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A SEASON OF JOY AND NEW BEGINNINGS

At the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 12, we gave thanks to retiring members of our leadership boards and committees, and welcome the approved slate of members who will serve terms beginning March 1, 2022. You can review the leadership members, [here](#).

The 2022 Annual Budget presented by the Finance Committee was approved (available [here](#)), as well as the replacement of Paul Thompson, who has moved from the area, with Frank Dickinson as one of our registered agents.

The congregation also gave approval to application for a five-year signature loan of \$75,000 from Church Extension Board to fund our parking lot paving and gas line repairs.

We are so appreciative of the willingness of our church family to step up and become involved in so many ways in and around our campus, and in our presence as the body of Christ to our community.

HOLIDAY THANK-YOUS

THANK YOU to all who participated to bring us the lovely Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 19. It was truly a joyful noise unto the Lord! We appreciate the hard work of so many who helped make it a success including Director of Music Aaron Turnipseed, Accompanist João Casarotti, all those in the choir and our soloists, those involved in sound and lighting, and greeting, and a joyful, grateful congregation!

Our sanctuary already looked lovely, but the addition of the poinsettias added to the beautiful ambiance. Thank you to all who purchased a poinsettia this year, and especially to Brenda & Jerry Hilgendorf, and Sherry McInnis, who received the delivery and arranged the flowers so beautifully in the chancel area.

MINISTER UPDATES

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. - Rev. Dr. Julius R. Tipton will preside over our Christmas Eve service, combining elements of our previous "family" service, as well as the traditional candlelight service.

Sunday, December 26 - Rev. Dr. Julius R. Tipton returns to our pulpit.

Sunday, January 2 - The Rev. Dr. Dedrick Minor will preside and preach at our 10:00 service on his first Sunday as our Transitional Minister. Beginning Wednesday, January 5, Dedrick will have office hours at the church on Wednesdays between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. He can be reached via email at dedrick@fccbirla.org.

UPDATE ON WORK AROUND THE CAMPUS

The gas line repair work has been completed. We are waiting on our HVAC vendor to purge the lines and re-light the pilots. We will be just in time for heat to be restored to the Fellowship Hall, nursery, and office as the weather turns cold!

We hope you are enjoying the new parking lot! We look forward to getting it striped, this week.

Minor shingle repairs from Hurricane Ida have been addressed.

Construction is underway on a railing to be installed on the stairs to the chancel on the pulpit side. The model is at the fabricators shop for braces and plates. It will be aesthetically compatible with our lovely sanctuary with painting and wood trim to blend with our architecture. We hope to have this installed early in the new year.

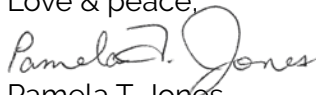
End of Year Notes

As we near the end of 2021, please keep in mind our church financial books also close on December 31. If you have receipts for church-requested purchases, please get those to Brenda for reimbursement by or before December 31.

Contributions to be attributed to your 2021 tax return must be received by December 31, 2021. Please be sure to use a December 2021 date on any checks so they can be applied properly. If you have any questions about your giving, please [contact Brenda](#) in the church office.

And to those among us who may be traveling this holiday season: We wish you safe passage and a joyous time with loved ones. Take care and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

Love & peace,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Pamela T. Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Pamela" being more prominent.

Pamela T. Jones

Chair, FCC General Board

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS AT FCCBRLA



Thanks to our Advent Bakers!

Ed Atkins
Ann Baskin
Donna Embree
Lisa Fennell
Vicki Krupala

Carol Madere
Sherry McInnis
Ruth Riddle
Bev Tipton
Lorry Trotter

Phyllis Willis



"All you need is love.
But a little chocolate
now and then doesn't
hurt."

Charles M. Schulz



CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

CAPITAL AREA CASA ASSOCIATION

December 7, 2021

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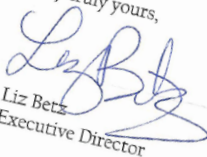
Dear Ms. Hilgendorf and Ms. Lester:

Thank you for First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ's generous donation of gifts for CASA children. With generous support from the community, CASA volunteers have provided a voice in court for over 3,400 abused, neglected, and abandoned children. With your support, we will continue to provide a CASA volunteer for every child who needs one.

As required by the Internal Revenue Service, Capital Area CASA Association acknowledges that you have received no goods or services in exchange for contribution.

Thank you for helping CASA speak up for a child.

