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Congratulations 2024 Grads



Michaela Fennell

University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg

Parents: David and Lisa Fennell

Michaela is graduating from the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg with a BS in Health Sciences and a double minor in Biology and Psychology. After graduation, Michaela plans to work as a phlebotomist for a year and shadow medical professionals while applying to PA school to become a Pediatric Physician Assistant. Her hope is to attend UAB in Birmingham for PA school.

Gayla Griswold

Lindenwood University

Parents: Scott and Michelle Griswold

Grandparents: Rich and Susan Griswold

Gayla Griswold is graduating with a Masters degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Lindenwood University in Saint Charles, Missouri and will be pursuing a career in research and policy development.



Congratulations 2024 Grads



Callie Cody

Live Oak High School

Parents: Jeff & Shelly Cody

Sibling: Cora Cody

Grandparents: Tom & Lucy Cody

Callie will be graduating from Live Oak High School with a 4.6 GPA and is a Capstone Scholar. Callie is finishing a successful Senior year that includes multiple honors and accolades including being named Prom Queen.

Callie has been admitted to the Honors College at LSU where she will be working toward a degree to become a speech pathologist.

Analise Armand

Graduates from Central High School

Granddaughter of Pam and Greg Comeaux

Will be attending Southeastern and going into nursing.



Sara Melissa Shaffer

Graduating from University Laboratory School and the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts.

Parents: Doug and Tracy Shaffer

During Sara's Junior and Senior years, she commuted to New Orleans after her morning classes at U-High every day to take her electives in Visual Arts at NOCCA. She plans to attend LSU in the fall and pursue her interests in Commercial Interior Design and Business.





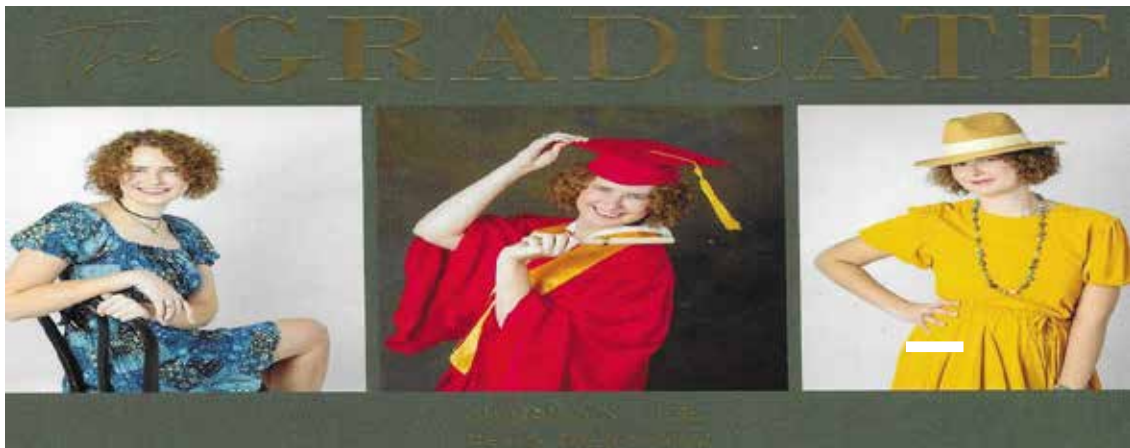
Rachel Hanna Robertson

University of Louisiana at Monroe

Parents: Rickie and Dana Robertson

Grandparents: Bill and Lorry Trotter

Rachel Hanna Robertson will be graduating Magna Cum Laude from University of Louisiana at Monroe with a major in Psychology and a minor in Music. She plans on helping mentally handicapped children, especially those with autism. She also intends to continue her music career. Rachel is the daughter of Rickie and Dana Robertson and the granddaughter of Bill and Lorry Trotter.



Jordan Olivia Lee

Brusly High School

Parents: Timothy and Kimberly Lee

Grandparents: Bill and Lorry Trotter

Jordan Olivia Lee will be graduating 7th in her class from Brusly High School, medaling in (highest grade point) Biology, English and Math. She will attend University of Louisiana at Lafayette in the fall where she will major in Architecture. Jordan is the daughter of Timothy and Kimberly Lee and the granddaughter of Bill and Lorry Trotter.

May 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, May 23rd in the Youth Building.**
- **Chancel Choir** rehearsals typically occur in the Sanctuary every **Wednesday at 6:30pm.**
- **Board Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, May 21st 6:30p.m.** in the **Youth Building.**

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 book we're reading for May is *The Second Life of Mirielle West* by Amanda Skenandore. This is the story of a silent film star's wife who is forcibly quarantined at the Carville Lepers Hope in Louisiana during the 1920s.

