First Christian Church
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First Christian Church Outreach

Amen House Personal Care Program
For the month of March, we will be collecting toothpaste (kids' and adult) and bar soap in our bin in the gathering area. Please help support this important service to the community!

Affordable Housing & Homelessness Presentation
Our Community Wellness Ministry is hosting Kandice Whitehouse, Director of Affordable Housing & Homelessness Prevention for the city of Georgetown, in the chapel at **9:45 a.m. on Sunday, March 15**. She will give a presentation and answer questions- everyone is encouraged to attend.

THE OPEN TABLE
A monthly gathering where LGBTQ+ folks and allies gather for faith, friendship, and God's fierce, no-strings-attached love.

The Open Table: LGBTQ+allies Support Group
Our LGBTQ+allies group, led by Rev. Christy Messick, will be meeting **Sunday, March 15, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** for a time of fellowship and faith. Snacks will be provided and childcare is available if requested in advance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Christy at cmessick@christymessick.com or 502-316-2731. This group is open to other members of the community in addition to our congregation.

Week of Compassion Offering
We emphasized the work of Week of Compassion, the relief, refugee, and development ministry of our denomination, throughout the month of February in our annual Month of Compassion. To date, we have received $2,835.00 in donations to Week of Compassion through the church. While our emphasis has ended, you can give year-round by designating "Week of Compassion" on your check/envelope to the church or use weekofcompassion.org/give to give digitally.

Lent at FCC 2026

Tell me something good

Lenten Worship Themes:

- **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

Intergenerational Palm Sunday Celebration in Scripture and Song
Join us for an intergenerational service of scripture reading, drama, and hymns to celebrate **Palm Sunday on March 29!** This special musical worship service will feature children and adults reading Lenten scriptures, acting out aspects of the stories, and singing together in the choir. If you are interested in participating in this event, we will be rehearsing together on Wednesday, March 11, 18, & 25 on the 2nd floor from 6:30-7:30. All are welcome!

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!

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 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

GenOn Lunch Sunday, March 8
On **Sunday, March 8, from 12:30-2:30**, all are invited to have lunch and meet in the chapel with leaders from GenOn, one of our partners in the Children Here! Children There! Child Worship Everywhere! Lilly grant. GenOn is a national ecumenical organization that consults with churches to develop meaningful intergenerational worship experiences and relationships. We will hear from them regarding best practices, and have the opportunity to discuss and share ideas for our own services and worship space. For more about GenOn, you can check out their website: https://www.genonministries.org/. Childcare and nursery care will be provided, but children and youth who would like to participate are always welcome!

Congregational Wellness: VBS help needed!
Believe it or not, it's time to start planning for VBS! During our next Congregational Wellness Ministry meeting after worship on **Sunday, March 15**, we will be discussing plans for VBS. The meeting will be held in the first-floor conference room. Anyone who is interested in helping with VBS, or in joining this ministry, is invited to attend. Contact Carly Dickinson or Kathleen Logsdon if you have any questions!

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Wednesday Night Adult Group in March
Senior Minister Chris Cash leads this weekly group that meets in the conference at **6:30 p.m.** and new folks are always welcome!
March 4- We'll explore scripture and visual art pieces from our Lenten series together
March 11, 18, & 25- "Refuge"- We'll spend three weeks exploring Biblical stories and scriptures surrounding refugees and immigrants, as well as present stories, as we seek to explore these issues from a faith perspective

Join The FCC Choir!
FCC Choir would love to invite you to join us on **Wednesdays from 7 - 8 pm** upstairs in the choir room. All experience levels are welcome to join, even if you can only join temporarily! We would love to have you, especially as we prepare for Easter. We would also love to showcase some of the instrumental talent in the church and have you play a special on a Sunday! If you have any questions, please reach out to Jeremy Crockett-Sturgill (choirfccdocgeorgetown@gmail.com).

Sunday Morning Parking
We have a great challenge- both our parking lots are often full as worship attendance has continued to increase! Our Clinton Street lot is especially used by those with younger children or with mobility challenges. If you usually use the Clinton Street entrance and are able to do so, please consider using street parking one block over on Jackson Street and walk through the Clinton Street lot to the church. If you park on the College Street side, the city lot just below our dedicated lot is available for use as well if the lot and street parking are full.

