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# HOSPITALITY

*Vicki Krupala, Hospitality Chair*

## BBQ + 90 & UP BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

**THANK YOU!!!** for the delicious BBQ was enjoyed by all on Sunday July 20th. Thanks to *David Brian, Carmen Jones, Nancy Fatta, Tony Fatta, Greg Comeaux, Trey Earle, Greg Taliaferro, Tony Babin, John Engelman, and Mark Willis*, who so graciously prepared the Boston Butts, chicken and ribs we eagerly devoured!

*Ann Achord, Frank Johnson, Wanda Lax and Jerry Moses* were four of our 90 & Up Birthday attendees at the BBQ, so we celebrated with a round of 'Happy Birthday' and slice of birthday cake! A huge 'thank you' also goes out to Hospitality Committee members:

*Tony Babin, Ashley Bourgeois, Nancy Fatta, Tony Fatta, Jeff Judice, Alicia Levell, Carol Madere, Charles Riddle, and Cathi Pourciau* who worked diligently behind the scenes to plan, set-up, decorate, purchase/ disperse meat to our cooks, prep the meal, serve our congregation and clean-up afterwards. What a great Summer BBQ indeed!!!



## SAVE THE DATE - Sunday - September 21, 2025

**Ice Cream Social and Gospel & Jazz Ensemble**



**5:00- 6:00 PM - Ice Cream Social - Fellowship Hall**

*\*Various flavors of Ice Cream requested from the Congregation\*  
(toppings & beverages are provided)*



**6:00-7:00 PM - Gospel & Jazz Ensemble, led by Aaron Turnipseed - Sanctuary**

Outreach, Worship and Hospitality Committees encourage you to invite a friend to enjoy this evening of incredible music and ice cream fellowship!

# WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOU!

## August Birthdays

Kinzley McCoy	August 4th
Stephanie Weselak	August 7th
Kristin Morgan	August 7th
Carmen Jones	August 12th
Kendall Theunissen	August 12th
Mike Wilson	August 21st
Sarah Wilson	August 24th
Scott Sanders	August 25th
Linda Sanders	August 27th
Donna Embree	August 29th

## August Anniversaries

Greg and Amy Taliaferro	August 12th
Jim and Gloria Giammanco	August 19th



## UPCOMING EVENTS IN AUGUST

Thursday, August 7th	9:30 am	Silver Angels (Youth Building)
Friday, August 8th	2:00 - 8:30 pm	Church Photos (Youth Building)
Saturday, August 9th	10:00 am-4:00 pm	Church Photos (Youth Building)
Thursday, August 14th	9:30 am	Silver Angels (Youth Building)
Wednesday, August 20th	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, August 21st	9:30 am	Silver Angels (Youth Building)
Wednesday, August 27th	6:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, August 28th	9:30 am	Disciples Women (Youth Building)
Thrusday, August 28th	6:00 pm	Sisters in Christ (Felloship Hall)

## CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Ashley Bourgeois has been accepted to Graduate School at LSU. She will be studying for her Masters Degree in Social Work. Ashley is an Elder in our congregation.





## AUGUST 2025 OUTREACH

*Judy Lester, Outreach Committee Chair*



### SOUTHEAST MINISTRIES



*\* 25 items were delivered on our last transit. THANKS! \**

Our "pantry focus items" for August are: cake mix, cornbread mix, jelly, cereal, pasta, and spaghetti sauce, and soup. (\*Note: the cart is located on the chancel area near the pulpit on the 2nd Sunday, or in the Narthex on other Sundays.)

### SCHOOL TOOLS

School supplies collected during VBS and from the congregation through the remainder of July will be given to children in need through the CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) organization immediately following the August 3rd "Blessing of the Backpacks" worship service. A final donation count will be reported next months.



## DISASTER RELIEF SERVICE PROJECT

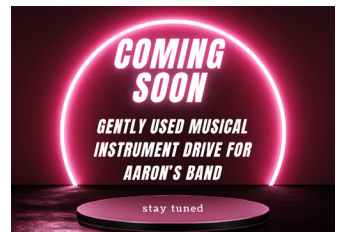


Our church has been selected, a likely site for hosting Children's Disaster Services training for emergency response organizations in Louisiana and surrounding states. We will provide more information about this training as it becomes available.

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!