The book club will meet on **Sunday, May 26th at Newk's** immediately following church. New members are always welcome as are book suggestions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May Birthdays

Pam Comeaux	05/01
Amy Taliaferro	05/03
Ollie Morgan	05/04
James Morgan	05/05
Aaron Turnipseed	05/05
Daniel Dickey	05/10
Aaron Taliaferro	05/15
Justin Taliaferro	05/15
Tony Babin	05/17
James Krupala	05/20
Dak McInnis	05/20
Marie Ladner	05/29
Tony Fatta	05/30
Nathan Tipton	05/30
Anderson Krupala	05/31
Ron Blackburn	05/31



May Anniversaries

Doug and Tracy Shaffer	05/15
Ron and Dora Blackburn	05/24

What to look forward to upcoming in May

May 5 – Graduation Sunday

We will be celebrating seven graduates this year:

Analise Armand, Callie Cody, Sara Shaffer, Jordan Olivia Lee, Rachel Hanna Robertson, Gayla Griswold, and Michaela Fennell. Look for their pictures and information in this newsletter.

May 12 – Mother's Day

We will be honoring our Mothers with a special poem and gifts. Bring your mom to church.

May 19 – Pentecost

Wear red to celebrate the miracle of Pentecost. **We will be taking up special offering for Pentecost.**

May 26 – Memorial Day

An observation of those who have lost their lives in war. Wear your red, white and blue.

From The Outreach Committee

Thanks to all who participated in the blood drive last month. Another blood drive will be scheduled sometime this fall. In the meantime, our May mission focus for Southeast Ministries will be toiletries. These could be toothpaste, toothbrushes, shaving cream, razors, feminine hygiene products, etc. The grocery cart will be in the narthex on Sunday, May 5th for collection, but you can donate all throughout the month of May by finding the cart in the sanctuary room next to the men's restroom.

Lectionary Readings: May 1-31, 2024

Wednesday, May 1, 2024: Psalm 80; Isaiah 65:17-25; John 14:18-31

Thursday, May 2, 2024: Psalm 98; Isaiah 49:5-6; Acts 10:1-34

Friday, May 3, 2024: Psalm 98; Isaiah 42:5-9; Acts 10:34-43

Saturday, May 4, 2024: Psalm 98; Deuteronomy 32:44-47; Mark 10:42-45

Sunday, May 5, 2024: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday, May 6, 2024: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 7:1-11; 1 Timothy 6:11-12

Tuesday, May 7, 2024: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:1-17; 1 Timothy 6:13-16

Wednesday, May 8, 2024: Psalm 93; Deuteronomy 11:18-21; Mark 16:19-20

Thursday, May 9, 2024: Ascension of the Lord

Friday, May 10, 2024: Psalm 47; Exodus 24:15-18; Revelation 1:9-18

Saturday, May 11, 2024: Psalm 47; Deuteronomy 34:1-7; John 16:4-11

Sunday, May 12, 2024: Seventh Sunday of Easter

Monday, May 13, 2024: Psalm 115; Exodus 28:29-38; Philippians 1:3-11

Tuesday, May 14, 2024: Psalm 115; Numbers 8:5-22; Titus 1:1-9

Wednesday, May 15, 2024: Psalm 115; Ezra 9:5-15; John 16:16-24

Thursday, May 16, 2024: Psalm 33:12-22; Genesis 2:4b-7; 1 Corinthians 15:42b-49

Friday, May 17, 2024: Psalm 33:12-22; Job 37:1-13; 1 Corinthians 15:50-57

Saturday, May 18, 2024: Psalm 33:12-22; Exodus 15:6-11; John 7:37-39

Sunday, May 19, 2024: Day of Pentecost

Monday, May 20, 2024: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Joel 2:18-29; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Tuesday, May 21, 2024: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Genesis 11:1-9; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Wednesday, May 22, 2024: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Ezekiel 37:1-14; John 20:19-23

Thursday, May 23, 2024: Psalm 29; Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20; Romans 8:1-8

Friday, May 24, 2024: Psalm 29; Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 8:9-11

Saturday, May 25, 2024: Psalm 29; Isaiah 5:15-24; John 15:18-20, 26-27

Sunday, May 26, 2024: Trinity Sunday

Monday, May 27, 2024: Psalm 20; Numbers 9:15-23; Revelation 4:1-8

Tuesday, May 28, 2024: Psalm 20; Exodus 25:1-22; 1 Corinthians 2:1-10

Wednesday, May 29, 2024: Psalm 20; Numbers 6:22-27; Mark 4:21-25

Thursday, May 30, 2024: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Samuel 1:1-18; Acts 25:1-12

Friday, May 31, 2024: Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth

Friday, May 31, 2024: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Samuel 1:19-27; Romans 8:31-39

Regional Assembly

The Great River Region will be holding the 2024 Regional Assembly at our campus November 1-3. Dr. Carol Madere and Nancy Fatta will be facilitating the event which will have 150-175 attendees from Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana.

