Elkhorn Creek Clean-up Day- Saturday, August 8
Eli Simpson, our Creation Care summer fellow, will lead an Elkhorn Creek clean-up paddle trip on August 8. The group will put in at Oser Landing Park at 9:00 a.m. and end at Cardome Park, picking up trash along the way. Supplies will be provided and a limited number of boats are available (though you are encouraged to use your own if you have one)- **please sign-up by Wednesday, August 5**, to allow time for final prep. You can sign-up by using the QR code provided or contacting Eli (also if you have any questions).

Director of Music Ministry Search Update
Our search for our next Director of Music Ministry continues and we are still accepting inquiries and resumes. The search team will be starting the interview process in mid-August. We appreciate the congregation sharing the position details and job description with anyone who may be interested in the role (https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AqsYJsvZajfulj-o-ZHX-k1DpOt526pj/view?usp=sharing). For inquiries about the position or questions about the role or process, please reach out to the church office (502-863-2049 or fccgeorgetownky@gmail.com) at any time.

Disciples Women's Fellowship 2026-2027 Program Year
Starting Monday, September 21, 2026, DWF will be meeting at **6:00 p.m.** in the Gathering Area. You are invited to join us for fellowship, service projects, Bible Study and refreshments. Lesson will usually start around 6:30 p.m. if you are unable to make it for refreshments at 6:00 pm. We will be studying the Hebrew Bible women in the book by Claire McKeever-Burgett. *In the Beginning Were the Women: Matriarchs, Mystics, Wise Women, and Warriors in the Hebrew Bible.* The book may be ordered at the August 17 DWF Meeting for $16.39 ($15.39+$1.00 S&H) or purchased at Chalice Press or Amazon.

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Welcome New Members, Matt Simpson, Sarah Bell, & Olivia Simpson



Matt, Sarah, and Olivia joined the congregation on June 21, by transfer of membership from another congregation. They have been active in our congregation for several months. Olivia is also active in our youth group and was recently affirmed by the congregation to serve as one of our deacons. They reside at 551 Morris Road, Sadieville, KY, 40370.

Pastor's Class
We're excited to begin forming our next Pastor's Class after the school year resumes! This class is for all older elementary children & youth who are ready to consider baptism. The students learn an introduction to 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, with the class possibly being a longer one-day session or 2-3 shorter sessions. If your child/youth is interested or you have additional questions, please contact Chris (859-953-1613) or the church office today.

Adults & Membership/Baptism
If you have interest in joining the congregation as a member through baptism, affirmation of a previous baptism, or transferring membership from another congregation, you can contact Chris Cash, Senior Minister, at any time.

New Church Database, Directory, and App Coming Soon!
Our upcoming online/printed directory and church app will be tools that help us build connections to one another and the life of the church. We'll be using the secure ChurchTrac platform (used by thousands of churches) and their ChurchConnect app (which will feature a secure church directory; links to our worship livestream videos; church calendar; and starting with the new fiscal year in 2027, the ability to view your giving record at any time). In mid-August, we'll be soliciting information from all participants to build the database, with online and in-person options for submitting your information. The app and printed directory options will be available starting in September, with in-person tutorial & assistance sessions offered to help with installing and navigating the app for those who wish to use it. Watch for a church-wide e-mail soon with more detailed information on the platform features, security and privacy, and dates.

OUR STAFF

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
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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 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

Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Adult Sunday School 9:45 am
Youth Group 9:45 am

Kids, Youth, & Family Events

Middle & High School Youth Group Resumes - Sunday, August 9, 9:45 a.m.
We will spend the fall discussing the scripture for the worship service that Sunday and doing fun games to get to know each other better!

Meet Me at Suffoletta - Monday, August 10, 4:00 -7:00 pm
Admission is covered by the church; food and drinks available for purchase. Kick off the new school year or celebrate the end of the summer with friends at the pool!

Tailgate and Soccer Game at Lexington Soccer Club! - Saturday, August 29
Middle & high school youth & their families are invited to attend. Tickets are covered by the church. Bring a dish to share. We'll meet in the tailgate area of the parking lot at 5:30. Stay tuned for more details.

Children's Worship Space Update
As part of our Children in Worship Lilly grant requirements, and in collaboration with our Worship Coordinators working group, we have created a space in the front of the sanctuary that is intentionally child-centered. We did a trial run of this space during the 5-week summer grant series from June 14 through July 12. Throughout this period, we have sought feedback from the congregation, via speaking with individuals, discussion in the adult Sunday School class, through the Keynoter and weekly connections, and with an open meeting that was held on July 5 after worship. At the meeting, the consensus was that we continue with this worship space through the summer until Children Worship & Wonder begins and then seek further feedback regarding a long-term plan for the space. Our next step will be discussion and a vote in the August Board meeting to determine a formal plan moving forward. We are excited about the new ways we are welcoming people of all ages as we live into our mission and vision together as a vibrant community of faith! As always, if you have any questions, please contact Carly Dickinson, grant Lay Leader; Chris Cash, Senior Minister, or Molly Marsh, Working Group Chair.

