

# First Christian Caller

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# Church Growth Update

Thanks to all those who set up and cleaned up our Easter Brunch, the first event in our new and improved Fellowship Hall! The guest performers in the Easter cantata really appreciated it, as did our congregation members. It was a real treat to see long time members Jennifer Netterville and Margaret Moore there. Thanks also for all those who participated in the Easter Egg Hunt on March 30. It was our first since COVID, so it really felt good to bring it back. Please remember that whenever the church hosts such events, congregation members are encouraged to bring guests. We have a great church family. Let's welcome new members into it.

Coming soon from Church Growth, an art show and possibly a summer music camp for middle schoolers.

## Church Board Members 2024

All Board appointments have been made. A list of all Board members and Committee chairs is displayed in the narthax. Feel free to contact them if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns.

### OFFICERS

Tony Fatta	Chair
Dak McInnis	Chair-elect
Ashley Bourgeois	Secretary
Mike Wilson	Treasurer

### MEMBERS AT LARGE

Sherry McInnis	Elder Chair
Ed Adkins	Deacon Chair
Tony Babin	
Dr. Trey Earle	
Nancy Fatta	
Charles Riddle	

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Education	Lucy Cody
Facilities	David Brian
Finance	Mike Wilson
Financial Review	Beverly Weselak
Growth	Dr. Carol Madere
Hospitality	Amy Taliaferro
Memorials	Sally Bremer
Nominating	Dak McInnis
Outreach	Judy Lester
Pastoral Relations	Vicki Krupala
Personnel	Dak McInnis
Worship	Nancy Fatta

## Palm Sunday Brunch

Our Fellowship dinner on Palm Sunday was attended by 64 people. Everyone brought a variety of dishes to share and enjoyed good food and conversation. A big thank you to everyone who set up, cooked, served and cleaned up. It was a great collaborative effort. Thank you to the Growth Committee for sponsoring this brunch.



## Palm Sunday Cantata

A huge thank you to Aaron and the choir for an amazing Easter cantata, Who Is Jesus. The music was beautiful and the story told was very moving. We would also like to thank our guest vocalist Amber Turnipseed and guest pianist Dr. Henry Jones. We know how much preparation a cantata takes and the congregation appreciates it so much. It definitely deserved the standing ovation!



## April Meetings

- **Children Worship and Wonder** will begin meeting **every Sunday** until summertime, 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, April 25th in the Youth Building**.
- **Chancel Choir** rehearsals typically occur in the Sanctuary every **Wednesday at 6:30pm**. In April, Choir rehearsal is cancelled April 3 and April 10 as Aaron is on vacation.

## The Study on Sunday Mornings

In the New Testament Book of II Timothy, the Apostle Paul writes that one should, Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Every **Sunday at 9:00 AM**, a group of disciples meet in the **Youth Building** and dedicate 45 minutes of study to biblical scripture. That is, we read, discuss, and learn from The Bible, the word of truth. Knowledge and understanding of God's word prepares one to experience the fulness of God's blessings, as well as to become an effectual witness of God's love to others.

Please join us as we grow in knowledge, faith, and the ability to rightly divide and share God's powerful word of truth. All are welcome.

## Next Book Club Meeting

The FCC Book Club will meet next on **April 14 at 11:30 a.m. at Newk's**. We're reading "The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride."

## What to look forward to upcoming in May

Special events in our church life include: Mother's Day, Pentecost, Graduation Sunday, and Memorial Day recognitions.

Sunday, May 5 – Graduation Day

Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day

Sunday, May 19 – Pentecost (Wear red to celebrate the day!)

*A special offering will be taken for Pentecost Sunday.*

Tuesday, May 21 – Church Board meeting 6:30 in the Youth Bldg.

Sunday, May 26 – Memorial Day (Wear your patriotic colors)

# Shepherding Elders

First Christian Church, Baton Rouge, serves the members of our local body of Christ by following the model of a shepherd's care and concern for the flock. The Lord is our master shepherd, we are the sheep of his pasture. And in service to our Lord, we appoint **Shepherding Elders** to serve toward meeting the varied needs of our congregation. There are twelve active elders in our church who are vigilant to serve their designated members with love and care. Examples of such care include:

- Visiting the sick and shut-ins
- Serving communion upon personal need and request
- Offering counsel and direction in God's word with prayer
- Disseminating urgent information in time of widespread crisis

The 12 Shepherding Elders are: Ashley Bourgeois, Tom Cody, Chris Culp, Frank Dickinson, Nancy Fatta, Tony Fatta, Carmen Jones, Dak McInnis, Sherry McInnis, Carol Madere, Debbie Poche, Charles Riddle.

