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OUTREACH COMMITTEE

JUDY LESTER, CHAIR



Let's not drop the ball on giving in fall y'all!

SOUTHEAST MINISTRIES



Our "pantry focus items" for September are: cereal, small jars of jelly, canned meat, soup, and tomato sauce. Please place donated food items in the shopping cart located in the Narthex.

We donated over 100 items of food to the pantry in July and 55+ items in August. ***Thank you for your generous donations!*** Private donations are more important to the pantry than ever right now, as there is less food being provided by the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank than before. (This is because of cuts to Federal food assistance programs.)

But the need for food assistance is high.

Our Advent season outreach project this year will again be in support of the Southeast Ministries food pantry. We will be collecting holiday meal food items throughout the month of November.



Did you know?:

In 2024 about 13.7% of U.S. house holds experienced food insecurity, affecting an estimated 47.9 million Americans.

(1 in 5 kids is living with hunger!)

This marked the highest prevalence of food insecurity in nearly a decade.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

REV. STEPHEN SANDERS and PAM COMEAUX

Let's get ready for the Halloween Party!

October 25th at 5:00 pm

There will be a **"DRESS YOUR PET"** (in a costume)
and an
"OUTDOOR PARADE".



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

SHERRY McINNIS, CHAIR

*SAVE
the
DATE*

*Gospel Jazz Ensemble
with
Ice Cream Social*

*Sunday
September 20, 2026*

7:00 pm

*Gospel and Jazz Ensemble
Directed by Aaron Turnipseed
in the Sanctuary*

*Following
Ice Cream Social
in the Fellowship Hall*

*BRING FAMILY &
FRIENDS*



**Consecration
Sunday**

Fellowship Meal

**(following the
worship service)**

Sunday, October 18th

11:00 am

Fellowship Hall

**- This meal will be
catered. -**



**Thanksgiving
Fellowship Meal**

Sunday, November 15th

**(following the
worship service)**

11:00 am

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

KIM LAX, Chair



Consecration

Sundays

September 13th - October 18th

with

Fellowship Lunch on October 18th



Put on the your calendar:

Hanging of the Greens *Saturday, November 28th*



Everyone is invited.

Special invitation
to kids of all ages
They will be in
charge of a
Christmas Tree.



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 call 225-926-4175. Names generally rotate off after 30 days.

MEMBERS IN OUR PRAYERS:

Judy Albin, JP Averette, Ann Baskin, Dora Blackburn, Jody Chrisope, Family of Rev. Tom Cody, Christopher Comeaux, Rhonda Culp, Martha Denova, Lorri Weselak-Fontenot, Rich Griswold, Lee Gullett, Jane Johnson, Marie Ladner, B. J. McRae, Helen Mitchener, Family of Jerry Moses, Helen Rankin, Ruth Riddle, Dr. Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Linda Sanders

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF MEMBERS IN OUR PRAYERS:

Elaine Altazan, Stanley Bihm, Gerald & Annette Bowers, Marie Cannatella, Judy Duncan, Jim Finney, Kathy Gralington, Andrea Hebert, Carl & Patty Hubeny, James Jablonski, Sandy Krupala, Valerie Marcin, Dorothy Minor, Christy Paola, Bretton Pierce, Randall Priestler, Debbie Riddle, Wanda Teston, Chrystal Vines



WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOU!

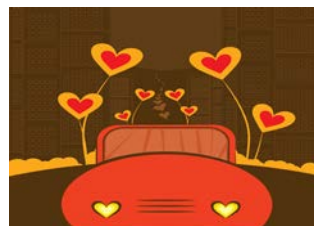
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Steve Gibson	1st
Dedrick Minor	1st
Greg Comeaux	2nd
Paul Foster	5th
Chris Culp	8th
Ashley Bourgeois	14th
BJ McRae	18th
Genesis Bennie	24th



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

George & Terri Cochran	4th
Daniel & Heather Dickey	8th
Tony & Nancy Fatta	16th
Bruce & Stephanie Weselak	16th
Julie & Kendall Theunissen	21st
Stephen & Claire Sanders	28th



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 7th	Labor Day	Office Closed
Saturday, September 12th	9:00 am	Visitation Rev. Tom Cody's Memorial
Saturday, September 12th	11:00 am	Service Rev. Tom Cody's Memorial
Tuesday, September 15th	6:30 pm	Board Meeting (Youth Building)
Sunday, September 20th	7:00 pm	Gospel and Jazz Concert
	Following Concert	Ice Cream Social (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, September 22nd	6:00 pm	Sisters in Christ (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, September 24th	9:30 am	Disciples Women (Youth Building)
Sunday, September 27th	11:15 am	Book Club (Jason's Deli)

