First Christian Church Outreach

Blanket the World in Love – Re-scheduled to Sunday, February 1
Disciples Women's Fellowship is sponsoring our annual Church World Service (CWS) Blanket Sunday Offering on **February 1**. For over 75 years, CWS has helped people of faith bring God's hope and healing to people in the U.S. and around the world through a variety of efforts, including providing blankets. Monetary donations are used to purchase blankets that go to people in need, distributed through partner shelters, disaster relief, refugee centers, and community outreach programs, providing warmth and dignity to individuals and families facing homelessness, poverty, or displacement, often alongside hygiene kits and other essentials. $10 provides 1 CWS blanket, $30 provides 2 wool and 1 fleece blanket, and $60 provides 3 wool and 3 fleece blankets. Over 17,317 blankets were shared with people in need in 2025. "And don't forget to do good and share with those in need." (Hebrews 13:16) You can donate by noting "Blanket Sunday" on your check or donation and online donations can be made at cwsblankets.org. Thank you for your generosity.

February Month of Compassion
FCC designates February as the Month of Compassion. There will be a kick-off breakfast **Sunday, February 1, at 9:45 a.m.** in the fellowship hall. Our speaker will be Melissa Couston from Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Lexington. We will also have Mission Moments featuring the work of Week of Compassion (WOC) throughout February. You can give to WOC by designating it on your check or envelope.

Amen House Personal Hygiene Items needed
Our children & youth and their families are sponsoring a personal hygiene drive for the next several months for Amen House. This month's items needed are toilet paper and deodorant (all kinds). Starting next Sunday, we will have a bin for these items in the gathering area and we will be collecting them throughout the month of February. Monetary donations are also welcome and checks can be made out to "Amen House Personal Hygiene Program." Checks can be turned in to Carly Dickinson or to the church office.

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Lent at FCC 2026

Tell me something good

See inside for more details!

2026 Congregational Leadership

In worship on February 1, we will install and bless our leadership for 2026. We also acknowledge that we all have gifts we are called to share for the common good, including in our community of faith. We're grateful for these leaders and all who serve!

Officers: Congregational Chair: Phil Logsdon; Congregational Vice Chair: Audrey Carr; Congregational Secretary: Holly Osborn; Congregational Treasurer: Gary Kincaid

Elders: Jean Hall (Chair), Rev. Dr. Katherine Alexander, Lindsey Burns, Steve Carter, Cam Culbertson, Stan Hankins, Anna Jones, Mike Hockensmith

Deacons: Julie Knipp (Chair), Parker Alexander, Patrice Bayeba, Rosalie Calloway, Anne Culbertson, Alison Fisher, Karen Hankins, Martha Harris, Zach Hitchcock, Linzi Knipp, Kevin Lutes, Mitzi Lutes, Larry Prather, Lee Thomas, Keda Trosper, Jo Turley

Trustees: Jim Calloway, Reggie Gentry, Jane Lucas, Wanda Ray

At-Large Board Member: Allen Cook

Ministry Chairpersons: Community Wellness: Bob Culbertson; Congregational Wellness: Kathleen Logsdon; Hospitality: Rev. Dr. Erin Cash; Stewardship: Will Harris; Support: Phil Logsdon

Ministry Area Leaders: Disciples Women Fellowship: Kathy Nippert; Children Worship & Wonder: Carly Dickinson

2026 Board: Officers: Phil Logsdon, Audrey Carr, Holly Osborn, Gary Kincaid; Elder Representative: Rev. Dr. Katherine Alexander; Deacon Representative: Larry Prather; At-Large Member: Allen Cook; Community Wellness Representative: Bob Culbertson; Congregational Wellness Representative: Diana Thomas; Hospitality Representative: Barb Southworth; Stewardship Representative: Wanda Ray; Senior Minister: Rev. Chris Cash (ex-officio)

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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 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
Youth Group 9:45 am
Sunday School 9:45 am

Kids, Youth, & Family Events

Children Here! Lilly Grant Worship Services to Begin in February
In November 2025, 15 members of our congregation representing 4 different families attended our Children Here! 101 grant retreat. During that retreat, which included over 100 participants from 11 area churches, all ages worked together to generate words, images, songs, and other creative aspects of worship services for the coming year.
On Sunday, February 15, we will have our first Children Here! Worship service. We are putting together these services using both materials generated from the retreat and input from a team of people representing all ages from within our congregation. These services will include children leading various aspects of worship alongside adults, as well as elements that are intentionally more child-inclusive. Following Lent and Easter, we will have two more services on May 3 and May 10, with more to follow this summer.
Our next grant retreat is August 1-3 at Thomas More University in northern Kentucky. The theme for the second retreat is Children There! Prayerful Justice 101. As we continue to enter into this important work together as a congregation, I reflect on the following themes that have been prevalent for me throughout this process:

- Intergenerational worship enhances unity and togetherness, as well as mutual value and respect of *all* people in the congregation
- All ages must work together-- we do this *with* our children, not *for* them
- Young children already have a relationship with God and are very capable of walking more slowly, talking more softly, and finding a quiet space inside themselves during worship
- This is a process, not a program-- We are in this together over the next 5 years (and beyond) and we will be learning and growing along the way.

Thank you for participating in this journey and for your support as a congregation for this important work,
Carly Dickinson, Children, Youth, & Families Director

Worship & Wonder Volunteers Needed!
It's a new year, and maybe volunteering with an important and meaningful children's ministry can be your resolution! We are in need of 1-2 additional storytellers and greeters for Children Worship & Wonder. Training is required for storytellers but paid for by the church. If interested, please contact Carly Dickinson at 315-420-2627 or Carly.dickinson@gmail.com.