Sunday Morning Sound & Livestream Support
We're looking for additional folks to join the teams that run our sound system and our livestream. These essential roles help make worship happen and create our digital space for those near and far who are a part of our congregation via livestream regularly. Training is available for both roles- if interested in sound system support, contact Phil Logsdon (520-370-8482); for livestream, contact Larry Prather (304-816-9465).

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Offerings & Outreach

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Needed Monthly	Received in February	General Budget YTD Income: $47,227.00
$25,517.83	$32,684.00	General Budget YTD Expenses: $44,932.54

Outreach Giving: Contributions collected as of February 28, 2026 for outreach giving are as follows:

Amen House: $477.00	Week of Compassion: $2,835.00
Blanket Sunday: $795.00	Kentucky Refugee Ministries: $100.00

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
Diana Thomas

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)
Lisa Shackelford (cousin of Jerry Hamilton)
Dave Anderson (brother of Lauren Sellers)
Michael Curtsinger (father of Anna Jones)
Willaine Hankins (mother of Stan Hankins)
Robert Wallace (brother of Marcia Wallace)
Tony Shipman (Cousin of Jean Hall)
Jamison Litteral (son of Molly Litteral-Lewis)
Jayne Wolfe (mother of Steve Carter)

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 5, 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.

Disciples Women's Fellowship
Hopefully, we are resuming our monthly DWF meeting, weather permitting. We would like to invite you to join us for fellowship, Bible Study, refreshments and service projects.
March 16, DWF Meeting at **5:00 p.m.** in the Gathering Area
LESSON: *Just Women 2025*, p. 33 *Promise of Holy Spirit* John 3:1-9
Service Project: Blessing Box Offering Dedication
Blessing Boxes are a way to give an "over and above" gift to the whole church. Half of money collected goes to the Disciples Mission Fund. The other half is distributed by Women's Ministries for support and training for Women's programs.

April 20, DWF Meeting at **5:00 p.m.** in the Gathering Area
LESSON: *Just Women 2025*, p. 37 *Spirit Moves* Acts 2:1-47
Service Project: Quest Farm – toilet tissue & paper supplies, laundry detergent, gas gift cards, bottled water, copy paper, art & craft supplies, twin sheet sets
Please RSVP to Kathy Nippert by the Sunday before the meeting katnipp3@yahoo.com or 502-542-1204

Palm Sunday Lunch and Dessert Auction
Save the date for our youth fundraiser and Palm Sunday Lunch on **Sunday, March 29 after worship**. More details coming soon!

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.

Church Calendar
You can always view the complete church calendar by viewing our Google calendar: https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/2?cid=ZmNjZ2VvcmdldG93bmt5OGdtYWlsLmNvbO 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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Teresa Buta, Administrator, on Leave
Teresa will be out on vacation leave **March 9-16**. Senior Minister Chris Cash will still be in the office that week, but will be in and out occasionally based on other commitments, so please call ahead if you need to come by the office on any of those days. If you need Teresa's assistance with a matter, please contact her no later than early morning Thursday, March 5. She will be back in the office on Tuesday, March 17, and will start responding to any e-mails and voicemails on that day, so if you need direct assistance with something March 6-16, please contact Chris directly.

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 15 so he can coordinate the schedule.

Social Media & Web Coordination Update
Late last year, our own Lauren Sellers stepped forward to serve as our social media and web coordinator on a volunteer basis (the vacant position was previously a 2-hour a week staff position). Lauren manages our Instagram and Facebook profiles, helps with oversight of our Facebook group, and posts our weekly Facebook worship livestreams to our YouTube channel. Additionally, she maintains and updates our church website, which she had previously redesigned for us in early 2025. We're grateful for Lauren's willingness to serve with her gifts in this way!

"Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Declaration: Defending Refuge" Statement
In their February meeting, the Congregational Board received a recommendation from our Community Wellness Ministry that we as a congregation affirm the "Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Declaration: Defending Refuge". The Board unanimously affirmed the statement and the congregation signing it in support and commitment. Copies of the document are available each of our entrances and can also be viewed here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GUXx2ScNrpFyoNAkobC-jCzq8ZMhkvoE/view?usp=drive_link