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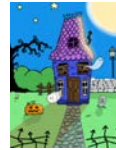
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OUTREACH COMMITTEE

JUDY LESTER, CHAIR



Trick or Treat! Let us share things good to eat!

SOUTHEAST MINISTRIES



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

We donated over 40 items of food to the pantry in September.

Thank you for your generous donations!

COMING NEXT

NOV 2 - 16: Advent Holiday food drive (Southeast Ministries)

NOV 29 - DEC 13: Holiday cookie/gift bags for shut-ins

12/9/26 - Cookies due in church office

12/13/26 - Gift bag deliveries



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

REV. STEPHEN SANDERS and PAM COMEAUX

Let's get ready for the **Halloween Party!**

October 25th at 5:00 pm

FCC will host a fun, family-friendly
Halloween Party on Sunday, October 25th at 5:00 pm.

We hope you all make plans to join us.

We are looking forward to an evening with
candy, costumes, and community.

We will share more details soon, but you can expect
activities suitable for all ages and a welcoming space for
neighbors and friends.

We will need a team of helping hands
to make the night special,
so if you can run an activity or help
with setup, your help would be much appreciated.

This event is a great opportunity to invite someone
who might enjoy a fun night out
and a chance to get to know our church family.
Mark you calendars now and stay tuned for updates.
We cannot wait to celebrate with you!



HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

SHERRY McINNIS, CHAIR

The Gospel Jazz Ensemble lead by Aaron Turnipseed, Director of Music, was held Sunday, September 20th and what a wonderful blessing!

Following was the Ice Cream Social, which was a time of great fun and fellowship. There was a delightful choice of multi delicious ice cream flavors, toppings, and treats from our favorite in-house baker, Charles!

The great willing and serving spirit of the entire team was in force. A SUPER DUPER thank you to all of the team who made it happen!

Vicki Krupala, Charles Riddle, Kim Lax, Jeff Judice, Tony Babin, Hal Holloway, Bobby Johnson, Presley Hutchinson, Ray Acardo, John Engelsman, Cathi Pourciau, Harold & Mollie Choate, Dak McInnis, David Simon, and George Outlaw.



Consecration Sunday

Fellowship Meal (Following the Worship service)

Sunday, October 18th

11:00 am

Fellowship Hall

- This meal will be

Catered from

Artista's Signature Pizzas -



Thanksgiving
Fellowship Meal
Sunday, November 15th
(Following the
Worship service)
11:00 am

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

KIM LAX, Chair

*November 1st - All Saints Day,
(during the worship service).*

*November 8th - Veterans Day Celebration.
(If I have not contacted you and you served in
the military, please email me.)*

Hanging of the Greens

*Saturday, November 28th
starting at 10:00 am*

We will have snacks in the Fellowship Hall.

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, J. P. 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, Carmen Jones & Family, Marie Ladner, B. J. McRae, Helen Mitchener, Kristin Morgan, Family of Jerry Moses, Helen Rankin, Ruth Riddle, Dr. Kelly & Gladys Runnels, Linda Sanders, Bruce Weselak, Phyllis Willis

FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF MEMBERS IN OUR PRAYERS:

Elaine Altazan, Stanley Bihm, Annette Bowers, Marie Cannatella, Judy Duncan, Jim Finney, Christy Fontenot, Kathy Garlington, Andrea Hebert, Carl & Patty Hubeny, James Jablonski, Sandy Krupala, Danielle Lax, Valerie Marcin, Dorothy Minor, Cheney Moles, Christy Paola, Bretton Pierce, Randall Priestler, Debbie Riddle, Wanda Teston, Crystal Vines, Amy Woods

MENS GROUP UPDATES!

The Mens Fellowship Group meeting will be held after church service on **Sunday, October 18, 2026 in the library of the sanctuary.**

The Mens Alliance Group will be meeting every other **Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Youth Building, starting on October 8, 2026.** The purpose of the meetings is to discuss scripture readings. Each week a member of the group will lead the discussion. Dak McInnis will be leading the meeting on October 8, 2026. Food will be served at this meeting. All male members of First Christian Church are encouraged to attend!

Future meetings of the Mens Alliance Group will be held on the following Thursdays for the remainder of 2026 - October 8th, October 22nd, November 5th, November 19th, December 3rd, and December 17th.

All meetings will be held in the Youth Building.

WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOU!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Julie Theunissen	3rd
Dora Blackburn	6th
Ruth Riddle	13th
Greg Taliaferro	15th
Esther Schilf	20th
Jordan Bourgeois	20th
Holland Matthews	26th

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Frank & Lorrinda Dickinson	6th
Greg & Pam Comeaux	14th
Michael Elmore & Peggy Bourgeois	15th
Mike & Toni Wilson	15th
David & Ann Landry	30th



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 4th		Consecration Week 3
Sunday, October 4th	11:15 am	Halloween Party Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, October 8th	6:30 pm	Men's Alliance (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, October 11th		Consecration Week 4
Sunday, October 18th		Consecration Week 5
Sunday, October 18th	11:15 am	Consecration Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday, October 22nd	9:30 am	Disciples Women (Youth Building)
Thursday, October 22nd	6:30 pm	Men's Alliance (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, October 25th	5:00 pm	Halloween Party (Fellowship Hall)
Tuesday, October 27th	6:00 pm	Sisters In Christ (Fellowship Hall)

Gospels Class (Fellowship Hall) will meet on Sundays at 4:00 pm
(October 4th, October 11th, October 18th, October 25th)

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

LECTIONARY READINGS: *October 1 - 31, 2026*

- Thursday, October 01, 2026: Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 2:14-22; Colossians 2:16-23;
- Friday, October 02, 2026: Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 2:23-37; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a;
- Saturday, October 03, 2026: Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 6:1-10; John 7:40-52;
- Sunday, October 04, 2026: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Plasm 19;
- Monday, October 05, 2026: Psalm 144; Ezekiel 19:10-14; 1 Peter 2:4-10;
- Tuesday, October 06, 2026: Psalm 144; Isaiah 27:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21;
- Wednesday, October 07, 2026: Psalm 144; Song of Solomon 8:5-14; John 11:45-57;
- Thursday, October 08, 2026: Psalm 23; Isaiah 22:1-8a; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14;
- Friday, October 09, 2026: Psalm 23; Isaiah 22:8b-14; James 4:4-10;
- Saturday, October 10, 2026: Psalm 23; Isaiah 24:17-23; Mark 2:18-22;
- Sunday, October 11, 2026: Exodus 32:1-14, Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
- Monday, October 12, 2026: Deuteronomy 8:7-18, Psalm 65, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15;
- Tuesday, October 13, 2026: Psalm 34; Amos 9:5-15; Philippians 3:13-4:1;
- Wednesday, October 14, 2026: Psalm 34; Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4; John 6:25-35;
- Thursday, October 15, 2026: Psalm 96:1-9; Judges 17:1-6; 3 John 9-12;
- Friday, October 16, 2026: Psalm 96:1-9; Deuteronomy 17:14-20; 1 Peter 5:1-5;
- Saturday, October 17, 2026: Psalm 96:1-9; Isaiah 14:3-11; Matthew 14:1-12;
- Sunday, October 18, 2026: Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99, Isaiah 45:1-7;
- Monday, October 19, 2026: Psalm 98; Daniel 3:1-18; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20;
- Tuesday, October 20, 2026: Psalm 98; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 18:21-24;
- Wednesday, October 21, 2026: Psalm 98; Daniel 6:1-28; Matthew 17:22-27;
- Thursday, October 22, 2026: Psalm 1; Numbers 5:5-10; Titus 1:5-16;
- Friday, October 23, 2026: Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 9:25-10:5; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15;
- Saturday, October 24, 2026: Psalm 1; Proverbs 24:23-34; John 5:39-47;
- Sunday, October 25, 2026: Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
- Monday, October 26, 2026: Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25; James 2:8-13;
- Tuesday, October 27, 2026: Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 10:10-22; James 2:14-26;
- Wednesday, October 28, 2026: Psalm 119:41-48; Proverbs 16:1-20; Matthew 19:16-22;
- Thursday, October 29, 2026: Psalm 43; 1 Samuel 2:27-36; Romans 2:17-29;
- Friday, October 30, 2026: Psalm 43; Ezekiel 13:1-16; 2 Peter 2:1-3;
- Saturday, October 31, 2026: Psalm 43; Malachi 1:6-2:9; Matthew 23:13-28.



THE STUDY

LED BY REV. DAK McINNIS

9:00 am, Every Sunday in the Youth Building.

Also a continental breakfast is at 8:45 am.

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: When Pharaoh changed his mind and sent his army after the slaves, where did they meet?

Medium: When God showed Abram the stars in the sky, what did he promise?

Hard: What was Peter and Andrew doing when Jesus called them to follow him?

(Answers on page 10)

INFORMATION IN THE BIBLE

True or False: Adam was 130 years old when Seth was born?

True: Genesis 5:3 "When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth."

Jacob had 12 sons, but also had a daughter named Dinah

Yes: Genesis 34:1 ... "Now Dinah, the daughter Leah had borne to Jacob, went out to visit the women of the land."

