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July 2025 OUTREACH (cont. on page 4)



Let's have a BANG of an Outreach month!



Southeast Ministries

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

In honor of Independence Day, our "pantry focus items" for July (to show our colors) are **jelly! (red, white, & blue/purple), plus other picnic fare: mac & cheese, peanut butter (large), cornbread mix, crackers, and canned meat.** 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 - JULY – We will be collecting school supplies during Vacation Bible School and the remainder of July to be given to children in need through the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) organization. A list of supplies is shown below. The donation drive will culminate on August 3rd..... as part of our own back-to-school "Blessing of the Backpacks" worship services.

School Tools Supply List:

Backpack (mesh or clear plastic preferred)	Pencil Sharpener	Yellow Highlighters
Wide-ruled notebooks and loose-leaf paper	Pink Eraser	Scientific Calculator
Blue or black pens	3x5 Index cards	Bottle of Glue
24-count box of crayons	Washable Markers (8-count)	Expo dry-erase markers
Composition notebooks	Playdoh	Disinfecting wipes
Rulers	Post-it notes	Box of Tissues
No 2 pencils	Glue Sticks	1-inch binders
Lysol	1 gallon & 1 quart Ziploc bags	Hand Sanitizer
Packs of Dividers for Binders	Colored Pencils	Correction fluid/whiteout
Blunt tip scissors	Band-Aids	Red Pens
Fabric pencil bags	Paper towels	Graph paper
Folders (paper and plastic)	Ream of printer paper (blank)	

We Want to Celebrate You!

July Birthdays

Ruth Horn	July 2nd
Ed Atkins	July 2nd
Gene Schilf	July 2nd
Wanda Lax	July 3rd
Doug Shaffer	July 8th
Charlene Landry	July 11th
Chris Gibson	July 20th
Julia Gibson	July 22nd
Nancy Fatta	July 26th
Clayton Johnson	July 26th
Jane Johnson	July 28th

July Anniversaries

David and Jill Brian	July 1st
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Upcoming Events in July

Tuesday, July 1st	Finance Committee Meeting (YB)	6:30 pm
Thursday, July 3rd	Silver Angels (Youth Building)	9:30 am
Friday, July 4th	July 4th Celebration	
Sunday, July 6th	Prayer Circle (Library)	11:00 am
Thursday, July 10th	Silver Angels (Youth Building)	9:30 am
Monday, July 14th	Vacation Bible School	9:00 am
- Friday, July 18th		- 12:00 noon
Tuesday, July 15th	Board Meeting (Youth Building)	6:30 pm
Sunday, July 20th	Summer BBQ Luncheon	11:00 am
Thursday, July 24th	Disciples Women (Youth Building)	9:30 am
Thursday, July 24th	Sisters in Christ (Fellowship Hall)	6:00 pm
Thursday, July 31st	Silver Angels (Youth Building)	9:30 am



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DISASTER RELIEF SERVICE PROJECT

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*.



LIBRARIES AND BOOKS AT FCC



Our campus has several locations that serve as mini libraries with books that you are welcome to borrow, read and return. Check out is on the honor system. Read at your leisure but please return books to the location you found them. We don't have the Dewey decimal system in place, so the hunt is on!

In the Sanctuary Building - the Library is the room located on the west side of the Narthex. This library has a section of children's literature, as well as adult volumes. Some of our FCC Book Club selections can be found here.

In the Fellowship Hall - At the back of the building, the Meeting Room (North side) and Lounge (South side) both have bookcases stocked with interesting selections.

In the Youth Building - the four rooms on the East side of the building have bookcases that have a variety of books for your reading pleasure.

If anyone would like to donate books to our library system, please give them to *Nancy Fatta*.

New Church Pictorial Directory

Have you ever noticed that as you get older, your opportunities to have a professional photo of yourself diminish? Or that your Millennial children take lots of photos of the grandkids on their phones, but rarely get them printed? Or maybe you'd like a nice photo of you and your furry friend? Well, here's your chance! FCC is working with Universal Church Directories to produce a new church directory. Our photo dates are **Friday, August 8 and Saturday, August 9 from 2 p.m. to 8:30 pm** in the Youth Building. In addition to being able to order photos, participants will each receive a free 8 x 10.

In addition to producing photos of individual congregation members and a printed church directory, Universal Church Directories will also create a mobile app for us where you can view the church directory when ever you see someone in church whose name you cannot remeber. The mobile app also has an online Bible, the church calendar, links to online giving, and even notifications, so you can be immediately informed of any emergency conditions regarding the church.

Please consider having your picture taken and contact your kids or friends to participate. Participants do not have to be members of the church or appear in the church directory if they would prefer not to.

Reservation forms will be available in the narthex throughout July to specify the date and time of your portrait sitting, and there is no sitting fee. The more people who participate, the better our directory will be. If you have any questions, please contact *Carol Maderé,*

Pictorial Directory Coordinator.



July 4th Celebration will be observed on **Sunday, June 29th.**

Wear your red, white, blue!

Come out and help us celebrate.

