

# First Christian Caller

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## "MAY" We Be A Giving People!



### Southeast Ministries

In honor of Mother's Day, our "pantry focus items" for May are feminine products, depends, diapers, deodorant, & wet ones. Other needed items are mac & cheese, spaghetti & sauce, jelly, cornbread mix, and canned peas. (\*Note: **peas** are the ONLY vegetable item needed at this time.) Donations should be placed in the shopping cart, which will be on the chancel near the pulpit on the second Tuesday of the month (May 11 th ), or in the Narthex on other Sundays. *\* One hundred and fifty items were delivered on our last transit, THANKS! \**



### Blood Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated blood on Sunday April 27th. Seven pints of blood were donated, 100% made from the WOMEN of our church. (You GEAUX GIRLS!) *\* Donations straight from the heart!\**

### LEAF - Louisiana Empowerment Advocacy

\*Note: the May 8 th meeting was cancelled by the organizers.

### Men's Group

FCC would like to thank the Men's Group (James Morgan, Leo Morgan, Jerry Hilgendorf, Trey Earle, Daniel Dickey, Harold Choate, and Kendall Theunissen) that painted our parking lot.

***Wonderful JOB!!***



## We Want to Celebrate You!

### May Birthdays

Pam Comeaux	May 1st
Amy Taliaferro	May 3rd
Ollie Morgan	May 4th
James Morgan	May 5th
Aaron Turnipseed	May 5th
Claire Sanders	May 9th
Daniel Dickey	May 10th
Alicia Levell	May 15th
Tony Babin	May 17th
James Krupala	May 20th
Dak McInnis	May 20th
Marie Ladner	May 29th
Tony Fatta	May 30th
Nathan Tipton	May 30th
Ron Blackburn	May 31st

### May Anniversaries

Trey and Brandi Earle	May 4th
Doug and Tracy Shaffer	May 15th
Ron and Dora Blackburn	May 24th



## Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 4th	Pastor Appreciation Day / Luncheon	10:00 am
Sunday, May 11th	Mother's Day	
Tuesday, May 13th	Finance Committee	6:30 pm
Sunday, May 18th	Prayer Circle	11:00 am
Sunday, May 18th	FCC Book Club (Jason's Deli)	11:15 am
Tuesday, May 20th	Board Meeting (Youth Building)	6:30 pm
Thursday, May 22nd	Disciples Women (Youth Building)	9:30 am
Thursday, May 22nd	Sisters in Christ (Parlor)	6:00 pm
Saturday, May 25th	Memorial Day Sunday and Graduate Recognition Day	10:00 am



## April 2025 OUTREACH (cont. from page 2)



### DISASTER RELIEF SERVICE PROJECT

Week of Compassion and the DoC Great River Region are partnering with “Rolling Fork Rising” to build new homes and create opportunities for home ownership for renters displaced by the EF-4 tornado that devastated Rolling Fork, MS in 2023. Work trip space is still available for the week May 25-31. The maximum group size is 20. Minimum age of participation is 14 years. (\*Note: there must be 2 adults for every 5 minors.) Volunteers will be housed at the First Baptist Church of Rolling Fork, in classrooms that have been converted into bunk rooms. Meals will be prepared by the group. There is a registration cost of \$50/person/week. Space is limited, so please contact Judy Lester 225-221-4478 or the church office as soon as you can if you are interested in participating.

On-going Disaster Preparedness & Relief Planning:

Funding cuts to FEMA make disaster planning by private institutions more critical than ever. If you have any interest in being involved with disaster preparedness planning, or disaster response for our congregation or region, please contact Judy Lester, Outreach Chair, for more information on how you can get involved!

Areas of involvement include, but are not limited to:

1. Early crisis response (support in the immediate aftermath)
2. Crisis Emotional Support (adult & children's support)
3. Rebuild teams
4. Local preparedness planning

### COMING UP:

JUN/JUL/AUG – School Tools drive, in conjunction with VBS – culminating with our “Blessing of the Backpack” worship service on Sunday, August 3rd. “Blessing of the Backpack” worship service on Sunday, August 3rd .

