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Enjoy summer, but don't take a vacation from **HELPING!**



Southeast Ministries

** 120 items were delivered on our last transit. THANKS! **

In honor of Father's Day, our "pantry focus items" for June are **shaving supplies, deodorant, bath soap/wash, toothbrush & paste**. Other needed items are mac & cheese, spaghetti & sauce, jelly, cornbread mix, and canned peas. Donations should be placed in the shopping cart. (*Note: the cart is located on the chancel area near the pulpit on the 2nd Sunday, or in the Narthex on other Sundays.)

Southeast Ministries is in critical need of **volunteers**, especially to fill leadership roles on the Board, but also in working in the pantry itself. Please consider if you might be called to lend a hand with this very important local ministry! Contact Judy Lester for more information.

SCHOOL TOOLS

JUNE/JULY/AUGUST – We will be collecting school supplies during June and July which will be given to children in need through the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) organization. A list of supplies will be published soon. The children attending our VBS program will be invited to participate, as a means of learning the principles of God's "multiplying the gift" and "blessing the giver". The donation drive will culminate on August 3rd...as part of our own back-to-school "Blessing of the Backpacks" worship service.



We Want to Celebrate You!

June Birthdays

Diane Sympson	June 03
Lucy Cody	June 04
Devan Dasch	June 12
Frank Johnson	June 13
Pam Jones	June 15
Peggy Bourgeois	June 19
George Cochran	June 20
Jerry Hilgendorf	June 21
Michael Elmore	June 21
Tom Cody	June 23
Jill Brian	June 26
Bruce Weselak	June 29
Harmony Murrell	June 30
Sammy Gibson	June 30

June Anniversaries

Brandon & Laurie Wilson	June 01
Kelly & Gladys Runnels	June 09
Mark & GayLynn Willis	June 11
James & Vicki Krupala	June 14
Chris & Rhonda Culp	June 24
Jerry & Brenda Hilgendorf	June 26
Paul Foster & Nathan Tipton	June 26
John Englesman & Cathi Pourciau	June 26
Charlie & Sally Bremer	June 29

Pastor Appreciation Day -- Thank You!!

Our first annual Pastor Appreciation Day was a complete success: **THANK YOU** to members of the Men's Group

and Worship-Hospitality-Pastoral Relations Committees for your collaborative efforts in organizing such an amazing worship service and crawfish luncheon in honor of Rev. Dedrick Minor! A special thanks goes out to congregation members who offered their appreciation of Rev. Minor in a variety of meaningful ways. It was wonderful to be able to celebrate our incredible pastor with our extremely generous congregation on Sunday May 4!!! -- Vicki Krupala, Pastoral Relations Chair

Upcoming Events in June

Sunday – June 1st	Prayer Circle	11:00 am
Sunday – June 1st	VBS Planning Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	11:00 am
Saturday – June 7th	Work Day (Playground)	8:00 am
Sunday – June 8th	Pentecost Sunday, Bring a Friend Birthday Bash, Luncheon	
Sunday – June 15th	Father's Day	
Sunday – June 22nd	Outreach Committee Meeting (FH)	11:00 am
Wednesday - June 25th	FCC Book Club (Jason's Deli on Corporate Blvd)	5:00 p.m.
Thursday - June 26th	Disciples Women (Youth Building)	9:30 a.m.
Thursday - June 26th	Sisters in Christ (FH)	6:00 p.m.



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DISASTER RELIEF SERVICE PROJECT

Please consider giving an extra donation to Week of Compassion to help those impacted by recent severe storms in St. Louis, Kentucky, Missouri, Oklahoma, and elsewhere.

On-going Disaster Preparedness & Relief Planning:

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 SOON: Search for gently used *musical instruments*.

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 if you have any questions.

NEW DIGITAL SIGN

The Board has received and accepted a bid from LED, Inc. for the addition of a new digital message section for the sign in the front of our property. Work will begin on this project and be completed before the summer is over.

Thank you so much to **Michael Rankin** for chairing the AdHoc Committee for this project. We hope this enhancement to our sign will help attract more people to our church to find the great things that are happening inside.

COMING SOON: THE 2025 CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Ever wondered who that nice couple is sitting in front of you in church? Or the name of that man who always speaks to you when you come in? Well, soon, you'll be able to consult your new church pictorial directory and even an app on your phone to know instantly who your fellow church members are. (Yes, the church directory will also be available online for the first time!) We are securing the dates and will provide additional information in next month's newsletter!

There will be a table in the narthex in early August for you to reserve your time slot and online sign-up as well. Make plans now to be included in the 2025 Church Pictorial Directory!

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY ON SUNDAY, JUNE 29

with special music and decor.

Bring on the Red, White, and Blue to honor our country
and what it stands for. ONE NATION UNDER GOD!



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@fccbirla.org.

Worship Events

Father's Day

On Sunday, June 15th we will recognize our Fathers during the worship service. Our Fathers will be given a small token of our appreciation and will also be honored with a special tribute.