Y'all Camp at Wakon'Da-Ho September 4-6
There's one more opportunity for all ages to experience church camp this year! Whether you've attended camp many times or have never been, Labor Day weekend is a good chance to experience WKDH in a laid back, intergenerational way. Beginning Friday night and ending Sunday morning, Y'all camp provides the opportunity for families to experience camp together as well as older individuals who may have attended camp as youth or have never been but want to see what it's all about! We already have a couple of families from FCC planning to attend, and more would be welcome; if you want to know more, please contact Carly Dickinson. Registration is $25 per person, and the church can assist with the cost if needed. You can sign up here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeVhIff-XqjMQjijv0nLIgT9BVp62-1SQSd0DhpKnTCtcEvvQ/viewform and pay either when you arrive or using this link:
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VBS 2026 #KidsConnect Review
We sure packed a lot of fun and learning into just a few days at VBS! We ended up with 25 children participating, including several new friends. Our theme this year was #KidsConnect and kids heard Bible stories and participated in games and activities helping them to deepen connections with friends, people of all ages, and the community. We also collected an offering each night for the Gathering Place Mission and collected over $100 as well as a table full of toiletries, socks, and other items to donate. Additionally, our Community Wellness ministry is making a $500 donation using Toyota Funds on behalf of VBS. We had such a great time, we decided to continue this VBS theme for the first few weeks of Wednesday night programs this fall!

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Offerings & Outreach

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Needed Monthly	Received in July	General Budget YTD Income: $157,199.91
$25,517.83	$26,994.00	General Budget YTD Expenses: $159,493.21

Outreach Giving: Contributions collected as of July 31, 2026 for outreach giving are as follows:

Amen House: $2,908.50	Week of Compassion: $3,338.00
Blanket Sunday: $795.00	Kentucky Refugee Ministries: $100.00
Disciples Women's Fellowship Blessing Boxes: $290.00	Disciples of Christ Pentecost Special Offering: $150.00
Disciples Women's Fellowship School Supplies: $405.00	Back-to-School Bash: $315.00

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. You can also access through our website: www.fccgeorgetown.org.
· **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.

PRAYER LIST

Jacque Hukill
Cecil Lewis
Fred Nippert
Gracelyn Parriman

FAMILY
Carmen Wagner (daughter of Jim & Rosalie Calloway)
Xander Willham (great-nephew of Wanda Ray)
Karen Trosper (mother of Adam Trosper)
Lisa Shackelford (cousin of Jerry Hamilton)
Dave Anderson (brother of Lauren Sellers)
Michael Curtsinger (father of Anna Jones)
Judy Curtsinger (mother of Anna Jones)
Brad Britt (father of Serena Culbertson & Keda Trosper)
Jarrod Messick (son of Mark & Kim Messick))
Jimmy Paul Clark (cousin of Jean Hall)
David Gaddie (cousin of Pauline Kincaid)
Cheryl Johnson (mother of Christy Messick)
Jon Wilson (brother of Suetta Dickinson)
Amy Smith (sister of Will Harris)
Mike Driggers (uncle of Christy Messick)
Sympathy and prayers to Betty and Rick Covington and family in the death of Betty's mother, Sue Wilson

FRIENDS
BJ Litteral (of Molly Litteral-Lewis)

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, September 6, 2026
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. (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
DWF Meeting, August 17, at 5:00 p.m. in the Gathering Area
Lesson: Just Women 2025: *Prayer for Power* p.53 Eph 3:14-21
Service Project: The Gathering Place for Women –
Personal Care items for Women & Children; shower gel; shampoo; conditioner; hygiene items; tissues; etc

Sign Up for Hostess and Lesson Leader for 2026-2027 Program Year.
Order 2026-27 Study book. Please RSVP to Kathy Nippert by Aug. 16, at katnipp3@yahoo.com or 502-54-1204.

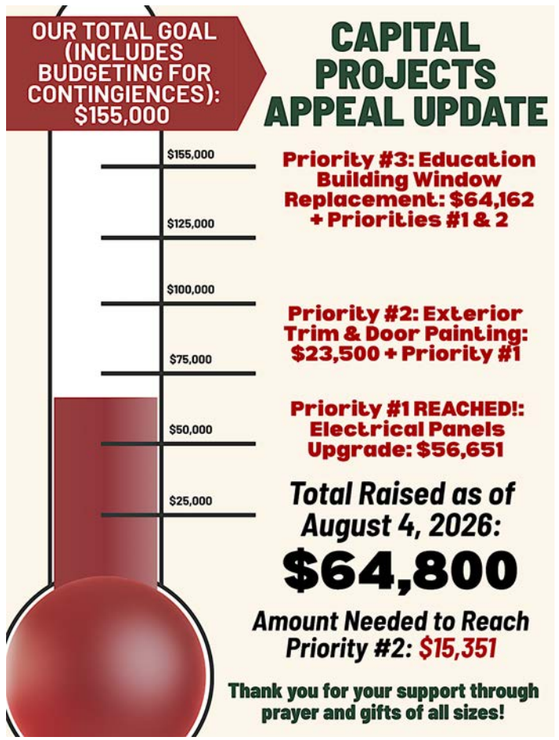
Board Meeting- Thursday, August 20- 7:00 p.m. in the conference room

Annual Fish Fry, August 30th
The annual fish fry will be held in our side yard on **Sunday, August 30th at 4:30 p.m**. Invite a friend to join you for fish and all the sides prepared by Gary Kidwell and the Hospitality Ministry. Bluegrass music by Jim Calloway and his band will add to the festivities. We look forward to seeing you there!

Wednesday Night Faith Formation Programs Return in September
Our Wednesday Night dinner and Kids, Youth, and Adult faith formation groups will resume on **Wednesday, September 2**! Watch for more information soon!

Church Calendar
You can always view the complete church calendar by viewing our Google calendar: https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/2?cid=ZmNjZ2VvcmdldG93bmt5QGdtYWlsLmNvbQ 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).

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Capital Projects Appeal Update
Our Stewardship Ministry shared an appeal in late June about three larger property projects that need funding and attention. Thanks to your generous response, we've already received $64,800 of the $155,000 needed for these projects. Work for the electrical panels replacement project is already being scheduled as that project is now fully funded! We continue to receive with gratitude gifts of any and all sizes- each one matters! If you'd like to give, you can designate "capital projects fund" on your check or envelope.