



# KEYNOTER

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## “We Are Still The Church!”

# Class of 2020

Congratulations to our 2020 Graduates! We celebrated these graduates in our May 10 worship video, but want to recognize them here as well. The pandemic may have disrupted the end of their final year at their schools, but we're grateful for each of them and look forward to seeing what happens in the next chapters of each of their lives!

### OUR STAFF

**Senior Minister**  
Rev. Chris Cash

**Director of Music Ministry**  
Dr. Cully Bell

**Director of Youth Ministry**

**Accompanist**  
Kelli Evans

**Administrator/Accountant**  
Teresa Buta

**Maintenance/Housekeeping**  
Scott Jarvis & Derek Jarvis

**Nursery Attendant**  
Marcia Wallace

**Webmaster**  
Jessi Jump

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday-Thursday  
11:00 am – 3:30 pm  
[fccgeorgetown.org](http://fccgeorgetown.org)  
502-863-2049

Please check the weekly mailchimp, the bulletins, and with the office for minister's schedules as they are subject to change weekly depending on the needs of the church. If you'd like to make an appointment please contact the church at 502-863-2049 or [fccgeorgetown@bellsouth.net](mailto:fccgeorgetown@bellsouth.net)

*We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.*



Terra Buta- Scott County High School

Kelli Evans - Eastern Kentucky University

Will Hall- Woodford County High School

Karina Logsdon- Western Kentucky University

Lauren Lusby- Great Crossing High School

Sage Osborn- Scott County High School

# Kids and Youth



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Georgetown is having **“Compassion Camp” Virtual Bible School** via Zoom this year from August 3-6 at 6:00 p.m. each day over Zoom. Compassion Camp VBS is geared toward grades K-5 but is open to all children up to those entering 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall. Each session will last about an hour. All are welcome! If you would like to enroll your child(ren),

register via the website at [www.fccgeorgetown.org](http://www.fccgeorgetown.org) or contact the church at (502) 863-2049 or [fccgeorgetown@bellsouth.net](mailto:fccgeorgetown@bellsouth.net). We hope to see your child!

## PRAYER LIST

### MEMBERS

Nancy Lewis  
Marcy Holladay

### FAMILY

Cheri Kincaid (daughter of Gary & Pauline Kincaid)  
Ed Cleaver (son of Charles & Lois Cleaver)  
Caty Deaton (daughter of Jean Hall)

### HOMEBOUND

Louise Price (Windsor Gardens)  
Paul Stringham (The Homeplace at Midway)

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### Kroger Rewards Code

You can support FCC through your Kroger Rewards. New enrollees will just enter code ED328 on your rewards.

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## “We are still the church!”



That’s the refrain you’ve heard me say often since we had to make major adjustments to our life together back in March. I’ve said it often because it’s true!

Things may have looked different over this span, with us all in different places, but there are still many ways we’ve lived out our mission to worship, connect, and serve.

Our worship switched to online videos, which was a different experience for many of us. That format has worked well for some, but had limitations for others. One thing we have seen is that these

worship videos have expanded the reach of our congregation- we have people both in Scott County and in other places who are regularly participating in our worship experience that were not prior to the pandemic. When we return to in-person worship, we’ll still be offering an online worship video as well. Watch for more information on that soon!

Weekly studies moved to Zoom, with the “Sacred Inklings” Sunday School class meeting each Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m., the Lenten Study meeting via Zoom until they completed their study on Easter, and Wednesday Night Bible Study gathering each week before taking a break for June and July.

Our church bells have been rung at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning, joining with other churches in this practice to remind us of the ways we are connected to one another in the midst of the pandemic. We’ve gathered for a Zoom guided prayer time most Sunday mornings of the pandemic. Our elders and deacons have helped check in on our members as we’ve sought to support one another through these challenging times. Since not all our members connect on-line, we’ve also been printing and mailing copies of the worship services and e-mail updates to those who do not use e-mail and online videos.

We’ve also had special opportunities to connect, including a Palm Sunday “Palm Parade” from our cars with our friends next door at Georgetown Baptist, a Zoom Talent Show/Show & Tell night, a Drive-By Visits project on June 20, a special Zoom discussion of the book “Southernmost” with author Silas House, and more.