## Easter Egg Hunt and Petting Zoo

Many thanks to all who came out for the church's annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19th. We hosted 21 children and 28 adults. The petting zoo from Couillon Cluckers Farm was a big hit, as well as the crafts and yummy Easter snacks in a beautifully decorated Fellowship Hall. The efforts of Nancy Fatta, Ashley Bourgeois, Kristin Morgan, and Charles Riddle were much appreciated.



## Thank you!

To those who volunteered to help with preparation, fellowship hall set-up, decorating, making centerpieces, kitchen duties, receiving & setting out food, and clean-up for our Palm Sunday Luncheon and the Easter Continental Breakfast. We would like to extend a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to such AMAZING HELPERS: Nancy Fatta, Beverly Weselak, Tony Babin, Jeff Judice, Cathy Pourciau, Charles Riddle, Alicia Levell, Carl

## The Last Days of Judas Iscariot

30 x Ninety, a community theater in Mandeville, is performing "The Last Days of Judas" on April 26 - May 11. It is a powerful, thought-provoking play that explores deep themes of faith, redemption, justice, and the human condition. It contains some profanity and explicit dialogue. Sin, morality, and historical betrayals are explored in depth. Tickets for adults are \$22; for seniors and military, \$20; and for children, \$13. Please contact Carol Madere at [cmmadere@gmail.com](mailto:cmmadere@gmail.com) if you would like to go as a group from First Christian Church.



## May Worship Events

### Mother's Day

On Sunday, *May 11th* we will recognize our Mothers during the worship service. Our Mothers will be given a small token of our appreciation and will also be honored with a special tribute.

### Board Meeting

A Board Meeting has been called for Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30pm in the Youth Building. All Board Members and Committee Chairs are requested to attend. This is an open meeting and all interested parties are welcome.

*Tony Fatta, Board Chair*

### Thank you!

A special thanks from me to all who participated in bringing our worship ideas to life this Easter season. *Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor, the Technology Committee (programmers, audio techs, video techs, livestream techs and Chair, Brenda Hilgendorf), Music Department (Aaron, Earl, the Choir members, special musicians), Elders, Deacons, Liturgists, and Children's Moment presenters, and my special readers (actors).* I appreciate your support and help in bringing meaningful worship to our congregation.

*Nancy Fatta, Worship Chair*

### A Wonderful Easter Season

I am thrilled that our church had such a wonderful and meaningful Easter season. There were a number of worship and social events for our congregation to take part in: **Worship:** Children's palm parade, Baptisms, Easter Cantata, Maundy Thursday Service, Easter Service. **Church Growth:** Children's Easter Party including an Easter egg hunt and petting zoo. **Hospitality:** Palm Sunday Fellowship Luncheon, Easter Sunday Breakfast **Outreach:** Food was collected and delivered to Southeast Ministries Food Bank. *Thank you to the Committee Chairs and all who participated in presenting these events.*



Update on our fountain in memory of  
*Jeff Weeks*

# Church Fellowship Events

## Graduation Sunday

On Sunday, May 25th we will be recognizing our members who are graduating from High School and College. The year' honorees are:



**JENNA CARBALLO**  
**ANDERSON KRUPALA**  
**LILLI GRIFFIN**  
**TYLER LAX**  
**KAYLA MERCIL**  
**AARON TALIAFERRO**

## Church Growth Meeting, Sunday, May 25th

Please meet in the Fellowship Hall meeting room immediately after church to finalize plans for the Pentecost Sunday Big Birthday Bash on June 8th.

## Save the Date!

**Vacation Bible School** will be here before you know it. Save *July 14-18*, 9 to 11:30 a.m. for your children and grandchildren to take a road trip with God. Ages 4-11. Register by calling the church office at 225-926-4175 or emailing [churchoffice@fccbrla.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccbrla.org).