## INSTRUMENTS

If you're cleaning closets, we'd love to have any "gently used" musical instruments that you'd care to donate. The musical instrument drive will begin on Sunday, August 31st and conclude on September 21st after the "Gospel and Jazz Concert". This concert will be held in our sanctuary. These instruments will be given to Aaron Turnipseed's students who need help procuring them.



## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP AND WONDER RESUMES

Children's Worship and Wonder resumes August 3. Welcome to new storyteller Shelly Cody and new greeter Callie Cody. If you're willing to spend one Sunday per month sharing stories of the Bible with young children in an interactive way, please contact the church office to be added to the schedule in January.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WRAPS FOR 2025

Our VBS Road Trip has come to an end. Despite having to end early due to the impending storm, the kids and staff had a great time. There were 10 campers ranging in age from 3 to 11. Much thanks to the following staff members who made it all happen:

*Callie Cody, registration; Lucy Cody, registration;  
Shelly Cody, guide for ages 3-7; Melissa Cook, storytelling;  
Donna Embree, snacks; Nancy Fatta, co-director and crafts  
Jerry Hilgendorf, disrupter and playground supervisor;  
Abby Lester, Scout and science assistant; Alex Lester, snack assistant;  
Judy Lester, science; Carol Madere, navigator, co-director;  
Leo Morgan, recreation; and Diane Sympson, guide for ages 8-11;*  
Special thanks also to Brenda Hilgendorf and Kim Lax for office support.

*Dr. Carol Madere, VBS Director*





# YOUR CHURCH IS YOUR HOME

## Have you considered joining a small group?

Small groups foster a sense of oneness and comradery.

Our Church has an Adult Sunday School class, a Men's Group, Women's groups (Silver Angels, Sisters in Christ), a Prayer Circle, Choir, and several Committees you can join.

## Have you considered sharing your God given gifts and talents?

Can you bake, cook, sew, paint, sing, fix things, build things, organize, pray, visit, or write. Do you have tech skills, art skills, strength, vision, the wisdom of age or the exuberance of youth? Your Church needs you. We have diverse groups that can use any of your gifts and talents.

## WORSHIP EVENTS

*Nancy Fatta, Worship Chair*

- August 3rd**    **Blessing of the Backpacks** - Students in our congregation will bring their school backpacks to church and place them in the chancel area. The children and their backpacks will be blessed before beginning the new school year.
- August 3rd**    **School Supplies blessing** - The school supplies collected during our Outreach Committee's School Tools Drive for CASA will also be blessed at this time.
- August 3rd**    **Prayer Circle** - On the first Sunday of every month, you are invited to gather in the library for 10 minutes after the service to pray for people and situations in your heart and on your mind. Lifting these prayers up in the group makes a great difference.
- ASKING JESUS = RECEIVING FROM JESUS**
- August 24th**    **Guest Speaker** - Rev. Dak McInnis will bring us the sermon as Rev. Minor takes the weekend off.

***Birthday!!*** Monday, September 1st is Rev. Dr. Minor's

*BIRTHDAY!!*

Just a heads up for those who want to send him a personal greeting.

## SISTERS IN CHRIST

Is a group of women that meet on the 4th Thursday of each month on the Church campus. An email is sent to all women of the church and all are welcome to attend. Our meetings are not formal, in order to stimulate the free flow of conversation and ideas on spiritual topics. We may raise questions, share stories, explore our thoughts and feelings on topics or events as the Spirit moves us. Please consider joining this group as we learn more about each other, care more for each other, and become true "Sisters". **A SISTER IN CHRIST IS A SISTER FOR LIFE!**



## PRAISE AND ANSWERED PRAYERS

We always pray for people and situations in our services and groups that meet, but we seldom hear of the results of our prayers - stories of prayers that have been answered. We should praise and give thanks for God's grace in answering our prayers.

Rev. Dedrick and I would like to hear from any of you that are willing to tell a story of answered prayers. Please email **nancy.fatta@gmail.com** with your story. Many prayers are answered as you hoped, but in some circumstances, you realize later that not getting what you asked for was God's way of giving you what was best for you. We would like to share your testimonies with our Church family. Proof of answered prayer gives hope to those who need it as they pray.



**THANK YOU!!** I would like to thank everyone for the birthday wishes and especially the BBQ and the "go" and up Birthday celebration.