Gospels Glass (Library) will meet on Sundays at 4:00 pm
(September 6th, September 13th, September 20th, September 27th)

Chancel Choir meets on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm;
Silver Angels meet on Thursdays at 9:30 am

LECTIONARY READINGS: *September 1 - 30, 2026*

Tuesday, September 01, 2026: Psalm 17; 2 Samuel 11:27b-12:15; Revelation 3:7-13;
Wednesday, September 02, 2026: Psalm 17; Jeremiah 17:5-18; Matthew 12:22-32;
Thursday, September 03, 2026: Psalm 119:33-40; Ezekiel 24:1-14; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21;
Friday, September 04, 2026: Psalm 119:33-40; Ezekiel 24:15-27; Romans 10:15b-21;
Saturday, September 05, 2026: Psalm 119:33-40; Ezekiel 33:1-6; Matthew 23:29-36;
Sunday, September 06, 2026: Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Ezekiel 33:7-11
Monday, September 07, 2026: Psalm 119:65-72; Leviticus 4:27-31; 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:11-17;
Tuesday, September 08, 2026: Psalm 119:65-72; Deuteronomy 17:2-13; Romans 13:1-7;
Wednesday, September 09, 2026: Psalm 119:65-72; Leviticus 16:1-5, 20-28;
Thursday, September 10, 2026: Psalm 103:8-13; Genesis 37:12-36; 1 John 3:11-16;
Friday, September 11, 2026: Psalm 103:8-13; Genesis 41:53-42:17; Acts 7:9-16;
Saturday, September 12, 2026: Psalm 103:8-13; Genesis 45:1-20; Matthew 6:7-15;
Sunday, September 13, 2026: Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Exodus 15:1-11
Monday, September 14, 2026: Psalm 133; Genesis 48:8-22; Hebrews 11:23-29;
Tuesday, September 15, 2026: Psalm 133; Genesis 49:29-50:14; Romans 14:13-15:2;
Wednesday, September 16, 2026: Psalm 133; Genesis 50:22-26; Mark 11:20-25;
Thursday, September 17, 2026: Psalm 145:1-8; Nahum 1:1, 14-2:2; 2 Corinthians 13:1-4;
Friday, September 18, 2026: Psalm 145:1-8; Nahum 2:3-13; 2 Corinthians 13:5-10;
Saturday, September 19, 2026: Psalm 145:1-8; Zephaniah 2:13-15; Matthew 19:23-30;
Sunday, September 20, 2026: Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6; 37-45, Jonah 3:10-4:11
Monday, September 21, 2026: Psalm 106:1-12; Genesis 27:1-29; Romans 16:1-16;
Tuesday, September 22, 2026: Psalm 106:1-12; Genesis 28:10-17; Romans 16:17-20;
Wednesday, September 23, 2026: Psalm 106:1-12; Isaiah 41:1-13; Matthew 18:1-5;
Thursday, September 24, 2026: Psalm 25:1-9; Ezekiel 12:17-28; James 4:11-16;
Friday, September 25, 2026: Psalm 25:1-9; Ezekiel 18:5-18; Acts 13:32-41;
Saturday, September 26, 2026: Psalm 25:1-9; Ezekiel 18:19-24; Mark 11:27-33;
Sunday, September 27, 2026: Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Monday, September 28, 2026: Psalm 28; Judges 14:1-20; Philippians 1:3-14;
Tuesday, September 29, 2026: Psalm 28; Judges 16:1-22; Philippians 1:15-21;
Wednesday, September 30, 2026: Psalm 28; Judges 16:23-31; Matthew 9:2-8.



THE STUDY

LED BY REV. DAK McINNIS

**9:00 am, Every Sunday in the Youth Building
with continental breakfast at 8:45am
Everyone is Welcome!**

God's WORD is POWERFUL!

The Bible describes the Word of God as active alive, and authoritative, possessing the supernatural ability to bring physical creation, sinner transformation, and spiritual salvation.

We study God's Word because it has:

- * **POWER** to penetrate the human heart;
- * **POWER** to guide and direct;
- * **POWER** to create and fulfill; and
- * **POWER** to save and heal.

Come study the **WORD** with us every Sunday and be **EMPOWERED**.

FCC Did you know?

BIBLE TRIVIA



Easy: How many plagues did God send on Egypt?

Medium: Even though Abram and Sarah were too old, what did God promise them?