Very truly yours,


Liz Betz
Executive Director

*Christmas is the time of year
we remember those close to our hearts*

Merry Christmas

*Thank you so much for the
Christmas bag. It is greatly
appreciated.*

*Sincerely
Ann Behard*

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 Brenda in the church office at 225-926-4175.

December 26, 2021

Church Opening George Cochran
Sacraments Diane Sympson
Deacon/Greeter Joann Taliaferro
Liturgist Pam Comeaux
Youth Reader Leonardo Morgan
Children's Moment Crystal Casaroti
Elder David Brian
Video Tech Callie Cody
Sound Tech Jeff Cody
Livestream Ted Baldwin
Church Closing Cathi Pourciau
Program Builder Jeff Cody

January 2, 2022

Church Opening Marion Denova
Sacraments Lisa Fennell
Deacon/Greeter Steve Gibson
Liturgist Jerry Moses
Youth Reader Anderson Krupala
Children's Moment Leatus Still
Elder Pam Comeaux
Video Tech Jeff Cody
Sound Tech Greg Taliaferro
Livestream Ted Baldwin
Church Closing Jeff Cody
Program Builder Carol Madere

Lectionary Readings: December 22, 2021 - January 4, 2022

Wednesday, December 22, 2021: Luke 1:46b-55; Micah 4:1-5; Ephesians 2:11-22

Thursday, December 23, 2021: Luke 1:46b-55; Micah 4:6-8; 2 Peter 1:16-21

Friday, December 24, 2021: Nativity of the Lord - Isaiah 9:27; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

Saturday, December 25, 2021: Nativity of the Lord - Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4; John 1:1-14

Sunday, December 26, 2021: Christmas 1: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41-52

Monday, December 27, 2021: Psalm 148; Proverbs 8:32-36; John 21:19b-24

Tuesday, December 28, 2021: Psalm 148; Isaiah 54:1-13; Revelation 21:1-7

Wednesday, December 29, 2021: Psalm 147:12-20; 1 Chronicles 28:1-10; 1 Corinthians 3:10-17

Thursday, December 30, 2021: Psalm 147:12-20; 2 Chronicles 1:7-13; Mark 13:32-37

Friday, December 31, 2021: Psalm 147:12-20; 1 Kings 3:5-14; John 8:12-19

Saturday, January 1, 2022: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8; Revelation 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46

Sunday, January 2, 2022: Christmas 2: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:10-18

Monday, January 3, 2022: Psalm 72; Job 42:10-17; Luke 8:16-21

Tuesday, January 4, 2022: Psalm 72; Isaiah 6:1-5; Acts 7:44-53

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, 60, or 90 days without an update, depending on the nature of the original request.

Members in our prayers:

JD Albin, Dora & Ron Blackburn, Lois & Bill Burt, Norma Carr, Jody Chrisope, Pam Culp, Marion Denova, Martha Denova, Nancy Fatta, Paul Foster, the family of Fred Goodspeed, Rich Griswold, Michelle Griswold, Lee Gullett, Ruth Horn, Presley Hutchinson, Beryl Jacques, Jane Johnson, Marie Ladner, Ann Landry, the family of Melinda Looney, the family of Randy Looney, William Miguez, Helen Mitchener, Kristin Morgan, Jerry Moses, Bob & Jennifer Netterville, Helen Rankin, Gladys & Kelly Runnells, the family of Donna Tetrack, Nathan Tipton, Wally and Beverly Weselak, Toni Wilson, the family of Beverly Wolfe, FCC Search Committees

Friends & Family of Members in our prayers

Scott & Nikki Barbay, Donna & Don Bohlcke, Angela Marie Avansi Casarotti, Katrina Donoho, Dean Fife, Rev. Jim Goode, Lane Holloman, Shannon Reid Holmes, the family of Rev. Joe Lacy, Jeff Judice, Matt Mattison, the family of Paul Payne, the family of Bryan Phenix, Tallu Schuyler Quinn, the family of James Rudd, Alyssa Russell, Dayna Coupel Simoneaux, the Soni family, Jennifer Thompson, Charlie Tipton, Lori Wells

Members in Active Military Service:

PFC Gage Goodspeed

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION AND ONLINE LINKS:

Church Office Phone: 225-926-4175 Email: churchoffice@fccbrla.org

Website: fccbrla.org Office Hours: Tues-Thurs 9 am-3 pm Office Hours Text: 225-755-9838

YouTube Video Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/user/FCCBRLA/featured>

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

CHRISTMAS EVE Service

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

6:00 PM

Family Candlelight Service