

# First Christian Caller

First Christian Church, Baton Rouge

Vol. 87

February 2025

No. 02



## *IN THIS ISSUE*

- ◇ [We Want to Celebrate You!](#)
- ◇ [Sunday Assignments](#)
- ◇ [Prayer Circle](#)
- ◇ [Upcoming Events in February](#)



## February 2025 OUTREACH



WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW, IS LOVE,  
SWEET (CHRISTIAN) LOVE!

Burt Bacharach and Hal David



### SOUTHEAST MINISTRIES!!

On February 9th we will be collecting cans of soup (or dollars) as our “Souper Bowl” project to support Southeast Ministries food pantry. So, wear your favorite team’s colors that Sunday and bring your donations. Let’s see which “team” wins!!!



### WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING 2025

A *Week of Compassion* special offering is being taken up on February 16th and 23rd. WoC, works through ministry partners around the world to aid people experiencing trauma wherever they are. This year’s campaign, entitled “HEARD AND SEEN”, features their efforts in **Ukraine** with refugee resettlement, the **Middle East** with emergency aid to war-torn areas, in **Pointe-au-Chien, Louisiana** with hurricane recovery to the indigenous community, in **Sierra Leone and Liberia** in supporting women and girls, and **Chicago Christian Church** for being a refugee welcome station. Our faith calls us to compassion. Please give prayerful consideration to what you can do to help relieve the suffering of others in the next few weeks.

*But whoever has the world’s goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him?*

*1 John 3:17*

# We Want to Celebrate You!

## February Birthdays

Vicki Krupala	02/02
Gladys Runnels	02/04
Ann Baskin	02/06
Collin Landry	02/10
Beryl Jacques	02/13
Roan Dickey	02/22
Jenna Carballo	02/25
Jerry Moses	02/27

## February Anniversaries

None



## Baptism

Congratulations to **Julie Olinde** on her baptism. Julie was baptized as part of her faith journey on Sunday, January 12th.

## Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 2	Prayer Circle	11:00 am
Sunday, February 16	Church Growth Meeting	11:00 a.m.
Sunday, February 16 & 23	Week of Compassion Offering	
Sunday, February 23	FCC Book Club	11:15 am
Thursday, February 27	Disciples Women Meeting	9:30 am
Wednesday, March 5	Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 pm
March 9 - April 13	Season of Lent	
Tuesday, March 18	Board Meeting	6:30 pm

# Church Growth Needs Your Help!



Would you like to hone your photography skills? Would you like to learn how to use Canva? Michael Rankin would love to teach you. The Church Growth Committee is trying to develop a team of photographers to take photos of new members as well as church events. The more photographers we have, the better we can communicate with the congregation and the community about what FCC has to offer. So, if this sounds to you like a great way to serve the church while building your photography and/or graphic design skills, contact the Church Office, which will give Michael your contact information.

## BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Board Chair	Tony Fatta
Board Chair-elect	Rev. Dak McInnis
Secretary	Nancy Fatta
Treasurer	Cathi Pourciau
Member-at-Large	Jeff Cody, Brenda Hilgendorf, Charles Riddle, Vicki Krupala, Judy Lester Carol Madere
Elder Chair	Sherry McInnis
Deacon Chair	Ed Atkins
Education Chair	Lucy Cody
Facilities Chair	David Brian
Finance Chair	Michael Wilson
Hospitality Chair	Vicki Krupala
Memorial Chair	Sally Bremer
Outreach Chair	Judy Lester
Pastoral Relations Chair	Vicki Krupala
Personnel Chair	Rev. Dak McInnis
Sacraments Chair	Ashley Bourgeois
Safe Church Chair	Brenda Hilgendorf
Techonology Chair	Brenda Hilgendorf
Worship Chair	Nancy Fatta



## ASH WEDNESDAY - MARCH 5

We will have an Ash Wednesday service on **March 5 at 7:00 pm.**

Come and join us for this special service commemorating the beginning of the Lenten season. There will be imposition of ashes during the service.



Congratulations to **Blake & Nicole Brian** on the birth of their second child, **Henry Jack**. Henry weighed 8 lbs 5 oz. His big brother is **Ansel**. Paternal grandparents are David & Jill Brian. Maternal grandparents are Mike & Barbara Cromer.

## Prayer Circle



Please consider taking a few moments after our church service on the First Sunday of every month to pray with your fellow members. It's a time for personal prayer and reflection on what's happening in your life. We look forward to you joining the Circle.

## In Sympathy

We extend our deepest condolences to those in our church family who have lost loved ones recently. We pray that the Holy Spirit comfort them during this difficult time.



*We received word in December 2024 that Ted Michael Morgan had passed away in September.*

**Melissa Stephenson** passed away on December 24, 2024. She is survived by daughters Tracy Lane Stephenson Shaffer and Amanda Margaret Stephenson, son-in-law Douglas Shaffer, granddaughter Sara Melissa Shaffer.