## Vacation Bible School Organizational Meeting - June 1

An organizational meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall immediately following church on Sunday, June 1 to prepare for Vacation Bible School. If you are interested in helping with snacks, recreation, crafts, or just making sure the kids have a great time, WE NEED YOU! Please contact **Carol Madere** at 225-931-4413 or [cmmadere@gmail.com](mailto:cmmadere@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## Pastor Appreciation Day

The Pastoral Relations Committee (*Nancy Fatta, Lisa Fennell, Diane Sympson & Vicki Krupala*) would like to invite everyone to show their gratitude for Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor during our first annual 'Pastor Appreciation Day', on Sunday, May 4th. A special worship service will recognize the work of our pastor, followed by a delicious 'crawfish boil' hosted by the Men's Group. The congregation is encouraged to shower Rev. Dr. Minor with appreciation through personal cards, letters, text messages, gifts, artwork, etc. before, during and/or after the worship service and crawfish boil. Join us in thanking Reverend Minor for his uplifting work with our congregation and in the Baton Rouge community!

\*Letters to Rev. Dr. Minor may be mailed to: 8484 Old Hammond Hwy., Baton Rouge, LA. 70809. \*Text messages to Rev. Dr. Minor may be sent to: 504-912-7378. Please contact **Vicki Krupala** at 225-328-2461, or [jvkrupala@cox.net](mailto:jvkrupala@cox.net) with any questions.

## Lectionary Readings: May 1 - 31, 2025 (YEAR C)

Thursday, May 01, 2025: Psalm 30; Isaiah 5:11-17; Revelation 3:14-22;  
Friday, May 02, 2025: Psalm 30; Isaiah 6:1-4; Revelation 4:1-11;  
Saturday, May 03, 2025: Psalm 30; Genesis 18:1-8; Luke 14:12-14;  
Sunday, May 04, 2025: Acts 9:1-6, (7-20), Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11-14;  
Monday, May 05, 2025: Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:1-25; Acts 9:19b-31;  
Tuesday, May 06, 2025: Psalm 121; Ezekiel 1:26-2:1; Acts 26:1-18;  
Wednesday, May 07, 2025: Psalm 121; Isaiah 6:1-8; Luke 5:1-11;  
Thursday, May 08, 2025: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 11:1-25; Revelation 5:1-10;  
Friday, May 09, 2025: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 20:39-44; Revelation 6:1-7:4;  
Saturday, May 10, 2025: Psalm 23; Ezekiel 28:25-26; Luke 12:29-32;  
Sunday, May 11, 2025: Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9-17;  
Monday, May 12, 2025: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 37:15-28; Revelation 15:1-4;  
Tuesday, May 13, 2025: Psalm 100; Ezekiel 45:1-9; Acts 9:32-35;  
Wednesday, May 14, 2025: Psalm 100; Jeremiah 50:17-20; John 10:31-42;  
Thursday, May 15, 2025: Psalm 148; Ezekiel 2:8-3:11; Revelation 10:1-11;  
Friday, May 16, 2025: Psalm 148; Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 11:15;  
Saturday, May 17, 2025: Psalm 148; Daniel 7:27; Revelation 11:16-19;  
Sunday, May 18, 2025: Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1-6;  
Monday, May 19, 2025: Psalm 133; 1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42; Acts 11:19-26;  
Tuesday, May 20, 2025: Psalm 133; 2 Samuel 1:4-27; Acts 11:27-30;  
Wednesday, May 21, 2025: Psalm 133; Leviticus 19:9-18; Luke 10:25-28;  
Thursday, May 22, 2025: Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:1-5; Acts 15:36-41;  
Friday, May 23, 2025: Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:6-8; Acts 16:1-8;  
Saturday, May 24, 2025: Psalm 67; Proverbs 2:9-15; Luke 19:1-10;  
Sunday, May 25, 2025: Acts 16:9-15, Psalm 67, Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5;  
Monday, May 26, 2025: Psalm 93; 1 Chronicles 12:16-22; Revelation 21:5-14;  
Tuesday, May 27, 2025: Psalm 93; 2 Chronicles 15:1-15; Revelation 21:15-22;  
Wednesday, May 28, 2025: Psalm 93; 2 Chronicles 34:20-33; Luke 2:25-38;  
Thursday, May 29, 2025: Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47, Psalm 93;  
Friday, May 30, 2025: Psalm 97; Exodus 33:12-17; Revelation 22:6-9;  
Saturday, May 31, 2025: 1 Samuel 2:1-10, Psalm 113, Romans 12:9-16b;