Hard: True or False: While on Earth, Jesus had the power to raise dead people back to life?

(Answers on page 10)

INFORMATION IN THE BIBLE

True or False: Job said his wife thought he had bad breath?

True: Job 19:17 My breath disgusts my wife; everyone in my family turns away.

Was Eglon a very fat man?

Yes: Judges 3:17 ... took the taxes to Eglon, who was a very fat man ...

How many books of the Bible that start with the letter "J".

12: James, Jeremiah, Job, Joel, John, John 1, John 2, John 3, Jonah, Joshua, Jude, and Judges

FCC Did you know?

ANIMALS IN THE BIBLE

Goat: *Genesis 15:9*

"... Lord told him, "Bring me a three-year-old cow, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a dove, and a young pigeon."



Grasshopper *Leviticus 11:22*

"The only winged insects you may eat are locusts, grasshoppers, and crickets ..."



Hawks *Job 39:25*

"Did you teach hawks to fly south for the winter?"



Horses *1 Kings 4:26*

"Solomon had 40,000 stalls of chariot horses and 12,000 chariot soldiers.."



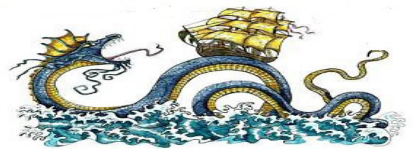
Hyenas *Isaiah 34:14*

"Wildcats and hyenas will hunt together, demons will scream to demons, and creatures of the night will live among the ruins."



Leviathan *Isaiah 27:1*

"On that day, Leviathan, the sea monster, will squirm and try to escape, but the Lord will kill him..."



BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWERS

(from page 9)

Easy: 10

Middle: a son.

Hard: True.



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.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

Church Opening	Jerry Hilgendorf
Church Closing	Jeff Cody
Sacraments	Jeff Cody
Liturgist	Ashley Bourgeois
Children's Moment	Ashley Bourgeois
Youth Reader	Cora Cody
Elder	Pam Comeaux
Deacons	(Greeter) Carl Cotten
	Ray Acardo
	Presley Hutchinson
	Cathi Pourciau
Livestream	Pam Jones
Video Tech	Amy Taliaferro
Sound Tech	Greg Taliaferro
Program Builder	Jeff Cody
CW&W Greeter	Callie Cody
CW&W Storyteller	Shelly Cody

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Church Opening	Jerry Hilgendorf
Church Closing	Jerry Hilgendorf
Sacraments	Jeff Cody
Liturgist	Harold Choate
Children's Moment	Pam Comeaux
Youth Reader	Brynleigh Comeaux
Elder	Lorrinda Dickinson
Deacons	(Greeter) James Morgan
	Callie Cody
	Presley Hutchinson
	Cathi Pourciau
Livestream	Nicolas Morgan
Video Tech	Greg Taliaferro
Sound Tech	Brenda Hilgendorf
Program Builder	Dr. Carol Madere
CW&W Greeter	Kayla Mercil
CW&W Storyteller	Genesis Bennie

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Church Opening	Jerry Hilgendorf
Church Closing	Jeff Cody
Sacraments	Jeff Cody
Liturgist	Pam Comeaux
Children's Moment	Rev. Stephen Sanders
Youth Reader	Leonardo Morgan
Elder	Dr. Carol Madere
Deacons	(Greeter) Shelly Cody
	Tony Babin
	Steven Gibson
	Greg Taliaferro
Livestream	Charles Riddle
Video Tech	Kim Lax
Sound Tech	Jeff Cody
Program Builder	Jill Brian
CW&W Greeter	Kayla Mercil
CW&W Storyteller	Genesis Bennie

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Church Opening	Michael Rankin
Church Closing	Michael Rankin
Sacraments	Jeff Cody
Liturgist	Chris Culp
Children's Moment	Michael Rankin
Youth Reader	Cora Cody
Elder	Sherry McInnis
Deacons	(Greeter) Kim Rankin
	Michael Rankin
	Julie Theunissen
	Kendall Theunissen
Livestream	Daniel Dickey
Video Tech	Jeff Cody
Sound Tech	Carmen Jones
Program Builder	Michael Rankin
CW&W Greeter	Callie Cody
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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

Aaron Turnipseed, M.M.P., *Director of Music*

Earl Poole, *Music Worship Leader*

Emily McDowell, *Guitarist*

Brenda Hilgendorf, *Bookkeeper / Human Resources*

Charles Riddle, *Facilities*

Kimberly Lax, *Administrative Assistant*

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