

# First Christian Church

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### 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)

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

## 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.



### 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.

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!

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!

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.**

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.

- 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 be 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.

- **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:fccgeorgetown@bellsouth.net).

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	

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](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.