## 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,

## 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.



## Next Book Club Meeting

The next FCC Book Club meeting will be at Jason's Deli on May 18th at 11:15 a.m. The book for this session is *"The House of My Mother"*, by Shari Franke. 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](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, Jody Chrisope, Marjorie Clark, Martha Denova, George & Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Rev. Frank & Jane Johnson, Marie Ladner, David Landry & Family, Allen Lax, BJ McRae, Helen Mitchener, Jerry Moses, family of Jennifer Netterville, Helen Rankin, Ruth Riddle, Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Scott Sanders, Phyllis Willis

Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

Donald Bihm, Lindsey Bihm, JoAnn Doom, Christy Fontenot, Judy Heacock, Patty Hubeny, Jim Jablonski, Jerry & Terry Johnson, Theresa Pasanovic, Randall Priester, Debbie Riddle.



## 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

### **May 4, 2025**

<i>Church Opening</i>	David Fennell
<i>Sacraments</i>	Beverly Weselak
<i>Liturgist</i>	Michael Rankin
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Michael Rankin
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Leonardo Morgan
<i>Elder</i>	Rev. Dak McInnis
<i>Greeter</i>	Gene Schilf
<i>Deacons</i>	Esther Schilf, Gene Schilf, Carl Cotten, Alicia Levell
<i>Livestream</i>	Nicolas Morgan
<i>Video Tech</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Pam Jones
<i>CW&amp;W Greeter</i>	Kayla Mercil
<i>CW&amp;W Storyteller</i>	Gensis Bennie
<i>Church Closing</i>	Jerry Hilgendorf
<i>Program Builder</i>	Dr. Carol Madere

### **May 18, 2025**

<i>Church Opening</i>	James Morgan
<i>Sacraments</i>	Beverly Weselak
<i>Liturgist</i>	Carmon Jones
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Nancy Fatta
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Brynleigh Comeaux
<i>Elder</i>	Rev. Tom Cody
<i>Greeter</i>	Greg Taliaferro
<i>Deacons</i>	Ed Atkins, Tony Babin, Anderson Krupala, Greg Taliaferro
<i>Livestream</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf
<i>Video Tech</i>	Frank Dickinson
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Tony Fatta
<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>	Michael Rankin

### **May 11, 2025**

<i>Church Opening</i>	Michael Rankin
<i>Sacraments</i>	Beverly Weselak
<i>Liturgist</i>	Nancy Fatta
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Pam Comeaux
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Cora Cody
<i>Elder</i>	Donna Embree
<i>Greeter</i>	Cathi Pourciau
<i>Deacons</i>	Jeff Cody, James & Kristin Morgan, Cathi Pourciau
<i>Livestream</i>	Anderson Krupala
<i>Video Tech</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Jeff Cody
<i>CW&amp;W Greeter</i>	Pam Comeaux
<i>CW&amp;W Storyteller</i>	Dr. Carol Madere
<i>Church Closing</i>	Nancy Fatta
<i>Program Builder</i>	Jill Brian

### **May 25, 2025**

<i>Church Opening</i>	Jerry Hilgendorf
<i>Sacraments</i>	Beverly Weselak
<i>Liturgist</i>	Lucy Cody
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Chris Culp
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Cora Cody
<i>Elder</i>	Ashley Bourgeois
<i>Greeter</i>	Dr. Tracy Shaffer
<i>Deacons</i>	Kim & Michael Rankin, Doug & Tracy Shaffer
<i>Livestream</i>	Frank Dickinson
<i>Video Tech</i>	Jeffy Cody
<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>	Michael Rankin
<i>Program Builder</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf



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

## **CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION AND ONLINE LINKS:**

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**Church Office Hours:** Monday through Thursday  
9am - 3 pm

**The Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor**, Senior Minister

**email:** [churchoffice@fccbrrla.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccbrrla.org)

**Minister's Hours:** Wednesday: 4:00 - 7:00 pm  
Saturday: 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 / Human Resources

**Charles Riddle**, Facilities

**Kimberly Lax**, Administrative Assistant

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