike Wilson

### Thank You's and Acknowledgements

I would like to thank my church family for their prayers, messages and cards during my cancer journey. It helped me through a very difficult time especially being in a new place. I recently had a scan and all is good. Praise God!It was great seeing you on Cantata Sunday. I didn't realize how much I missed being a part of the FCC Chancel choir. May God bless you all.-Melanie Cobb

Thank you First Christian Church for the bag of goodies. I really enjoyed the visit with Lucy and her granddaughter for delivering the bag. Thank you to all that signed the card and made the delicoius cookies. -Sincerely, Ann Achord.



# February 2024 Outreach



# **Happy Mardi Gras!**

# SoutheastMinistries!!



For the month of February, we are asking for donations of hot & cold cereal, and just-add-water pancake mix. Breakfast... yum!

# **WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING**



Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. This year's fund-raising campaign theme is entitled: "Gifts to Live On". Our offering will be collected during the month of February, culminating on Sunday, the 25th. The world faces dire economic and humanitarian challenges as a result of devasting wars and climate change; meanwhile, responding relief agencies are dealing with shrinking funds and access constraints. During times such as these, Christians are called to respond in faith to those in desperate need. We know what God is able to do with 5 loaves and 2 small fish! In the midst of the Mardi Gras revelry, remember that others are struggling just to survive! Make a difference! Please give generously! Payments should be directed to the church, with a "Week of Compassion" notation. You may also indicate there if you wish your donation to be directed to a specific area of outreach: Ukraine, Middle East Crisis, global or domestic disaster response, refugee aid, or sustainable development.

[Jesus] looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them, for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

Luke 21: 1 - 4, NRSVue

#### **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 <u>online</u>, <u>here</u>, or contact Brenda in the church office at 225-926-4175.

### February 4, 2023

Church Opening Jerry Hilgendorf

Sacraments Kay Everly Averette

Liturgist Phyllis Willis

Children's Moment Chris Culp Youth Reader Callie Cody

Elder Vickie Krupala

Greeter Lisa Fennell

Greeter Lisa Fermett

Deacons Ed Atkins, Ashley

Bourgeois, David

Fennell, Lisa Fennell

Livestream Frank Dickinson

Video Tech Greg Taliaferro

Sound Tech Joshua Dotts

Church Closing Jeff Cody

Program Builder Brenda Hilgendorf

### February 18, 2023

Church Opening David Fennell

Sacraments Kay Everly Averette

Liturgist Carmen Jones

Children's Moment Jerry Moses

Youth Reader Brynleigh Comeaux

Elder Sherry McInnis

Greeter Steve Gibson

Deacons Anderson Krupala,

Zachary Trotter, Lorry

Trotter, Steve Gibson

Livestream Pam Jones

Video Tech Brenda Hilgendorf

Sound Tech Jeff Cody

Church Closing James Morgan

Program Builder Dr. Carol Madere

### February 11, 2023

Church Opening Charles Riddle

Sacraments Kay Everly Averette

Liturgist Dr. Carol Madere

Children's Moment Ashley Bourgeois

Youth Reader Cora Cody

Elder Tony Fatta

Greeter Bill Egger

Deacons Callie Cody, Jeff Cody,

Shelly Cody, Bill Egger

Livestream Brenda Hilgendorf

Video Tech TBA

Sound Tech Greg Taliaferro

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Program Builder Jeff Cody

### February 25, 2023

Church Opening James Morgan

Sacraments Kay Everly Averette

Liturgist Tony Fatta

Children's Moment Dr. Carol Madere

Youth Reader Leonardo Morgan

Elder Lucy Cody

Greeter Joann Taliaferro

Deacons Nicolas Morgan, Doug

Shaffer, Dr. Tracy

Shaffer, Joann Taliaferro

Livestream Anderson Krupala

Video Tech Carmen Jones

Sound Tech Brenda Hilgendorf

Church Closing Tony Fatta

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 <u>online check-in page</u>, or contact us at <u>churchoffice@fccbrla.org</u>, or 225-926-4175. Names generally rotate off after 30 days.

### Members in our prayers:

The Family of Tom Moore, Tony Babin and Family, Ashley Bourgeois, Dan Calvert, Robert Calvert, Norma Carr, Nancy Chapaneri, Jody Chrisope, Marjorie Clark, Rev. Tom Cody, The Family of Pam Culp, Frank Dickinson, Martha Denova, Paul Foster, Sue Grigg, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Presley Hutchinson, Clayton Johnson, Rev. Frank & Jane Johnson, Jeff Judice, Marie Ladner, Charlene Landry, 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, Abbey Weselak.

### Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

The Family of Tim Buhler, The Family of Jeremy Lee, The Family of Fred Miller, Adam Alsobrook, Jason Barnett, Stanley Bihm, Colette Blanchard, Don & Donna Bohlcke, Viola Bradshaw, Debra Broome, Jennifer Cangelosi, Vince DeSalvo, Don Fontenot, Mary Ann Giacone, Trudy Graves, Bill Hebert, Patty Hubeny, Jake Huisingh, Drew Iacona, Ruth Jernigan, Cindy L, Sophie Leblanc, Paula Mack, Betty Marche, Linda Medine, Dawn Minton, Cindy Moon, Aubrey Moran, Missy Perilloux, Christopher Sanders, Savannah Smith, Ramilla Soni, Willa Jo Fowler, John Townsend, Joshua Dale Watson

### **Active Military Service:**

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Sunday, February 4 Wednesday, February 14 Thursday, February 22 Sunday, February 25 10:30a.m. 6:00 p.m. 09:30a.m. 11:00a.m. Children's Worship and Wonder (CW&W Room) Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary) Disciple's Women (Youth Building)

Elder's Meeting (Sanctuary)

#### **Ongoing Meetings:**

Sundays Wednesdays Thursdays 9:00a.m. The Study - Adult Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

9:30 a.m. Silver Angels - YB



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

#### CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION AND ONLINE LINKS:

Church Office Phone: 225-926-4175 Email: <u>churchoffice@fccbrla.org</u>

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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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DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS: Vanderbilt Divinity Library - Year A