Resignations and Appointments

It is with great regret that the following resignations have been accepted due to health reasons: Tom Cody has stepped down as Elder and Children's Moment presenter. Lucy Cody has stepped down as Education Chair, Worship & Wonder storyteller, and Liturgist.

The following appointments have been made by the Board Chair and Worship Chair: Frank Dickinson as Elder (replacing Tom Cody); Shelly Cody & Carol Madere as Co-Education Chairs (replacing Lucy Cody); Lorrinda Dickinson as Liturgist (replacing Lucy Cody); Alicia Levell as Liturgist (replacing Nancy Chapaneri).

Baptism of Alicia Levell on May 25th



Congratulations Alicia!!

SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS (cont'd from Page 11)

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

June 29, 2025

<i>Church Opening</i>	Jerry Hilgendorf
<i>Sacraments</i>	Lisa Fennell
<i>Liturgist</i>	Pam Comeaux
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Nancy Fatta
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Brynleigh Comeaux
<i>Elder</i>	Sherry McInnis
<i>Greeter</i>	Kristin Morgan
<i>Deacons</i>	Jeff Cody, James & Kristin Morgan, Cathi Pourciau
<i>Livestream</i>	Nicolas Morgan
<i>Video Tech</i>	Frank Dickinson
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Pam Jones
<i>CW&W Greeter</i>	N/A
<i>CW&W Storyteller</i>	N/A
<i>Church Closing</i>	Nancy Fatta
<i>Program Builder</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf

Church Fellowship Events



"Pentecost"
"Bring a Friend Sunday"
"Birthday Bash"
"Luncheon"

Be Sure to Wear Red on Pentecost Sunday - June 8

A celebration of Pentecost will be held on Sunday, June 8 at 11 am. Pentecost is the day the Holy Spirit filled the disciples and helped them begin their global mission. In Acts 2:1-4, we read these words about the first Pentecost:

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly, a sound like a rushing wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what looked like tongues of fire that separated and landed on each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them ability."

According to the Bible, over 3,000 people were added to the church that day. That's why it's considered the birthday of the church.

The Church Growth Committee would like you to **"bring a friend"** to church. This will remind us of the excitement and commitment the disciples felt on the first Pentecost.

***Everyone is asked to bring an entrée and / or a side dish for the luncheon.
Bread and beverages will be provided by the church.***

Please text/call Vicki Krupala, Hospitality Chair, at 225-328-2461; or Carol Madere, Church Growth Chair, at 225-921-, with any questions.



Note: There will be a Photo Spot in the Fellowship Hall to take selfies with your friends. Also, upload these photos to Kim Lax at churchoffice@fccbrla.org to be published in the July newsletter.

Lectionary Readings: June 1 - 30, 2025 (YEAR C)

- **Sunday, June 01:** Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97, John 17:20-26
- **Monday, June 02:** Psalm 29; Exodus 40:16-38; Acts 16:35-40
- **Tuesday, June 03:** Psalm 29; 2 Chronicles 5:2-14; Acts 26:19-29
- **Wednesday, June 04:** Psalm 29; Ezekiel 3:12-21; Luke 9:18-27
- **Thursday, June 05:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 32:11-17; Galatians 5:16-25
- **Friday, June 06:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Isaiah 44:1-4; Galatians 6:7-10
- **Saturday, June 07:** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; 2 Kings 2:1-15a; Luke 1:5-17
- **Sunday, June 08:** Acts 2:1-21, Genesis 11:1-9, Romans 8:14-17
- **Monday, June 09:** Psalm 48; Joel 2:18-29; 1 Corinthians 2:1-11
- **Tuesday, June 10:** Psalm 48; Ezekiel 11:14-25; 1 Corinthians 2:12-16
- **Wednesday, June 11:** Psalm 48; Numbers 24:1-14; Luke 1:26-38
- **Thursday, June 12:** Psalm 8; Proverbs 3:13-18; Ephesians 1:17-19
- **Friday, June 13:** Psalm 8; Proverbs 3:19-26; Ephesians 4:1-6
- **Saturday, June 14:** Psalm 8; Proverbs 4:1-9; Luke 2:41-52
- **Sunday, June 15:** Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15
- **Monday, June 16:** Psalm 124; Proverbs 7:1-4; Ephesians 4:7-16
- **Tuesday, June 17:** Psalm 124; Proverbs 8:4-21; Ephesians 5:15-20
- **Wednesday, June 18:** Psalm 124; Daniel 1:1-21; Luke 1:46b-55
- **Thursday, June 19:** Psalm 42 and 43; Genesis 24:1-21; Romans 2:17-29
- **Friday, June 20:** Psalm 42 and 43; Job 6:14-30; Galatians 3:15-22
- **Saturday, June 21:** Psalm 42 and 43; Proverbs 11:3-13; Matthew 9:27-34
- **Sunday, June 22:** Psalm 42 & 43, Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39
- **Monday, June 23:** Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:1-13; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- **Tuesday, June 24:** Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:14-26; Ephesians 2:11-22
- **Wednesday, June 25:** Psalm 59; 2 Kings 9:30-37; Luke 9:37-43a
- **Thursday, June 26:** Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 1 Kings 22:29-40, 51-53;
2 Corinthians 13:5-10
- **Friday, June 27:** Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 2 Kings 1:1-12; Galatians 4:8-20
- **Saturday, June 28:** Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20; 2 Kings 1:13-18; 2:3-5; Luke 9:21-27
- **Sunday, June 29:** Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62
- **Monday, June 30:** Psalm 75; 2 Kings 2:15-22; 1 John 2:7-11