*Nancy Chapnaeri passed away on January 9, 2025. She is survived by her husband, Kishor L. Chapaneri; her daughter, Hollie Chapaneri Sevitts (Micah); her sons, Kevin Chapaneri (Misty) and Christopher Chapaneri (Megan); and her grandchildren, Jordan, Drake, Autumn, Simon, and Beckett Chapaneri, and Isabelle and Charlotte Sevitts.*

**Tyron “Ty” Dupont**, devoted husband, father, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully at home on January 9, 2025, after a courageous battle against pancreatic cancer. Ty is related to Charles & Sally Bremer.



*Lois J. Elmore, age 99, of Forest City, passed away at her home on Saturday, January 18, 2025. Survivors are her two sons, Reverend Dr. Michael Hiram Elmore (Peggy), of Baton Rouge, LA, and Jerry Francis Elmore (Kathy), of Cliffside; 5 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-grandchildren.*

# SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

On February 9, we will be collecting canned goods to be donated to Southeast Ministries Food Pantry. Please bring your donations (food or dollars) and place them in the chancel area at the front of the Sanctuary before our service begins. The donations will be blessed during the service.

## New Art Work

Please take the time to check out our new art pieces in the Narthex.

Teagan Dickey, a 10 year old artist, presented us with a painting of the bread and cup which is displayed in the Narthex on one of the tables where we pick up our communion cups. Teagan was recently baptised in our sanctuary. She is the daughter of Heather & Daniel Dickey and granddaughter of Mike & Toni Wilson.



Lucy Cody has loaned us a landscape oil painting that she created. The painting is displayed in the Narthex over one of the tables where we pick up our communion cups. Lucy, a long-time member of our church, is currently serving as our Education Chairman and oversees our Worship and Wonder program as part of her responsibilities.

We thank you both for adding to the beauty of our church. Anyone else who has art they would like to display, please see Nancy Fatta, Worship Chair.

## Lectionary Readings: February 1-28, 2025 (Year C)

- Saturday, February 01: Psalm 71:1-6; 2 Chronicles 36:11-21; John 1:43-51
- Sunday, February 02: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Luke 4:21-30
- Monday, February 03: Psalm 56; 1 Kings 17:8-16; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16
- Tuesday, February 04: Psalm 56; 2 Kings 5:1-14; 1 Corinthians 14:13-25
- Wednesday, February 05: Psalm 56; Jeremiah 1:11-19; Luke 19:41-44
- Thursday, February 06: Psalm 138; Numbers 20:22-29; Acts 9:19b-25
- Friday, February 07: Psalm 138; Numbers 27:12-23; Acts 9:26-31
- Saturday, February 08: Psalm 138; Judges 3:7-11; Luke 4:42-44
- Sunday, February 09: Isaiah 6:1-13; Psalm 138; Luke 5:1-11
- Monday, February 10: Psalm 115; Judges 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 14:26-40
- Tuesday, February 11: Psalm 115; 1 Samuel 9:15-10:1b; 1 Timothy 3:1-9
- Wednesday, February 12: Psalm 115; Isaiah 8:1-15; Luke 5:27-32
- Thursday, February 13: Psalm 1; Jeremiah 13:12-19; Acts 13:26-34
- Friday, February 14: Psalm 1; Jeremiah 13:20-27; 1 Peter 1:17-2:1
- Saturday, February 15: Psalm 1; Jeremiah 17:1-4; Luke 11:24-28
- Sunday, February 16: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Psalm 1; Luke 6:17-26
- Monday, February 17: Psalm 120; 2 Kings 24:18-25:21; 1 Corinthians 15:20-34
- Tuesday, February 18: Psalm 120; Ezra 1:1-11; 2 Corinthians 1:12-19
- Wednesday, February 19: Psalm 120; Jeremiah 22:11-17; Luke 11:37-52
- Thursday, February 20: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; Genesis 43:16-34; Romans 8:1-11
- Friday, February 21: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; Genesis 44:1-17; 1 John 2:12-17
- Saturday, February 22 : Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40; Genesis 44:18-34; Luke 12:57-59
- Sunday, February 23: Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11; Luke 6:27-38
- Monday, February 24: Psalm 38; Genesis 33:1-17; 1 Corinthians 11:2-16
- Tuesday, February 25: Psalm 38; 1 Samuel 24:1-22; 1 Corinthians 11:17-22, 27-33
- Wednesday, February 26: Psalm 38; Leviticus 5:1-13; Luke 17:1-4
- Thursday, February 27: Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:1-5; Acts 3:11-16
- Friday, February 28: Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:6-14; Acts 10:1-8







## **THE STUDY**

**9:00 – 9:45 am, every Sunday, Youth Building**

Are you aware that, as a Christian, you are particularly gifted? Paul, the Apostle, in his letter to the disciples of Christ in Corinth, writes this: "*Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed, (or ignorant, KJV),*" 1 Corinthians 12:1, NIV.

By inspiration of the Holy Spirit, he instructs the Church as to what the spiritual gifts are and how they are to be manifested in the Body of Christ. Our personal gifting(s) are not for ourselves alone, but are to be shared in love with one another in Christ.

