First Christian Church Outreach



Suicide Awareness and Prevention

Recently our community has been impacted by deaths due to suicide. One of the families impacted asked for monetary gifts to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention in lieu of flowers. Established in 1987, the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP) is a voluntary health organization that gives those affected by suicide a nationwide community empowered by research, education, and advocacy to take action against this leading cause of death.

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention uses donations to fund research for suicide prevention, create and distribute educational materials, advocate for public policy, and support survivors of suicide loss. As a church, we plan to collect a special donation to be sent to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention ending on March 30. Donations can be any time between now and then, made out to First Christian Church (marked designated for AFSP) or can be made directly to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (if preferred).

In addition, to show support to our community, we plan to offer a 1-hour session regarding suicide prevention and resources. This session will take place on **Wednesday**, **March 26**, **2025 from 6:30-7:30pm.** This session will be open to the public.

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2025 Lenten Theme: Everything in Between

This Lent, we'll journey through stories from the gospel of Luke as we explore how Jesus often disrupted the polarities of his time to emphasize the inclusive and surprising love of God. Jesus invites us to look beyond the binaries and easy answers to imagine a way that is more complex, but also more life-giving.

March 5- Ash Wednesday- Intention & Action

(Jesus sets out for Jerusalem)

March 9- Stranger & Neighbor (Parable of the Good Samaritan)

March 16- Faith & Works (Mary & Martha host Jesus)

March 23- Rest & Growth (Parable of the Fig Tree)

March 30- Lost & Found (Parable of the Lost Sheep)

April 6- Righteousness & Mercy (Zacchaeus & Jesus)

April 13- Palm Sunday- Shouting & Silence (Jesus enters Jerusalem)

April 17- Maundy Thursday- Power & Humility (the Last Supper)

April 20- Easter Sunday- Grief & Hope

(Jesus' followers at the tomb)

Ash Wednesday

The season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, March 5**. We'll offer a reflective 30-minute Ash Wednesday service that evening at 6:15 p.m. in the chapel that will include imposition of ashes. A pizza dinner will be offered in the fellowship hall at 5:30 p.m. tonight.

March 2025

OUR STAFF

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 11:00 am – 3:30 pm 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 veekly 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

Sunday Worship 11:00 am Sunday School 9:45 am

Intergenerational Faith Formation in Action: Assistance Needed with Easter Play!

Do you love to act? Or dress up and make people smile? Are you interested in getting to know some of our youth better and serving as a supportive mentor? Want to get more involved but not sure how? Are you crafty or handy with tools? DO YOU LIKE TO HAVE FUN??? During our 6:30-7:30 Wednesday night programs, **starting on March 12**, we will be preparing, rehearsing, and building sets for an interactive, immersive Easter play featuring our kids & youth. The hope is that this will be an intergenerational experience! The play experience will take place on **Wednesday**, **April 16**, **at 6pm**, so make sure to mark your calendars and save the date!

Please contact Carly Dickinson at 315-420-2627 or Larry Prather at (304)618-9465 with any questions!

Dinner & Dessert Auction Rescheduled

Hospitality Ministry has rescheduled the dessert auction to **Palm Sunday**, **April 13**, after morning worship. The church will provide the main dish and drinks, with sides being provided by potluck. The dessert auction to benefit children & youth programs will be held in conjunction with this meal. Look for more details coming soon!

Pastor's Class

We're excited to begin forming our next Pastor's Class! This class is for all older elementary children & youth who are ready to consider baptism. The students learn about the basics of the Christian faith as they prepare for a decision about being baptized. We will configure class meeting times/frequency based on those who are interested. If your child/youth is interested or you have additional questions, please contact Chris or the church office by **Wednesday**, **March 12**.

Kentucky Refugee Ministries Collection:

The suspension of the refugee resettlement program and other federal funding means that there is increased need for supplies for clients that are already here in central Kentucky. If you would like to donate items, below is a list of the things most urgently needed now. There is a trunk in the Gathering Area where items can be donated during March. Thank you for your generosity.

- · Baby care supplies, especially diapers of all sizes
- · Toiletries and hygiene items
- · Cleaning supplies
- · Bicycles

Month of Compassion Update

The Week of Compassion offering has totaled \$3,550.00. If you haven't yet contributed, but would like to make a donation, it isn't too late. Additional donations can made throughout the year and can be placed in the offering boxes or forwarded to the church office, marked as WOC offerings. The church has also donated an additional \$2000 to Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM), out of Toyota funds, to help offset the withdrawal of federal assistance.

Electronic Giving Options

Recognizing that people handle their finances in variety of ways, there are a variety of ways you can give to FCC! You can always share cash or checks in the offering boxes on Sunday mornings or mail/drop off checks to the church office. Additionally, you can give digitally using these options:

- **Givelify App** this secure giving app is downloadable for both Android & iPhones. You can find us on the app by searching "First Christian Church Georgetown" or if you're at the church, allowing the app to use your location will bring us up as the first choice of giving.
- Paypal- You can give to the church via Paypal by using fccgeorgetown@bellsouth.net to find us on the app
- ACH Recurring Giving: ACH donations are deducted automatically from your bank account the same time each month. These donations are set up by you on an annual basis and can be discontinued at any time. For more information, contact Teresa Buta, Administrator, at fccgeorgetown@bellsouth.net.
- Online Bill Pay Gifts: Many banks and financial institutions allow their members to process gifts electronically through their checking or savings account. These gifts may be one-time gifts or recurring according to your banks' system and regulations. If you have any questions about setting up giving in this way, please feel free to contact Teresa at fccgeorgetown@bellsouth.net.