We’ve given support to the AMEN House in this time of increased community need, through your donations, a \$1,000 gift from our Toyota Fund, and a fundraiser project that Logan Dickinson organized with starter plants. Our Outreach Committee met a need of laundry detergent and dish soap for 27 families through the Garth Elementary Family Resource Center. We provided a meal at The Gathering Place in April and will do so again in July.

This doesn’t even include all the ways you have personally checked on one another through phone calls, e-mails, distanced drive-way visits and “front porch drop-offs” of supplies, and more. You’ve also checked on your neighbors, prayed for others, given to meet needs, and so much more.

## July Worship Experiences

### July 12- Drive Through Worship Experience - 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Enter the Clinton Street Parking Lot from Clinton Street anytime between 10:00-11:00 a.m. that Sunday morning. You’ll get to experience being greeted by familiar church faces, live hymns, a time of prayer with Chris, and communion led by our Elders (bring your own communion elements), all from your car as you pass through the lot. You can also bring food items for the AMEN House and place them in the wagon at the lot entrance. The experience will take 10 minutes or so- if there is a wait to get into the lot, please pull over and do not block Clinton Street traffic.

### July 19 & 26- Vespers Worship on the Side Yard

We’ll have a 25-30 minute service of performed music, prayer, sermon, and communion as folks sit masked and distanced in lawn chairs and on blankets in our church yard. This service will be offered at 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. and sign-up for a particular time will be required to manage crowd size and distancing. We’ll add a 11:00 a.m. time if needed, as well. Please bring your own lawn chair as well as your own communion elements if you wish to partake during the service. Sign-up by contacting the church office at 502-863-2049 or using this form:

<https://forms.gle/v9YCAYBsuSemnwNo8>.

In the event of rain for any of these events, we’ll announce any alternate plans/dates when announcing the postponement. **There will also still be a slightly shorter worship video featuring a hymn, sermon, and communion posted on YouTube & Facebook Premiere for July 12, 19, & 26** for those who do not attend one of the in-person opportunities or wish to utilize both.

### Gathering Place Meal

First Christian Church will be providing the Gathering Place meal on July 30th and the Outreach Committee wishes to thank Stephanie Bryan who has generously offered to provide the entire meal!

If you would still like to make a monetary donation, it can be sent directly to The Gathering Place. Their mailing address is: Gathering Place Mission, 339 Bourbon Street, Georgetown, KY 40324

### Church Office Hours

The church office has resumed regular in-person operations at this time since our office layout allows for appropriate physical distancing and other precautions. Teresa Buta, Administrator, also now has new office hours from 11:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday. Chris Cash's typical office hours are 8:30-4:30, Monday-Thursday, but vary due to ministry needs and responsibilities outside the office. You can continue to call or e-mail the office if you have a need. Our office will be following the state’s “Healthy At Work” protocols- if you have a matter that requires an in-person visit, please remain masked while in the building. We will have hand sanitizer and disposable masks available at the office Clinton Street entrance if you do not have one.

“Common Unity in the Community” is a group working toward addressing prejudice and racism and working towards racial justice in the Scott County community. The group includes a variety of people from different backgrounds, including clergy and church members, and currently meets every other Monday evening via Zoom. You can subscribe to their newsletter and learn more

here: <https://mailchi.mp/9c568afb4d37/subscribe-to-the-newsletter>

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We are still the church!

The pandemic continues and its effects for the rest of the year remain to be seen. It will require continued adjustments in our own life together as a church, as well as our community and world. In the midst of it all, we will still be the church!

The months ahead will continue to require flexibility, intentionality, and creativity from us all. The good news is that God’s Spirit is still at work in us and through us, giving us what we need to face the opportunities and challenges of these times! We’ll also have some reflection work to do as we consider what we’ve learned about church and our life together through all of this so far and what it might mean as we go forward as a congregation in the rest of the pandemic, as well as when it is over at some point.

I’m grateful for each of you and the ways we have continued to be the church in the midst of these times. I’m grateful to be your pastor!

Chris