Vacation Bible School



Hello, Travelers! We're almost ready to take off on our Vacation Bible School Road Trip! It's July 14-18, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Youth Building for ages 4-11. It will be five fun-filled days of Bible stories, songs, crafts, snacks and recreation while we explore the theme "On the Go with God!" Registration forms are available in the narthex. They should be submitted by Sunday, July 13, but walk-ins are welcome. Please be sure to specify their T-shirt size on the registration form. You can also register by calling the church office at 225-926-4175. VBS staff will be available at 8:30 for early drop-offs.

Also, please plan to join us on Friday, July 18th at 11:30 am for our parents program.

News From the Pews



This is a picture of Mattie Griswold graduating from the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut on May 21st. Mattie is going to be deployed to Hawaii.



Patriotic update for Jeff Weeks' memorial planter.



Harold and Mollie Choate joined the church Sunday, June 15, 2025. Mollie is a quilter. She sang in Sweet Adeline with her sister in Houston. She has also remodeled their house 4 times. Harold is a woodworker. He was in the Navy for 8 years. They are both are long time members of Bible Study Fellowship. Harold worked as an industrial equipment salesman for 40 years. He loves LSU! They have been married for 58 years, they have 2 grown daughters, 5 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. *Welcome to FCC!!*

We would like to thank the Men's Group for working on the playground and trimming the trees.
Daniel Dickey, Michael Rankin, Charles Riddle, Jeff Cody, Carl Cotten, Jerry Hilgendorf, & Trey Earle



Pentecost Sunday Fellowship Meal - Thank You!!

On behalf of the Hospitality and Church Growth Committees, we would like to thank all those who helped provide such a welcoming environment for our congregation and their guests on Pentecost Sunday. It was so inspiring to look out at the congregation that day at everyone wearing red.

The beautiful Pentecost themed centerpieces created by Nancy Fatta helped set the stage for our fellowship meal. Carol Madere brought the delicious birthday cake for all to enjoy. The outstanding entrees, sides and desserts provided by our congregation were completely devoured!

Special thanks to Pastor Dedrick for his uplifting message, to Aaron Turnipseed for that foot-tapping gospel anthem and his prelude on the saxophone, to Nancy Fatta and the Worship Committee for preparing the church for Pentecost, to Kim Lax for all the work on the bulletin that day, and especially to Vicki Krupala and the Hospitality Committee for the fabulous Pentecost fellowship luncheon. What a great day in the life of the church!

Special thanks to those who brought guests that Sunday. If you did bring a guest, please be sure to text or call to thank them for coming and encourage them to come again. If you invited someone who didn't come, please contact that person and let them know they're always welcome.

Last but not least, a special 'Thank You' to our set-up crew, kitchen helpers, and congregational clean-up helpers for your assistance with the fellowship meal: *Alicia Levell, Carl Cotten, Nancy Fatta, Charles Riddle, Cathi Pourciau and Ashley Bourgeois!* Your constant and steady support is greatly appreciated!!

- *Vicki Krupala, Hospitality Chair and Carol Madere, Church Growth Chair*



Summer Barbeque * 90 years & Up Birthday Celebration

Join us in celebration of summertime with a barbeque and birthday bash for our 90 years & up members of the congregation, on Sunday, July 20th in the Fellowship Hall, following the worship service. The church will provide meat for the barbeque, bread, beverages and a birthday cake. We invite the congregation to bring a side dish and/or dessert to supplement our barbeque birthday bash. Can't wait to celebrate with you on July 20th! Please contact Vicki Krupala, Hospitality Chair at jvkrupala@cox.net or 225-328-2461 with any questions. *Vicki Krupala, Hospitality Chair*