Offerings & Outreach
<u>Tithes & Offerings</u>
Needed Monthly

\$24,438.58

Received in February \$18.429.00 As of the end of February 2025

General Budget YTD Income: \$33,577.00 General Budget YTD Expenses: \$47,212.81

Outreach Giving: Contributions collected as of February 28, 2025 for outreach giving are as follows:

Amen House: \$465.00 Week of Compassion: \$2,900.00

Blanket Sunday: \$460.00 WOC Eastern KY Flood Relief: \$1,000.00

CA Wildfire Relief: \$75.00

PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS

Jean Matheny Jacque Hukill Donna Ward Cecil Lewis Fred Nippert

FAMILY

Mary McBurney (grandmother of Carly Dickinson)
Carmen Wagner (daughter of Jim & Rosalie Calloway)
Brent Poole (cousin of Debbie Hockensmith)
Xander Willham (great-nephew of Wanda Ray)
Karen Trosper (mother of Adam Trosper)
Tony Shipman (cousin of Jean Hall)
Sue Wilson (mother of Betty Covington)
Sympathy and prayers to Larry & Kathy Metzger in the death of Larry's brother, Bob Metzger

FRIENDS

Kevin Carr (of Judy Kushner & Pat Clark)

Kroger Rewards Code

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

AMEN House/Blessing Box Collection- Sunday, April 6, 2025

For our monthly First Sunday Food Collection, both food items and monetary donations will be collected and blessed at the start of the worship service. All food items collected will be shared through our Blessing Box on College Street and monetary donations will be given to the AMEN House. We welcome all kinds of non-perishable food donations for the Blessing Box and items with pop-tops that do not require a microwave/stove to prepare can be especially helpful to some in our community. Sharing these resources helps address food insecurity here in Scott County. (Food items can also be donated throughout the month by placing them in the red wagon in the hall outside the chapel)

Disciples Women's Fellowship

March 17, DWF Meeting at 5 PM in the Gathering Area Lesson: Blessing Box Dedication

<u>Service Project</u>: Blessing Box offering proceeds are sent to KY Disciples Women to be forwarded to the Disciples Mission Fund and the Disciples Women's Ministries. February Service Project -if you had purchased Meal Service supplies for the Gathering Place, you can bring them to the March DWF Meeting. RSVP to Kathy Nippert by March 16.

April 21, DWF Meeting at **5 PM** in the Gathering Area Lesson: Just Women 2024: p 45 – Loving Matt 22:37-39 <u>Service Project</u>: Quest Farm – twin sheet sets, toilet tissue, laundry detergent, gas gift cards, bottled water, copy paper, art supplies RSVP to Kathy Nippert by April 20, 502-542-1204 or <u>katnipp3@yahoo.com</u>

Church Calendar

You can always view the complete church calendar by viewing our Google calendar: https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/2?cid=ZmNjZ2VvcmdldG93bmt50GdtYWlsLmNvb0 To request having a church event/program added (or to make changes to an existing event/program), please contact Teresa Buta in the church office (teresa@fccgeorgetown.org).

Lenten Devotional Booklets and Daily Devotional Cards

Print versions are available at both entrances and a digital version of the booklet will be sent out via church-wide e-mail on March 4. You can sign up to receive the daily devotional cards via daily text message pictures by texting the message @fcclent to the number 81010 (or search and join the FCCLent group if you're a Remind app user).

Lenten Class- Making Sense of the Cross

While some of us grew up only hearing one or two ways of understanding the significance of Jesus' crucifixion, Christians through the centuries have had a variety of views on the cross. During Lent, Chris will lead a class that will examine some of these different understandings, including the ways some are life-giving and some raise problematic issues. On March 12 & 19 and April 9, the class will be offered both in the Wednesday Night Adult Class at 6:30 p.m. and a lunch-time class on Zoom at noon (meeting ID: 747 159 1922 passcode: 40324).

Church Mowing Team

We rely on a team of volunteers to help mow the church yard each year. The church has a push-mower and weed-eater on-site, so you do not need to bring your own equipment (unless you prefer to do so). The rotation system means each person/small team mows about every 6th week or so at most. If you would like to help care for our grounds in this way, please contact Gary Kincaid (502-542-9006) **by March 16** so he can coordinate the schedule.

Sunday Fellowship Time

If you frequently enjoy a donut, cup of coffee, or other goodie in The Gathering Area on Sunday mornings, maybe you wonder where all of those treats come from. They come from volunteers who are willing to purchase or prepare them each Sunday. Any donation you drop in the jar helps offset the person's costs. Can you help by supplying food for our fellowship times? Sign up on the Bulletin Board by the Chapel or scanning this QR Code.



February Board Meeting Minutes

To support both communication and transparency, our new by-laws provide that FCC Board Meeting minutes are shared with the congregation. You can view the minutes from the February 13 meeting here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/11UaIX_cwkV7K8brcUdRRkT_kbQgyoeXh?usp=sharing Copies of Board agendas and minutes are also always available to congregational participants through the church office.