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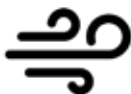


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March 2025 OUTREACH



OFF TO A GREAT START!

But those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint!

Isaiah 40:31



SOUTHEAST MINISTRIES!!

THANKS TO YOU our “Souper Bowl Sunday” food collection was a success!!! We collected 232 cans of soup and \$25 in additional funds as well, which were donated to Southeast Ministries. They were so appreciative. WIN/WIN!! **You’re #1.**

Our “pantry focus” for March is **condiments & jelly**. PLASTIC CONTAINERS ONLY PLEASE!



WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING 2025

A big “thank you” to everyone who contributed to our Week of Compassion special offering. We’ve received \$1,235.45 so far. You are making a difference, and your generosity is greatly appreciated!

COMING UP... BLOOD DRIVE APRIL 27th



We Want to Celebrate You!

March Birthdays

Phyllis Willis	03/02
Meredith Taliaferro	03/08
Brenda Hilgendorf	03/10
Gloria Giammanco	03/12
Ann Landry	03/13
Cora Cody	03/13
Helen Rankin	03/19
Flo Rink	03/20
Judy Lester	03/21
Charles Riddle	03/24
Ann Achord	03/25
Judy Albin	03/25
Sherry McInnis	03/27
Ernie Buhler	03/29
Michael Rankin	03/31

March Anniversaries

Dak & Sherry McInnis	03/09
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Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 2	Prayer Circle	11:00 a.m.
Sunday March 2	Women's Night Group Mtg	11:15 a.m.
Tuesday, March 4	Mardi Gras	Office Closed
Wednesday, March 5	Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 8	Men's Group Work Day	8am - 12 Noon
Sunday, March 9	Daylight Savings Time Begins	2:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 9	Outreach Meeting	11:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 16	Men's Group Meeting	11:00 a.m.
Sunday, March 16	FCC Book Club	11:15 a.m.
Tuesday, March 18	Board Meeting	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 22	Men's Group Parking Lot Striping	8am - Noon
Thursday, March 27	Disciples Women Meeting	9:30 a.m.
Saturday, March 29	Men's Group Parking Lot Striping	8am - Noon
Saturday, March 29	Pastor's Class	10:00 a.m.

New Administrative Assistant Kimberly Lax



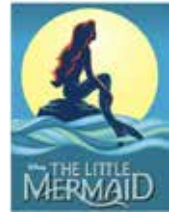
Kimberly is originally from Tennessee; her family moved to Louisiana when she 2-years-old. She has served in many professional positions for many years; and she obtained her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Administration. Kimberly, and her husband Allen, have two sons and a daughter-in-law. She enjoys watching movies, painting, scrapbooking, playing Pokemo, cheering for LSU, and spending time with her family. Stop by the office and say "Hello" and introduce yourself! Welcome aboard Kim!!

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS cont'd on page 4

March 30, 2025

Church Opening	David Fennell
Sacraments	Jerry Hilgendorf
Liturgist	Tony Fatta
Children's Moment	Rev. Tom Cody
Youth Reader	Leonardo Morgan
Elder	Carmen Jones
Greeter	Gene Schilf
Deacons	Gene Schilf, Esther Schilf, Carl Cotten, Alicia Levell
Livestream	Charles Riddle
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Sound Tech	Greg Taliaferro
CW&W Greeter	Shelly Cody
CW&W Storyteller	Lucy Cody
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You're Invited!



Nicolas Morgan would like to invite the church family to see his theatrical debut as Prince Eric in the St. Michael High School performance, *The Little Mermaid*. Showtimes are March 13 through March 15th, at 7p each night with a Matinee at 2p on Saturday as well. Hope to see you there.

To buy tickets, please go to <https://www.i2tickets.com/> This is the site SMHS uses for all its events. Create a new account if you have never used it. Click on St. Michael as your venue, then choose the date & time you would like to attend. You'll receive a confirmation email when you're done. Show Grams are on sale using this link: <https://forms.diamondmindinc.com/smhsbr/grams25>



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.

Welcome New Member

Kendall Theunissen joined with our church family in membership on Sunday, February 9th. Welcome Kendall!!



Daylight Savings Time March 9th @ 2:00 a.m.



Don't forget to set your clocks **AHEAD** one hour so you'll be on time for church!!

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.

MEN OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH – IT'S TIME TO RISE!

After a brief five-year hiatus, the Men's Group of First Christian Church Disciples of Christ of Baton Rouge is back—and we want YOU to be part of something powerful!