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

We will meet on June 1 following the service. We meet on the first Sunday of every month for only ten minutes. Please consider joining us for this brief but meaningful time of prayer.



More prayers = more answered prayers.

FCC Book Club Meeting

The next FCC Book Club meeting will be on Wednesday, June 25th at Jason's Deli (Corporate Blvd.) at 5 p.m. We're reading "Light of the Ark" by James Bonk. **Summary:** *When Matthew Light inherits a fragment of the Ark of the Covenant he's thrust into an ancient spiritual war. As he grapples with his newfound responsibility and growth faith, a sinister cult threatens everything he holds dear. Early comments by book club members indicate it's a real page-turner.*

Be sure to note change of day for the meeting - **Wednesday** instead of Sunday. We're trying something new for those who have difficulty attending on Sunday.

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, Jody Chrisope, Marjorie Clark, Martha Denova, George & Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Rev. Frank & Jane Johnson, Marie Ladner, Allen Lax, BJ McRae, Helen Mitchener, Margaret Moore, Jerry Moses, 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, John Nguyen, Theresa Pasanovic, Randall Priestler, Debbie Riddle.



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June 1, 2025

<i>Church Opening</i>	Charles Riddle
<i>Sacraments</i>	Lisa Fennell
<i>Liturgist</i>	Alicia Levell
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Ashley Bourgeois
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Leonardo Morgan
<i>Elder</i>	Nancy Fatta
<i>Greeter</i>	Carl Cotten
<i>Deacons</i>	Esther Schilf, Gene Schilf, Carl Cotten, Alicia Levell
<i>Livestream</i>	Charles Riddle
<i>Video Tech</i>	Michael Rankin
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf
<i>CW&W Greeter</i>	N/A
<i>CW&W Storyteller</i>	N/A
<i>Church Closing</i>	Charles Riddle
<i>Program Builder</i>	Jeff Cody

June 15, 2025

<i>Church Opening</i>	Michael Rankin
<i>Sacraments</i>	Lisa Fennell
<i>Liturgist</i>	Dr. Trey Earle
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Judy Lester
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Cora Cody
<i>Elder</i>	Carmen Jones
<i>Greeter</i>	Ed Atkins
<i>Deacons</i>	Ed Atkins, Tony Babin, Greg Taliaferro
<i>Livestream</i>	Michael Rankin
<i>Video Tech</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Tony Fatta
<i>CW&W Greeter</i>	N/A
<i>CW&W Storyteller</i>	N/A
<i>Church Closing</i>	Jeff Cody
<i>Program Builder</i>	Jill Brian

June 8, 2025

<i>Church Opening</i>	David Fennell
<i>Sacraments</i>	Lisa Fennell
<i>Liturgist</i>	Ashley Bourgeois
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Pam Comeaux
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Leonardo Morgan
<i>Elder</i>	Tony Fatta
<i>Greeter</i>	Jeff Cody
<i>Deacons</i>	Jeff Cody, James & Kristin Morgan, Cathi Pourciau
<i>Livestream</i>	Daniel Dickey
<i>Video Tech</i>	Brenda Hilgendorf
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Greg Taliaferro
<i>CW&W Greeter</i>	N/A
<i>CW&W Storyteller</i>	N/A
<i>Church Closing</i>	James Morgan
<i>Program Builder</i>	Dr. Carol Madere

June 22, 2025

<i>Church Opening</i>	James Morgan
<i>Sacraments</i>	Lisa Fennell
<i>Liturgist</i>	Michael Wilson
<i>Children's Moment</i>	Michael Rankin
<i>Youth Reader</i>	Brynleigh Comeaux
<i>Elder</i>	Rev. Dak McInnis
<i>Greeter</i>	Kim Rankin
<i>Deacons</i>	Kim & Michael Rankin, Doug & Tracy Shaffer
<i>Livestream</i>	Pam Jones
<i>Video Tech</i>	Greg Taliaferro
<i>Sound Tech</i>	Carmen Jones
<i>CW&W Greeter</i>	N/A
<i>CW&W Storyteller</i>	N/A
<i>Church Closing</i>	Jerry Hilgendorf
<i>Program Builder</i>	Michael Rankin



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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](#)