WORLD FOOD DAY

Ten Myths About Hunger

1. **There is a global food shortage.**
false - chronic hunger has a range of causes, but global food scarcity is not one of them
2. **Most of the world's hungry live in Africa.**
false - most of the world's hungry live in the Asia Pacific region
3. **Men are the world's primary food producers.**
false - women produce more than half of all food worldwide, alongside other domestic tasks including: processing, collecting water & firewood, tending livestock, and cooking.
4. **Malnutrition is caused solely by a lack of food.**
sometimes - lack of food is the leading cause in developing countries, but two BILLION people (of a 7 billion global population) suffer malnutrition from micro nutrient deficiency from the food available to them.
5. **Global hunger is worsening.**
currently unknown - Between 2014 and 1990 the state of hunger in developing countries did drop by 39%.
6. **Obesity is only a problem in developed countries.**
false - due to micro nutrient deficiencies, obesity rates have risen in developing Countries too.
7. **People that produce food can always feed themselves.**
false - The Food and Agriculture Organization estimates that half of the world's hungry are from smallholding farming communities, where families are in areas prone to drought and flood.
8. **Large-scale farming is the answer to food shortage.**
false - Small-scale rural farmers are already feeding the majority of the world. The U.N. has called for governments to shift subsidies and research funding to these rural agricultural businesses.
9. **There is always an environmental trade-off to increasing food production.**
false - shifting support to rural farmers makes it possible to implement agro-ecological practices that would include public Benefits from coordinating farming with associated water, energy, and biodiversity management.
10. **It is difficult to know where hunger and famine will strike.**
false - The "famine early warning system network" (Fewest) was created by Asia. It analyzes crop production, climate, nutrition, and food prices to send alerts on potential food crises and famines. (*note: global relief funds to US aid have been cut. Consider donating to Fewest.net, or other global hunger relief agencies).

"World Food Day: 10 Myths About Hunger, The Guardian 03/23/2022

BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWERS (from page 9)

Easy: By the Red Sea; **Middle: Abram would have more descendants than the number of stars.;** **Hard: Fishing..**

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.

OCTOBER 4, 2026

Church Opening	Charles Riddle
Church Closing	Jeff Cody
Sacraments	Shelly Cody
Liturgist	Dr. Trey Earle
Children's Moment	Ashley Bourgeois
Youth Reader	Cora Cody
Elder	Dr. Trey Earle
Deacons (Greeter)	Presley Hutchinson
	Ray Acardo
	Alicia Cotten
	Carl Cotten
Livestream	Michael Rankin
Video Tech	Amy Taliaferro
Sound Tech	Greg Taliaferro
Program Builder	Brenda Hilgendorf
CW&W Greeter	Kayla Mercil
CW&W Storyteller	Genesis Bennie

OCTOBER 11, 2026

Church Opening	Jerry Hilgendorf
Church Closing	Jerry Hilgendorf
Sacraments	Shelly Cody
Liturgist	Alicia Cotten
Children's Moment	Pam Comeaux
Youth Reader	Brynleigh Comeaux
Elder	Ashleigh Bourgeois
Deacon (Greeter)	Kristin Morgan
	Callie Cody
	James Morgan
	Cathi Pourciau
Livestream	Brenda Hilgendorf
Video Tech	Michael Rankin
Sound Tech	Jeff Cody
Program Builder	Kim Lax
CW&W Greeter	Callie Cody
CW&W Storyteller	Shelly Cody

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Church Opening	Jerry Hilgendorf
Church Closing	Jeff Cody
Sacraments	Shelly Cody
Liturgist	Pam Comeaux
Children's Moment	Chris Culp
Youth Reader	Leonardo Morgan
Elder	Lorrinda Dickinson
Deacons (Greeter)	Steven Gibson
	Tony Babin
	Shelly Cody
	Greg Taliaferro
Livestream	Brenda Hilgendorf
Video Tech	Kim Lax
Sound Tech	Pam Jones
Program Builder	Jeff Cody
CW&W Greeter	Leonardo Morgan
CW&W Storyteller	Kristin Morgan

OCTOBER 25, 2026

Church Opening	Michael Rankin
Church Closing	Michael Rankin
Sacraments	Shelly Cody
Liturgist	Carmen Jones
Children's Moment	Donna Embree
Youth Reader	Cora Cody
Elder	Judy Lester
Deacons (Greeter)	Michael Rankin
	Kim Rankin
	Julie Theunissen
	Kendall Theunissen
Livestream	Pam Jones
Video Tech	Greg Taliaferro
Sound Tech	Kim Lax
Program Builder	Dr. Carol Madere
CW&W Greeter	Callie Cody
CW&W Storyteller	Shelly Cody



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

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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](#)