This isn't just another church group; this is a **brotherhood**—a movement of men committed to:

- **Growing** our church in faith and membership
- **Serving** as a fundraising arm to support our church's mission
- **Living** with compassion, love, and a heart for service—to God, our church, and our community

Whether you're new to FCCBR or have been here for years, this is your chance to connect, lead, and make a lasting impact. Join us for fellowship, faith-building, and meaningful service! Any man interested in participating in the FCCBR men's group should reach out to the group's leaders, Dr. Trey Earle (email: tearle76@gmail.com) or Mr. James Morgan (email: morganjames92@yahoo.com)

Upcoming FCCBR men's group service/fellowship/fundraising events on the FCCBR campus:

- 1) **Campus parking lot clean-up day:** Saturday, March 8, 2025 (8 AM – Noon)
- 2) **West-side parking lot restriping day:** Saturday, March 22, 2025 (8 AM - Noon)
- 3) **East-side parking lot restriping day:** Saturday, March 29, 2025 (8 AM - Noon)
- 4) **Pastor Day of Honor Crawfish Boil:** Sunday, May 4, 2025 (following service)
- 5) **Mother's Day Breakfast:** Sunday, May 11, 2025

Brotherhood. Service. Faith. Be part of something greater—be part of the FCC Men's Group!



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



On February 9, we collected canned goods to be donated to Southeast Ministries Food Pantry. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we were able to donate **232 cans of soup plus a \$25 monetary donation.** Thank you so much!!



Congratulations to Aaron Turnipseed

Aaron Turnipseed, Director of Music, was recognized in the February issue of St. Tammany's community magazine, Tangi Lifestyles, in the "Best of the Best" article in the High School Teacher category. Aaron is the band teacher at Hammond High Magnet School. Way to go Aaron!!



Are You Graduating???

Please let the church office know if you are graduating in May or if you graduated in December 2024. We will have a recognition service in May to honor all our graduates! Please be sure to include which school you are graduating from, what your future plans are, and any honors that you received. If you have any questions please contact Kim Lax in the church office.

Lectionary Readings: March 1-31, 2025 (Year C)

- **Saturday, March 01:** Psalm 99; Deuteronomy 9:15-24; Luke 10:21-24;
- **Sunday, March 02:** Psalm 99; 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-33a;
- **Monday, March 03:** Psalm 35:11-28; Exodus 35:1-29; Acts 10:9-23a;
- **Tuesday, March 04:** Psalm 35:11-28; Ezekiel 1:1; 2:1; Acts 10:23b-33;
- **Wednesday, March 05:** Psalm 51:1-17; Isaiah 58:1-12; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10;
- **Thursday, March 06:** Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Exodus 5:10-23; Acts 7:30-34;
- **Friday, March 07:** Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Exodus 6:1-13; Acts 7:35-42;
- **Saturday, March 08:** Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; John 12:27-36;
- **Sunday, March 09:** Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13;
- **Monday, March 10:** Psalm 17; 1 Chronicles 21:1-17; 1 John 2:1-6;
- **Tuesday, March 11:** Psalm 17; Zechariah 3:1-10; 2 Peter 2:4-21;
- **Wednesday, March 12:** Psalm 17; Job 1:1-22; Luke 21:34-22:6;
- **Thursday, March 13:** Psalm 27; Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18; Philippians 3:2-12;
- **Friday, March 14:** Psalm 27; Genesis 14:17-24; Philippians 3:17-20;
- **Saturday, March 15:** Psalm 27; Psalm 118:26-29; Matthew 23:37-39;
- **Sunday, March 16:** Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35;
- **Monday, March 17:** Psalm 105:1-42; Exodus 33:1-6; Romans 4:1-12;
- **Tuesday, March 18:** Psalm 105:1-42; Numbers 14:10b-24; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13;
- **Wednesday, March 19:** Psalm 105:1-42; 2 Chronicles 20:1-22; Luke 13:22-31;
- **Thursday, March 20:** Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 2:8-11;
- **Friday, March 21:** Psalm 63:1-8; Daniel 12:1-4; Revelation 3:1-6;
- **Saturday, March 22:** Psalm 63:1-8; Isaiah 5:1-7; Luke 6:43-45;
- **Sunday, March 23:** Psalm 63:1-8; I Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9;
- **Monday, March 24:** Psalm 39; Jeremiah 11:1-17; Romans 2:1-11;
- **Tuesday, March 25:** Psalm 39; Ezekiel 17:1-10; Romans 2:12-16;
- **Wednesday, March 26:** Psalm 39; Numbers 13:17-27; Luke 13:18-21;
- **Thursday, March 27:** Psalm 32; Joshua 4:1-13; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:5;
- **Friday, March 28:** Psalm 32; Joshua 4:14-24; 2 Corinthians 5:6-15;
- **Saturday, March 29:** Psalm 32; Exodus 32:7-14; Luke 15:1-10;
- **Sunday, March 30:** Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32;
- **Monday, March 31:** Psalm 53; Leviticus 23:26-41; Revelation 19:1-8;