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At-Home Communion
Once a month (usually during the first week of the month), one each of our Elders and Deacons share a visit, communion, and prayer with our home-centered folks. Those home-centered may be in their own homes or in a care facility. They may have a short-term status as home-centered (due to injury, surgery/recovery, a shorter-term health issue, or other concerns) or may have long-term considerations. If you would like to be on the at-home communion list (for either a short-term basis or regularly), please contact the church office (502-863-2049).

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Offerings & Outreach

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Needed Monthly	Received in December	General Budget YTD Income: $282,822.93
$24,438.58	$34,205.19	General Budget YTD Expenses: $268,025.08

Outreach Giving: Contributions collected as of December 31, 2025 for outreach giving are as follows:

Amen House: $4,810.00	Week of Compassion: $3,450.00
Blanket Sunday: $460.00	Week of Compassion Eastern KY Flood Relief: $2,000.00
California Wildfire Relief: $75.00	American Foundation for Suicide Prevention: $375.00
Disciples Easter Offering: $150.00	Disciples Women's Fellowship Blessing Boxes: $269.36
Disciples Women's Fellowship School Supplies: $310.00	Elizabeth's Village: $80.00
Disciples Reconciliation Offering: $155.00	Disciples Christmas Offering: $25.00

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

FAMILY
Carmen Wagner (daughter of Jim & Rosalie Calloway)
Shirley Shepherd (Mother of Jeff Shepherd)
Xander Willham (great-nephew of Wanda Ray)
Karen Trosper (mother of Adam Trosper)
Sue Wilson (mother of Betty Covington)
Lisa Shackelford (cousin of Jerry Hamilton)
Dave Anderson (brother of Lauren Sellers)
Michael Curtsinger (father of Anna Jones)
Willaine Hankins (mother of Stan Hankins)

FRIENDS
McIntyre family (of Keda Trosper)
Family of Bradley Dunn (of Keda Trosper)

AMEN House/Blessing Box Collection- Sunday, February 1, 2026
All non-perishable food items collected will be shared through our Blessing Box on College Street and monetary donations will be given to the AMEN House.

Staff Thank You
Thank you to the congregation for your generosity shown in our Christmas bonuses. We're grateful to serve alongside you and appreciate your support! – FCC Staff (Teresa, Chris, Jeremy, Carly, Scott, Derek, Gracelyn, Marcia, Julie)

Snow Clearing Volunteers Needed
We are looking for volunteers to help with clearing snow from the front and rear entrances prior to services this winter. If you would like to help, please contact Mark Messick at 859-489-6949 or mark.messick64@gmail.com.

Wednesday Night Programming Meals
If you are interested in providing meals for Wednesday nights, you can sign up here: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jsEqWX22qW1B0qE2yFXimEezPVThXXYJHj4bPqIHKVk/edit?usp=sharing
Meals can be reimbursed by turning in receipts to Teresa in the church office.

Kroger Rewards Code
You can support FCC through your Kroger Rewards! Kroger makes donations to non-profits for those who designate their account's rewards toward that organization. Simply use our code (ED328) for the designation on your rewards account to enroll.

Church Calendar
You can always view the complete church calendar by viewing our Google calendar: https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/2?cid=ZmNjZ2VvcmdldG93bmt5OGdtYWlsLmNvbQ 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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2026 Lenten Theme: "Tell Me Something Good: Grounding Ourselves in the Good News this Lent"
There's real good news- good news that doesn't gloss over the pain and fractures of our world, but that helps us imagine ways to heal it and build more generous and compassionate ways of living, where *everyone* can thrive. The good news should bring us back to our roots, back to what grounds us: loving our neighbor, caring for the vulnerable, pursuing justice and mercy, and resting in God's unending grace. This Lent, we'll explore some of the core concepts of Jesus' life and ministry together.

- **Ash Wednesday, February 18:** The Good News is…all are invited
- **February 22- Lent 1:** The Good News is…so good it catches us by surprise
- **March 1- Lent 2:** The Good News is…great love for God & neighbor
- **March 8- Lent 3:** The Good News is…together, impossible is possible
- **March 15- Lent 4:** The Good News is…protection and care for the vulnerable
- **March 22- Lent 5:** The Good News is…rooted in justice, mercy, and faithfulness
- **March 29- Palm Sunday:** The Good News is…inspiring us to act
- **April 2- Maundy Thursday:** The Good News is…even Judas gets his feet washed & the Good News…is revealed through nonviolence
- **April 5- Easter Sunday:** The Good News is…alive in the world

Ash Wednesday
The season of Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday, February 18**. Our chapel will be open that day from 8:00-8:45 a.m. Printed guides will be available for prayer and reflection and Chris will be available to impose ashes with you during those times. We'll also offer a reflective 30-minute Ash Wednesday service that evening at 6:15 p.m. in the chapel that will include imposition of ashes. There will be no Wednesday night dinner or other faith formation programs offered that evening.

Lenten Devotional Booklets and Daily Devotional Cards
Print versions will be available at both entrances and a digital version of the booklet will be sent out via church-wide e-mail on February 16. 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).

Maundy Thursday Dinner & Service- April 2
On **Maundy Thursday**, we remember the events of Jesus' supper with his disciples on the night before His crucifixion. This year, we'll once again gather in the fellowship hall at **6:30 p.m.** for a simple soup & bread dinner followed by a worship experience together around the tables that will conclude no later than 7:45. There is no need to sign-up- simply join us for this time together as we journey through Holy Week!