We are presently learning about this in THE STUDY which meets every Sunday morning, 9:00 - 9:45 AM, in the Youth Building. Don't miss these next few weeks in January! All are welcome. Bring a friend,

## **Next Book Club Meeting**

The next FCC Book Club meeting will be at Jason's Deli on Feb. 23 right after church. We'll be discussing *Black Gun, Silver Star: The Life and Legend of Frontier Legend Bass Reeves* by Art T. Burton. All are welcome even if you haven't finished the book yet. Suggestions for books for us to read are also welcome.



# 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:

JD & Judy Albin, JP Averette, Ann Baskin, Charlie & Sally Bremer & Family, famfifly of Nancy Chapaneri, Jody Chrisope, Marjorie Clark, Rev. Tom Cody, Lucy Cody, Martha Denova, Rev. Michael Elmore & Family, George & Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Rev. Frank & Jane Johnson, Marie Ladner, BJ McRae, William Miguez, Helen Mitchener, Jerry Moses, Jennifer Netterville, Helen Rankin, Ruth Riddle, Kelly & Gladys Runnels. Scott Sanders, Tracy Shaffer & Family, Phylis Willis

## Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

Jervais Averette, family of Ty Dupont, family of Lois Elmore, Christy Fontenot, Don Fontenot, Jerry & Terry Johnson, Phoenix Louis, Locksley Rushworth, family of Melissa Stephenson



## 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 the church office at 225-926-4175

### **February 2, 2025**

<i>Church Opening</i>	Michael Rankin
<i>Sacraments</i>	Diane Sympson
<i>Liturgist</i>	Carmen Jones
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Ashley Bourgeois
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Leonardo Morgan
<i>Elder</i>	Dr. Trey Earle
<i>Greeter</i>	Tracy Shaffer
<i>Deacons</i>	Gene Schilf, Esther Schilf, Doug Shaffer, Tracy Shaffer
<i>Livestream</i>	Anderson Krupala
<i>Video Tech</i>	Nicolas Morgan
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf
<i>CW&amp;W Greeter</i>	Shelly Cody
<i>CW&amp;W Storyteller</i>	Lucy Cody
<i>Church Closing</i>	Nancy Fatta
<i>Program Builder</i>	Michael Rankin

### **February 9, 2025**

<i>Church Opening</i>	Jerry Hilgendorf
<i>Sacraments</i>	Diane Sympson
<i>Liturgist</i>	Lucy Cody
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Chris Culp
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Brynleigh Comeaux
<i>Elder</i>	Debbie Poche'
<i>Greeter</i>	Jeff Cody
<i>Deacons</i>	Jeff Cody, James Morgan, Nicolas Morgan, Cathi Pourciau
<i>Livestream</i>	Charles Riddle
<i>Video Tech</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Greg Taliaferro
<i>CW&amp;W Greeter</i>	Leonardo Morgan
<i>CW&amp;W Storyteller</i>	Kristin Morgan
<i>Church Closing</i>	Tony Fatta
<i>Program Builder</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf

### **February 16, 2025**

<i>Church Opening</i>	Charles Riddle
<i>Sacraments</i>	Diane Sympson
<i>Liturgist</i>	Dr. Trey Earle
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Pam Comeaux
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Cora Cody
<i>Elder</i>	Dr. Carol Madere
<i>Greeter</i>	Ed Atkins
<i>Deacons</i>	Ed Atkins, Tony Babin, Anderson Krupala, Greg Taliaferro
<i>Livestream</i>	Michael Rankin
<i>Video Tech</i>	Frank Dickinson
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Aaron Taliaferro
<i>CW&amp;W Greeter</i>	Kayla Mercil
<i>CW&amp;W Storyteller</i>	Genesis Bennie
<i>Church Closing</i>	Michael Rankin
<i>Program Builder</i>	Jeff Cody

### **February 23, 2025**

<i>Church Opening</i>	David Fennell
<i>Sacraments</i>	Diane Sympson
<i>Liturgist</i>	Ashley Bourgeois
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Rev. Tom Cody
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Brynleigh Comeaux
<i>Elder</i>	Ashley Bourgeois
<i>Greeter</i>	Kim Rankin
<i>Deacons</i>	Kim Rankin, Michael Rankin, Doug Shaffer, Tracy Shaffer
<i>Livestream</i>	Pam Jones
<i>Video Tech</i>	Greg Taliaferro
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf
<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>	Dr. Carol Madere



## First Christian Church

### *Disciples of Christ*

8484 Old Hammond Hwy.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809-1317  
225-926-4175 | [fccbrla.org](http://fccbrla.org)

**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 / Administrative Assistant*

Charles Riddle, *Facilities*

Website: [fccbrla.org](http://fccbrla.org) YouTube Video Channel: [youtube.com/fccbrla](https://youtube.com/fccbrla)

Facebook: [facebook.com/fccbrla](https://facebook.com/fccbrla) Twitter: [twitter.com/fccbrla](https://twitter.com/fccbrla)

Instagram: [instagram.com/fccbrla](https://instagram.com/fccbrla)

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