*Wanda Law*

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

Friday, August 01, 2025: Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hosea 9:1-17; Ephesians 4:17-24;  
Saturday, August 02, 2025: Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Hosea 10:1-15; Mark 10:17-22;  
Sunday, August 03, 2025: Proper 13 (18)  
Monday, August 04, 2025: Psalm 60; Hosea 11:12-12:14; Colossians 3:18-4:1;  
Tuesday, August 05, 2025: Psalm 60; Hosea 13:1-16; Colossians 4:2-6;  
Wednesday, August 06, 2025: Psalm 60; Hosea 14:1-9; Luke 12:22-31;  
Thursday, August 07, 2025: Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Isaiah 9:8-17; Romans 9:1-9;  
Friday, August 08, 2025: Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Isaiah 9:18-10:4; Acts 7:1-8;  
Saturday, August 09, 2025: Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Isaiah 1:2-9, 21-23; Matthew 6:19-24;  
Sunday, August 10, 2025: Proper 14 (19)  
Monday, August 11, 2025: Psalm 11; Isaiah 2:1-4; Hebrews 11:1-7;  
Tuesday, August 12, 2025: Psalm 11; Isaiah 24:1-13; Hebrews 11:17-28;  
Wednesday, August 13, 2025: Psalm 11; Isaiah 24:14-23; Luke 12:41-48;  
Thursday, August 14, 2025: Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Isaiah 2:5-11; Hebrews 10:26-31;  
Friday, August 15, 2025: Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Isaiah 3:1-17; Hebrews 10:32-39;  
Saturday, August 16, 2025: Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Isaiah 3:18-4:6; Matthew 24:15-27;  
Sunday, August 17, 2025: Proper 15 (20)  
Monday, August 18, 2025: Psalm 74; Isaiah 5:8-23; 1 John 4:1-6;  
Tuesday, August 19, 2025: Psalm 74; Isaiah 5:24-30; Acts 7:44-53;  
Wednesday, August 20, 2025: Psalm 74; Isaiah 27:1-13; Luke 19:45-48;  
Thursday, August 21, 2025: Psalm 71:1-6; Jeremiah 6:1-19; Hebrews 12:3-17;  
Friday, August 22, 2025: Psalm 71:1-6; Jeremiah 6:20-30; Acts 17:1-9;  
Saturday, August 23, 2025: Psalm 71:1-6; Jeremiah 1:1-3, 11-19; Luke 6:1-5;  
Sunday, August 24, 2025: Proper 16 (21)  
Monday, August 25, 2025: Psalm 10; Jeremiah 7:1-15;  
Tuesday, August 26, 2025: Psalm 10; Jeremiah 7:16-26; Revelation 3:7-13;  
Wednesday, August 27, 2025: Psalm 10; Jeremiah 7:27-34; Luke 6:6-11;  
Thursday, August 28, 2025: Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Jeremiah 11:1-17; 1 Peter 3:8-12;  
Friday, August 29, 2025: Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Jeremiah 12:1-13; 1 Peter 4:7-11;  
Saturday, August 30, 2025: Sunday, August 31, 2025: Proper 17 (22)





# THE STUDY

9:00 - 9:45 am, every Sunday Morning, Youth Building



Our adult Bible study is beginning a new series of reading, discussing and exploring the life of “Abraham, Father of Faith”. Join with us as we gain new insight and revelation into our own faith journeys, finding encouragement and inspiration to truly live a life of believing and obeying. When it comes to the subject of a true walk of faith, Abraham is, “The Guy, The MVP, a Rockstar” in the Bible. Come give it a try! Coffee, treats, fellowship and THE STUDY of God’s Word. You will not be disappointed.

## NEWSLETTER

*Did you come up with a new name for our newsletter?*

If you did please email Kim at [churchoffice@fccbrla.org](mailto:churchoffice@fccbrla.org) your thoughts. Do not forget *the winner will receive a small token!!*



## PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Photography sessions for our pictorial directory will be held in the Youth Building on Friday, August 8 and Saturday, August 9. You will receive a reminder about the time you scheduled. If you have not scheduled a photography appointment, please contact the church office. The photographers are on a tight schedule and don't take walk-ins. The completed directories will be ready sometime in November.