If you, as a member of the congregation, have not been contacted by one of these Shepherding Elders, please call the church office as soon as possible. The Lord is our Good Shepherd and we surely shall not want as we serve Him and one another in love.

May God Bless,  
Sherry McInnis,  
Elder Chair

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## April Birthdays

Mark Willis	04/06
Brynleigh Comeaux	04/07
Lorrinda Dickinson	04/13
Sue Grigg	04/27



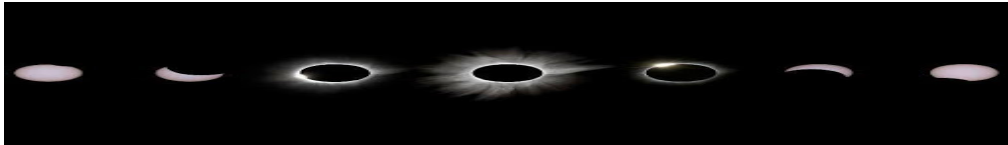
## April Anniversaries

Michael and Kim Rankin	04/06
Ernie and Dianne Buhler	04/15
David and Lisa Fennell	04/21
Bo Weathers and Debbie Poche`	04/30



## April 2024 Outreach

Celebrating spring and God's spectacular SOLAR eclipse!



## Southeast Ministries Donations

In our continuing support of the food pantry at Southeast Ministries, we encourage you to bring donations of baby food or other items for babies for the month of April.



Please note, donations are welcomed at any time during the month... however, the grocery cart used for collection will only be in the narthex on the first Sunday of the month. At other times, it will be in the sanctuary room next to the men's restroom (old Library). This change is being made as an effort to tidy up the narthex, making it more inviting for visitors.

## Blood Drive

Our first of two annual blood drives will be held on April 7th in the east side parking lot (closest to Airline Highway). There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex to reserve a time slot, but walk-ins are welcome. The blood mobile will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. \*Remember: One pint of blood can save three lives.

Molly's Story: [Why Blood Donations Matter](#)

Can't donate now? Why not start a virtual blood donation campaign, in which you send an invitation to friends and family through social media. It could be in honor or memory of a loved one or just to celebrate your birthday. It's the American Red Cross SleevesUp campaign. Here's how to get started:

[American Red Cross SleevesUp Campaign](#)



## WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our annual Week of Compassion offering in February! Our collection total was \$2,118.50! Of that amount, \$525.00 was designated for Ukraine and \$250.00 was designated for Gaza. The balance will be applied to general use as designated by Week of Compassion. "Well done, good and faithful servant(s)!" Matt 25:23



## Lectionary Readings: April 1-30, 2024

Monday, April 1, 2024: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Genesis 1:1-19; 1 Corinthians 15:35-49

Tuesday, April 2, 2024: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Genesis 1:20-2:4a; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

Wednesday, April 3, 2024: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Song of Solomon 3:1-11; Mark 16:1-8

Thursday, April 4, 2024: Psalm 133; Daniel 1:1-21; Acts 2:42-47

Friday, April 5, 2024: Psalm 133; Daniel 2:1-23; Acts 4:23-31

Saturday, April 6, 2024: Psalm 133; Daniel 2:24-49; John 12:44-50

Sunday, April 7, 2024: Second Sunday of Easter

Monday, April 8, 2024: Psalm 135; Daniel 3:1-30; 1 John 2:3-11

Tuesday, April 9, 2024: Psalm 135; Daniel 6:1-28; 1 John 2:12-17

Wednesday, April 10, 2024: Psalm 135; Isaiah 26:1-15; Mark 12:18-27

Thursday, April 11, 2024: Psalm 4; Daniel 9:1-19; 1 John 2:18-25

Friday, April 12, 2024: Psalm 4; Daniel 10:2-19; 1 John 2:26-28

Saturday, April 13, 2024: Psalm 4; Acts 3:1-10; Luke 22:24-30

Sunday, April 14, 2024: Third Sunday of Easter

Monday, April 15, 2024: Psalm 150; Jeremiah 30:1-11a; 1 John 3:10-16

Tuesday, April 16, 2024: Psalm 150; Hosea 5:15-6:6; 2 John 1:1-6

Wednesday, April 17, 2024: Psalm 150; Proverbs 9:1-6; Mark 16:9-18

Thursday, April 18, 2024: Psalm 23; Genesis 30:25-43; Acts 3:17-26

Friday, April 19, 2024: Psalm 23; Genesis 46:28-47:6; Acts 4:1-4

Saturday, April 20, 2024: Psalm 23; Genesis 48:8-19; Mark 6:30-34

Sunday, April 21, 2024: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Monday, April 22, 2024: Psalm 95; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 1 Peter 5:1-5