Events include workshops, breakfasts, lunches, dinners, meetings, worship and outings for the weekend. Needless to say, we will need all hands on deck to make this event successful.

We will have a preliminary meeting on June 9 following worship, in the fellowship hall, lunch provided, to explain the events and sign people up to help. We are hoping to assign one task per person so no one is overwhelmed. Please mark your calendars for these events.

From The Board Chair

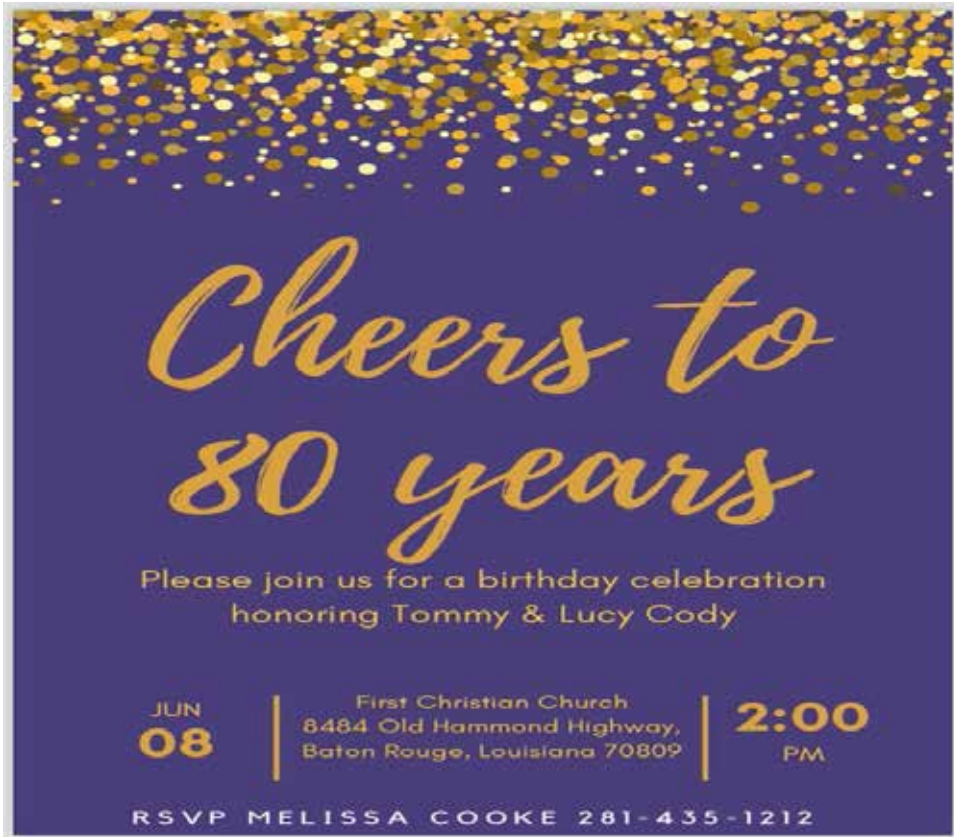
We are working on setting up guidelines for all department Chairmen so future candidates will have an idea what the job entails.

Our next board meeting is Tuesday May 21st I encourage all board members to attend

I encourage ALL OF OUR Members and guests to attend our Sunday Services if you're able to support our outstanding Pastor Dr Dedrick Minor.

-Tony Fatta

Cheers to 80 Years



The Cody children, Jeff Cody and Melissa Cody Cooke, would like to invite the FCCBR Family to celebrate the big 8-0 birthday of their parents Tommy and Lucy. Tommy and Lucy have been devoted members of FCCBR since moving to BR in 2006. To celebrate their June birthdays, we would like surround our parents with love and happiness on June 8th @2pm at the church fellowship hall. Please rsvp to Melissa @ 281-435-1212 so we can make sure to have enough refreshments for everyone!

Member's Gratitude

The Maundy Thursday service was very meaningful and professionally done.

Each phase was depicted by a church member dressed in black with a lighted candle extinguished after each.

Readings of Judas, washing of feet, and with beautifully set Last Supper table the significance of bread and wine.

Change of the background screen ending with the crown of thorns was good.

- Margaret Moore

Thank You FCC Family

To my Church Family,

Thank you for your generous donation to help me attend the BSA Summer Camp, Chris Dobbins in Colorado this Summer. I feel very blessed to be a member of this community. You have always supported me with encouraging words with my Church service and donations throughout my scouting journey. Thank you again for your kindness and friendship. I appreciate your help in participating in this opportunity.

In Jesus' name,

Leo Morgan.

Check out the new art in The Narthex!