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

- Tuesday, July 01, 2025: Psalm 75; 2 Kings 3:4-20; Ephesians 5:6-20
- Wednesday, July 02, 2025: Psalm 75; 2 Kings 4:1-7; Matthew 10:16-25
- Thursday, July 03, 2025: Psalm 30; 2 Kings 4:8-17; Romans 7:14-25
- Friday, July 04, 2025: Psalm 30; 2 Kings 4:18-31; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
- Saturday, July 05, 2025: Psalm 30; 2 Kings 4:32-37; Luke 9:1
- Sunday, July 06, 2025: Proper 9 (14)
- Monday, July 07, 2025: Psalm 6; 2 Kings 5:15-19; Acts 19:21-27
- Tuesday, July 08, 2025: Psalm 6; 2 Kings 5:19b-27; Acts 19:28-41
- Wednesday, July 09, 2025: Psalm 6; 2 Kings 6:1-7; Luke 10:13-16
- Thursday, July 10, 2025: Psalm 82; Amos 1:1-2:3; James 2:14-26
- Friday, July 11, 2025: Psalm 82; Amos 2:4-11; Acts 7:9-16
- Saturday, July 12, 2025: Psalm 82; Amos 2:12-3:8; John 3:16-21
- Sunday, July 13, 2025: Proper 10 (15)
- Monday, July 14, 2025: Psalm 7; Amos 3:9-4:5; James 2:1-7
- Tuesday, July 15, 2025: Psalm 7; Amos 4:6-13; 1 John 3:11-17
- Wednesday, July 16, 2025: Psalm 7; Amos 5:1-9; Matthew 25:31-46
- Thursday, July 17, 2025: Psalm 52; Amos 5:10-17; Hebrews 5:1-6
- Friday, July 18, 2025: Psalm 52; Amos 5:18-27; Ephesians 3:14-21
- Saturday, July 19, 2025: Psalm 52; Amos 6:1-14; Luke 8:4-10
- Sunday, July 20, 2025: Proper 11 (16)
- Monday, July 21, 2025: Psalm 119:17-32; Amos 7:1-6; Colossians 1:27-2:7
- Tuesday, July 22, 2025: Psalm 119:17-32; Amos 8:13-9:4; 1 John 2:1-6
- Wednesday, July 23, 2025: Psalm 119:17-32; Amos 9:5-15; John 6:41-51
- Thursday, July 24, 2025: Psalm 85; Hosea 4:1-19; Acts 1:15-20
- Friday, July 25, 2025: Psalm 85; Hosea 5:1-15; Acts 2:22-36
- Saturday, July 26, 2025: Psalm 85; Hosea 1:11-2:15; Luke 8:22-25
- Sunday, July 27, 2025: Proper 12 (17)
- Monday, July 28, 2025: Psalm 44; Hosea 2:14-3:5; Colossians 2:16-3:1
- Tuesday, July 29, 2025: Psalm 44; Hosea 6:1-10; Romans 9:30-10:4
- Wednesday, July 30, 2025: Psalm 44; Hosea 6:11-7:16; Matthew 5:43-48
- Thursday, July 31, 2025: Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hosea 8:1-14; Romans 11:33-36





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

Will meet on July 6 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

We will send out updated information on the next book chosen as the book club selection as soon as this information is received.



Newsletter - It is summer time and we need you to put your summer thinking caps on!! We would like to rename the FCC Church Newsletter. At the present time the name of the newsletter is:

"First Christian Caller".

What newsletter name can you come up with?

The winner will receive a small token!!

Email Kim at churchoffice@fccbcla.org, with your new name for FCC's newsletter.

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, Rich Griswold, 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, Albert Cook, JoAnn Doom, Christy Fontenot, Judy Heacock, Patty Hubeny, Jim Jablonski, John Nguyen, Theresa Pasanovic, Randall Priestler, Debbie Riddle.



SUNDAY ASSIGNMENTS (cont'd on Page 6)

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

July 6, 2025

Church Opening	Charles Riddle
Sacraments	Kristin Morgan
Liturgist	Vicki Krupala
Children's Moment	Ashley Bourgeois
Youth Reader	Cora Cody
Elder	Dr. Carol Madere
Greeter	Alicia Levell
Deacons	Carl Cotten, Alicia Levell, Gene & Esther Schilf
Livestream	Brenda Hilgendorf
Video Tech	Michael Rankin
Sound Tech	Jeff Cody
CW&W Greeter	N/A
CW&W Storyteller	N/A
Church Closing	Tony Fatta
Program Builder	Jeff Cody

July 13, 2025

Church Opening	Jerry Hilgendorf
Sacraments	Kristin Morgan
Liturgist	Tony Fatta
Children's Moment	Pam Comeaux
Youth Reader	Leonardo Morgan
Elder	Debbie Poche'
Greeter	James Morgan
Deacons	Jeff Cody, Cathi Pourciau James and Kristin Morgan
Livestream	Frank Dickinson
Video Tech	Brenda Hilgendorf
Sound Tech	Greg Taliaferro
CW&W Greeter	N/A
CW&W Storyteller	N/A
Church Closing	Michael Rankin
Program Builder	Dr. Carol Madere

July 20, 2025

Church Opening	David Fennell
Sacraments	Kristin Morgan
Liturgist	Dr. Carol Madere
Children's Moment	Chris Culp
Youth Reader	Brynleigh Comeaux
Elder	Dr. Trey Earle
Greeter	Tony Babin
Deacons	Ed Atkins, Tony Babin, Greg Taliaferro, Steven Gibson
Livestream	Daniel Dickey
Video Tech	Jeff Cody
Sound Tech	Brenda Hilgendorf
CW&W Greeter	N/A
CW&W Storyteller	N/A
Church Closing	Charles Riddle
Program Builder	Jill Brian

July 27, 2025

Church Opening	Michael Rankin
Sacraments	Lisa Fennell
Liturgist	Dr. Tracy Shaffer
Children's Moment	Rev. Stephen Sanders
Youth Reader	Cora Cody
Elder	Ashley Bourgeois
Greeter	Michael Rankin
Deacons	Michael & Kim Rankin Doug & Tracy Shaffer
Livestream	Daniel Dickey
Video Tech	Frank Dickinson
Sound Tech	Carmen Jones
CW&W Greeter	N/A
CW&W Storyteller	N/A
Church Closing	James Morgan
Program Builder	Michael Rankin



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