*Dr. Carol Madere, Pictorial Director*

## BIBLE TRIVIA

**Easy:** True or False: The Bible is the most popular book ever written by copies sold?

**Medium:** True or False: David wrote the entire book of Psalms.

**Hard:** Which books of the Bible record all the kings?

*(Answers on page 10)*

# 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:

Judy Albin and Family, JP Averette, Ann Baskin, Jody Chrisope, Marjorie Clark, Rev. Tom & Lucy Cody, Chris Culp and Family, 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, Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Claire Sanders and Family, and Phyllis Willis.

## Friends & Family of Members in our prayers:

Greg Allen, Donald Bihm, Lindsey Bihm, Family of Vincent Cannatella, Albert Cook, Family of Charles Culp, JoAnn Doom, Christy Fontenot, Judy Heacock, Patty Hubeny, Rev. Michael Karunas, John Nguyen, Beverly Pacas, Theresa Pasanovic, Randall Priester, and Debbie Riddle.

## Answers to Bible Trivia from page -9-

- Easy:** True  
**Medium:** False: Psalms is a collection by many writers, but David contributed the most.  
**Hard:** 1st and 2nd Kings and 1st and 2nd Chronicles

## August 31, 2025

Church Opening	Michael Rankin
Sacraments	Pam Comeaux
Liturgist	Lorrinda Dickinson
Children's Moment	Nancy Fatta
Youth Reader	Brynleigh Comeaux
Elder	Carmen Jones
Greeter	Tony Babin
Deacons	Ed Atkins, Tony Babin, Greg Taliaferro, Steven Gibson
Livestream	Frank Dickinson
Video Tech	Michael Rankin
Sound Tech	Brenda Hilgendorf
CW&W Greeter	Callie Cody
CW&W Storyteller	Shelly Cody
Church Closing	Michael Rankin
Program Builder	Michael Rankin

# 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

## August 3, 2025

Church Opening	James Morgan
Sacraments	Pam Comeaux
Liturgist	Chris Culp
Children's Moment	Ashley Bourgeois
Youth Reader	Leonardo Morgan
Elder	Frank Dickinson
Greeter	Esther Schilf
Deacons	Carl Cotten, Alicia Levell, Gene & Esther Schilf
Livestream	Michael Rankin
Video Tech	Greg Taliaferro
Sound Tech	Tony Fatta
CW&W Greeter	Kayla Mercil
CW&W Storyteller	Genesis Bennie
Church Closing	Jeff Cody
Program Builder	Brenda Hilgendorf

## August 10, 2025

Church Opening	Jerry Hilgendorf
Sacraments	Pam Comeaux
Liturgist	Michael Rankin
Children's Moment	Judy Lester
Youth Reader	Brynleigh Comeaux
Elder	Donnie Embree
Greeter	Dr. Tracy Shaffer
Deacons	Jeff Cody, Cathi Pourciau Doug and Tracy Shaffer
Livestream	Pam Jones
Video Tech	Brenda Hilgendorf
Sound Tech	Greg Taliaferro
CW&W Greeter	Pam Comeaux
CW&W Storyteller	Dr. Carol Madere
Church Closing	Jerry Hilgendorf
Program Builder	Jeff Cody

## August 17, 2025

Church Opening	Charles Riddle
Sacraments	Pam Comeaux
Liturgist	Carmen Jones
Children's Moment	Michael Rankin
Youth Reader	Cora Cody
Elder	Nancy Fatta
Greeter	Greg Taliaferro
Deacons	Ed Atkins, Tony Babin, Greg Taliaferro, Steven Gibson
Livestream	Nicholas Morgan
Video Tech	Frank Dickinson
Sound Tech	Jeff Cody
CW&W Greeter	Leonardo Morgan
CW&W Storyteller	Kristin Morgan
Church Closing	Nancy Fatta
Program Builder	Dr. Carol Madere

## August 24, 2025

Church Opening	David Fennell
Sacraments	Pam Comeaux
Liturgist	Nancy Fatta
Children's Moment	Pam Comeaux
Youth Reader	Leonardo Morgan
Elder	Tony Fatta
Greeter	Doug Shaffer
Deacons	Michael & Kim Rankin Doug & Tracy Shaffer
Livestream	Brenda Hilgendorf
Video Tech	Jeff Cody
Sound Tech	Pam Jones
CW&W Greeter	Kayla Mercil
CW&W Storyteller	Genesis Bennie
Church Closing	Tony Fatta
Program Builder	Jill Brian



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

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

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

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

**Minister's Office Hours:** by appointment

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

**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](#)