Remembering Donna King-Bohlcke

FCC received word that Don Bohlcke's wife, Donna King-Bohlcke, passed away recently at the amazing age of 96. Don is a former interim Pastor of ours and we loved our time getting to know the Bohlcke's. Donna will be missed, but we know she is rejoicing in Heaven.

Services for Donna will be held at 10am on May 11th at Northway Christian Church in Dallas, Tx. Reception to follow.

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 Donna, 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.

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 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, Bruce and Stephanie Weselak.

Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

The Family of Donna Bohlcke, The Family of Tim Buhler, The Family of Vincent DeSalvo, The Family of Jeremy Lee, The Family of Fred Miller, Eric and Trina Akers, Adam Alsobrook, Jason Barnett, Stanley Bihm, Colette Blanchard, Don & Donna Bohlcke, Debra Broome, Dan Calvert, Jennifer Cangelosi, James Duncan, Mary Ann Giacone, Trudy Graves, Rich Griswold, Bill Hebert, Charlie Holmes, Patty Hubeny, Jake Huisingh, Drew Iacona, Jim Jablonski, Ruth Jernigan, Cindy L, Sophie Leblanc, Paula Mack, Bill Madere, Betty Marche, Rhonda McElveen, Linda Medine, Dawn Minton, Cindy Moon, Aubrey Moran, Missy Perilloux, Christopher Sanders, Sandy Scallon, Savannah Smith, Ramilla Soni, Willa Jo Fowler, John Townsend, Joshua Dale Watson

May Calendar Notes

Tuesday, May 21st	06:30p.m.	Board Meeting (Youth Building)
Thursday, May 23rd	09:30a.m.	Disciple's Women (Youth Building)

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.

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<i>Church Opening</i>	David Fennell
<i>Sacraments</i>	Pam Comeaux
<i>Liturgist</i>	Anderson Krupala
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Ashley Bourgeois
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Cora Cody
<i>Elder</i>	Carol Madere
<i>Greeter</i>	Gene Schilf
<i>Deacons</i>	Esther Schilf, Gene Schilf, David Fennell, Lisa Fennell
<i>Livestream</i>	Nicolas Morgan
<i>Video Tech</i>	Aaron Taliaferro
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Jeff Cody
<i>CW&W Greeter</i>	Kayla Mercil
<i>CW&W Storyteller</i>	Genesis Bennie
<i>Church Closing</i>	James Morgan
<i>Program Builder</i>	Jill Brian

May 19, 2024

<i>Church Opening</i>	Charles Riddle
<i>Sacraments</i>	Ashley Bourgeois
<i>Liturgist</i>	Dr. Carol Madere
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Rev. Tom Cody
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Brynleigh Comeaux
<i>Elder</i>	Dr. Trey Earle
<i>Greeter</i>	Kinzley McCoy
<i>Deacons</i>	Anderson Krupala, Kinzley McCoy, Lorry Trotter, Steve Gibson
<i>Livestream</i>	Frank Dickinson
<i>Video Tech</i>	Jeff Cody
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Pam Jones
<i>CW&W Greeter</i>	Shelly Cody
<i>CW&W Storyteller</i>	Lucy Cody
<i>Church Closing</i>	Jerry Hilgendorf
<i>Program Builder</i>	Dr. Carol Madere

May 12, 2024

<i>Church Opening</i>	Jerry Hilgendorf
<i>Sacraments</i>	Ashley Bourgeois
<i>Liturgist</i>	Pam Comeaux
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Dr. Carol Madere
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Anderson Krupala
<i>Elder</i>	Debbie Poche
<i>Greeter</i>	Callie Cody
<i>Deacons</i>	Callie Cody, Jeff Cody, Shelly Cody, Bill Egger
<i>Livestream</i>	Charles Riddle
<i>Video Tech</i>	Nicolas Morgan
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf
<i>CW&W Greeter</i>	Leo Morgan
<i>CW&W Storyteller</i>	Kristin Morgan
<i>Church Closing</i>	Jeff Cody
<i>Program Builder</i>	Jeff Cody

May 26, 2024

<i>Church Opening</i>	James Morgan
<i>Sacraments</i>	Ashley Bourgeois
<i>Liturgist</i>	Rev. Tom Cody
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Pam Comeaux
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Leo Morgan
<i>Elder</i>	Nancy Chapaneri
<i>Greeter</i>	Dr. Tracy Shaffer
<i>Deacons</i>	Nicolas Morgan, Doug Shaffer, Dr. Tracy Shaffer, Joann Taliaferro
<i>Livestream</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf
<i>Video Tech</i>	Frank Dickinson
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Pam Jones
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Aaron Turnipseed, M.M.P., *Director of Music*

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Brenda Hilgendorf, *Bookkeeper*

Alyson Coyle, *Admin. Ass't.*

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