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),"* I 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 March 16th right after church. All are welcome even if you haven't finished the book yet. Suggestions for books for us to read are also welcome. Please contact Carol Madere if you have any questions.



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:

JD & Judy Albin, JP Averette, Ann Baskin, the family of Nancy Chapaneri, Jody Chrisope, Marjorie Clark, Rev. Tom & 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, Joann Taliaferro, Phyllis Willis

Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

the family of Lois Elmore, Christy Fontenot, Don Fontenot, Jim Jablonski, Jerry & Terry Johnson



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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

March 2, 2025

<i>Church Opening</i>	Michael Rankin
<i>Sacraments</i>	Jerry Hilgendorf
<i>Liturgist</i>	Michael Wilson
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Ashley Bourgeois
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Brynleigh Comeaux
<i>Elder</i>	Rev. Tom Cody
<i>Greeter</i>	Alicia Levell
<i>Deacons</i>	Gene Schilf, Esther Schilf, Carl Cotten, Alicia Levell
<i>Livestream</i>	Aaron Taliaferro
<i>Video Tech</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Carmen Jones
<i>CW&W Greeter</i>	Genesis Bennie
<i>CW&W Storyteller</i>	Lucy Cody
<i>Church Closing</i>	James Morgan
<i>Program Builder</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf

March 9, 2025

<i>Church Opening</i>	James Morgan
<i>Sacraments</i>	Jerry Hilgendorf
<i>Liturgist</i>	Anderson Krupala
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Nancy Fatta
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Leonardo Morgan
<i>Elder</i>	Donna Embree
<i>Greeter</i>	James Morgan
<i>Deacons</i>	Jeff Cody, James Morgan, Kristin Morgan, Cathi Pourciau
<i>Livestream</i>	Daniel Dickey
<i>Video Tech</i>	Michael Rankin
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Tony Fatta
<i>CW&W Greeter</i>	Pam Comeaux
<i>CW&W Storyteller</i>	Dr. Carol Madere
<i>Church Closing</i>	Jeff Cody
<i>Program Builder</i>	Michael Rankin

March 16, 2025

<i>Church Opening</i>	Jerry Hilgendorf
<i>Sacraments</i>	Jerry Hilgendorf
<i>Liturgist</i>	Pam Comeaux
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Chris Culp
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Brynleigh Comeaux
<i>Elder</i>	Nancy Fatta
<i>Greeter</i>	Tony Babin
<i>Deacons</i>	Ed Atkins, Tony Babin, Anderson Krupala, Greg Taliaferro
<i>Livestream</i>	Frank Dickinson
<i>Video Tech</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Jeff Cody
<i>CW&W Greeter</i>	Leonardo Morgan
<i>CW&W Storyteller</i>	Kristin Morgan
<i>Church Closing</i>	Jerry Hilgendorf
<i>Program Builder</i>	Jill Brian

March 23, 2025

<i>Church Opening</i>	Charles Riddle
<i>Sacraments</i>	Jerry Hilgendorf
<i>Liturgist</i>	Vicki Krupala
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Pam Comeaux
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Cora Cody
<i>Elder</i>	Tony Fatta
<i>Greeter</i>	Michael Rankin
<i>Deacons</i>	Kim Rankin, Michael Rankin, Doug Shaffer, Tracy Shaffer
<i>Livestream</i>	Anderson Krupala
<i>Video Tech</i>	Greg Taliaferro
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Pam Jones
<i>CW&W Greeter</i>	Kayla Mercil
<i>CW&W Storyteller</i>	Genesis Bennie
<i>Church Closing</i>	Nancy Fatta
<i>Program Builder</i>	Jeff Cody



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Minister's Hours: Wed. 4-7 pm; Sat. 10:30 am-1:00 pm, and by appointment

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Brenda Hilgendorf, *Bookkeeper / Administrative Assistant*

Charles Riddle, *Facilities*

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