Tuesday, April 23, 2024: Psalm 95; 1 Chronicles 11:1-9; Revelation 7:13-17

Wednesday, April 24, 2024: Psalm 95; Micah 7:8-20; Mark 14:26-31

Thursday, April 25, 2024: Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 8:1-7; Acts 8:1b-8

Friday, April 26, 2024: Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 8:11-13; Acts 8:9-25

Saturday, April 27, 2024: Psalm 22:25-31; Amos 9:7-15; Mark 4:30-32

Sunday, April 28, 2024: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday, April 29, 2024: Psalm 80; Isaiah 5:1-7; Galatians 5:16-26

Tuesday, April 30, 2024: Psalm 80; Isaiah 32:9-20; James 3:17-18



## Member's Highlight



Jordan's team won the Ascension Parish Basketball League!

## Member's Appreciation

The fountains outside the fellowship hall will be planted for the different seasons in memory of Jeff Weeks.

The tomb that was on reredos for Easter was made by David and Jill Brian.

## Maundy Thursday Service

Thanks to all who attended and participated in the Maundy Thursday Service. It was beautiful.



## Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Egg Hunt was a success! Thank you for all who attended and for all who invited friends, family, and the community.



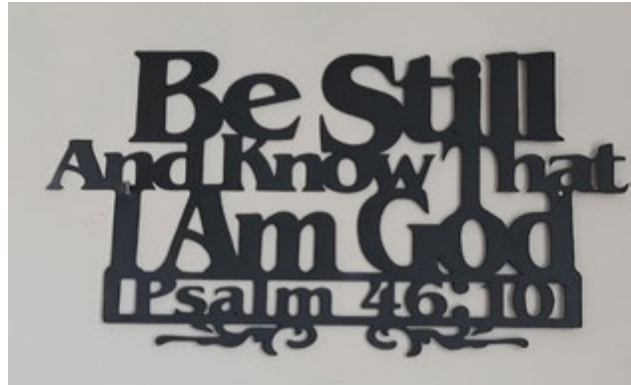
## Easter Sunday Service

We had a beautiful Easter Sunday Service with a 112 people in attendance. Thank you for everyone who makes these services a success.



## A New Look for The Narthex

Our Worship Chair, Nancy Fatta has been hard at work updating the Narthex. Check out the new look! Thank you to the artists of FCC who have been sending in their artwork to be displayed in the Narthex. We will be featuring their artwork in April's newsletter.



Dak McInnis

## Regional Assembly

Regional Assembly will be Nov. 1-3. The theme will be "This Is Our Story." It usually begins with a meal and worship service Friday night. On Saturday, there is usually a devotional in the morning, followed by a business meeting, and workshops before and after lunch. There is a men's luncheon, a Disciples women's luncheon, a luncheon for clergy members and their spouses and a church musician luncheon. There is usually an all-region choir that sings on Friday night and at the closing worship service on Sunday morning. There will also be a display hall (not sure what to call this). It's kind of like a trade show where different entities of the Disciples of Christ have a table.

It's a fun, informative weekend. Nancy Fatta is Local Arrangements Chair. She'll need lots of help from the congregation.

Carol

## 2024 Grads



If you are graduating this year, please send your picture along with information about the event to the church office by April 23 (ie. name of school, any awards, and future plans). Please be sure to include Grad's name and if not a FCC member, who they are related to. Email all info to [churchoffice@fccbrla.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccbrla.org) OR write down info on paper and turn into the offering plate.

# 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 days.

## Members in our prayers:

The Family of Bob Netterville, The Family of Claudia Wagner, 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, Martha Denova, Paul Foster, Sue Grigg, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Presley Hutchinson, Clayton Johnson, Rev. Frank & Jane Johnson, Jeff Judice, Marie Ladner, David and Ann Landry, Charlene Landry, BJ McRae, Helen Mitchener, James Morgan Family, Jerry Moses, Jennifer Netterville, Helen Rankin, Ruth Riddle, Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Scott Sanders, Glen Tetrick, Bill & Lorry Trotter.

## Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

The Family of Tim Buhler, The Family of Vincent DeSalvo, 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, Dan Calvert, Jennifer Cangelosi, Mary Ann Giacone, Trudy Graves, Rich Griswold, Bill Hebert, Patty Hubeny, Jake Huisingh, Drew Iacona, Jim Jablonski, Ruth Jernigan, Cindy L, Sophie Leblanc, Paula Mack, Betty Marche, Linda Medine, Dawn Minton, Cindy Moon, Aubrey Moran, Missy Perilloux, Marsha Pleasant, Christopher Sanders, Sandy Scallon, Savannah Smith, Ramilla Soni, Willa Jo Fowler, John Townsend, Joshua Dale Watson

## April Calendar Notes

Thursday, April 25th	09:30a.m.	Disciple's Women (Youth Building)
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### *Ongoing Meetings:*

Sundays	9:00a.m.	The Study - Adult Bible Study
Sundays	10:30a.m.	Children's Worship and Wonder
Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Thursdays	9:30 a.m.	Silver Angels - YB

## 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.

### **April 07, 2024**

<i>Church Opening</i>	David Fennell
<i>Sacraments</i>	Pam Comeaux
<i>Liturgist</i>	Carmen Jones
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Ashley Bourgeois
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Cora Cody
<i>Elder</i>	Tony Fatta
<i>Greeter</i>	Lisa Fennell
<i>Deacons</i>	Esther Schilf, Gene Schilf, David Fennell, Lisa Fennell
<i>Livestream</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf
<i>Video Tech</i>	Nicolas Morgan
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Joshua Dotts
<i>CW&amp;W Greeter</i>	Pam Comeaux
<i>CW&amp;W Storyteller</i>	Dr. Carol Madere
<i>Church Closing</i>	James Morgan
<i>Program Builder</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf

### **April 21, 2024**

<i>Church Opening</i>	Jerry Hilgendorf
<i>Sacraments</i>	Pam Comeaux
<i>Liturgist</i>	Tony Fatta
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Dr. Carol Madere
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Brynleigh Comeaux
<i>Elder</i>	Dak McInnis
<i>Greeter</i>	Anderson Krupala
<i>Deacons</i>	Anderson Krupala, Kinzley McCoy, Lorry Trotter, Steve Gibson
<i>Livestream</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf
<i>Video Tech</i>	Frank Dickinson
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Carmen Jones
<i>CW&amp;W Greeter</i>	Shelly Cody
<i>CW&amp;W Storyteller</i>	Lucy Cody
<i>Church Closing</i>	Tony Fatta
<i>Program Builder</i>	Dr. Carol Madere

### **April 14, 2024**

<i>Church Opening</i>	Charles Riddle
<i>Sacraments</i>	Pam Comeaux
<i>Liturgist</i>	Vicki Krupala
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Judy Lester
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Anderson Krupala
<i>Elder</i>	Carmen Jones
<i>Greeter</i>	Shelly Cody
<i>Deacons</i>	Callie Cody, Jeff Cody, Shelly Cody, Bill Egger
<i>Livestream</i>	Anderson Kruapla
<i>Video Tech</i>	Jeff Cody
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Greg Taliaferro
<i>CW&amp;W Greeter</i>	Leo Morgan
<i>CW&amp;W Storyteller</i>	Kristin Morgan
<i>Church Closing</i>	Nancy Fatta
<i>Program Builder</i>	Jeff Cody

### **April 28, 2024**

<i>Church Opening</i>	James Morgan
<i>Sacraments</i>	Pam Comeaux
<i>Liturgist</i>	Dr. Carol Madere
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Dr. Tracy Shaffer
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Leo Morgan
<i>Elder</i>	Sherry McInnis
<i>Greeter</i>	Doug Shaffer
<i>Deacons</i>	Nicolas Morgan, Doug Shaffer, Dr. Tracy Shaffer, Joann Taliaferro
<i>Livestream</i>	Pam Jones
<i>Video Tech</i>	Aaron Taliaferro
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Tony Fatta
<i>CW&amp;W Greeter</i>	Pam Comeaux
<i>CW&amp;W Storyteller</i>	Dr. Carol Madere
<i>Church Closing</i>	Charles Riddle
<i>Program Builder</i>	Jill Brian



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## **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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**DAILY LECTIONARY READINGS: [Vanderbilt Divinity Library - Year A](#)**