# First Christian Church
GEORGETOWN

# KEYNOTER

Number 305 May 2026

## Welcome New Members, Mike & Lucy Duncan



Mike and Lucy have been with us for several months and joined the congregation on April 19, by transfer of membership from another congregation.

If you have interest or questions about membership, you can contact Chris Cash, Senior Minister, at any time.




Eli Simpson - Scott County High School

Brody Bowlin – Scott County High School

Ella Bowlin – Scott County High School

Max McNeal – Scott County High School

Gracelyn Parriman - Georgetown College

Corey Southworth - Doctorate in Nursing Practice from the MGH Institute for Health Professions

Cam Logsdon - University of Kentucky

Sage Osborn - Master's in Library Science from the University of Kentucky

Jeremy Crockett-Sturgill – Master's of Music in Conducting (Choral Emphasis) from Eastern Kentucky University

## First Christian Church Outreach

**Amen House Personal Care Program**
We are continuing to provide needed donations for the Amen House. For the month of May, we will be collecting deodorant and toothpaste. Items can be donated in the bin outside the gathering area or checks made out to Amen House with "personal care" in the memo line.

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, May 31, 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.

**AMEN House- Russ' Kitchen Volunteers Needed**
Russ' Kitchen at the AMEN House offers free hot meals for lunch and dinner to the community. They are looking for individuals (high school age or older) who are comfortable in a kitchen stirring up desserts or chopping vegetables, with a chef on staff that will guide the way. They also need volunteers to carry food out to the tables. You can go to amenhouse.org/volunteer to complete the application process and be contacted with more information.

### OUR STAFF

**Senior Minister**
Rev. Chris Cash
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**Director of Music Ministry**
Jeremy Crockett-Sturgill
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**Child, Youth, & Family Director**
Carly Dickinson
Carly.dickinson@gmail.com

**Accompanist**
Julie White

**Administrator/Accountant**
Teresa Buta
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**Maintenance/Housekeeping**
Scott Jarvis & Derek Jarvis

**Nursery Attendant**
Marcia Wallace
Gracelyn Parriman

**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

**VBS Volunteers Needed**
We are already in the throes of planning for this summer and Vacation Bible School, which will take place on July 20-23! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Carly Dickinson at 315-420-2627 or carly.dickinson@gmail.com.

**Intergenerational Board Game Night**
On **Wednesday, April 29**, we will have our all-ages meal at **5:45 p.m.**, followed by a board game night from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! Kids & youth will be intentionally grouped together with folks from other generations for a fun night of games and fellowship. Kids & youth will be providing the games, so just bring yourself and bring the fun!

**Gathering Place Meal Items Needed**
On **Thursday, April 30**, youth are serving the meal at the Gathering Place. If you would like to help with providing items for this meal, there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board outside the chapel. The following items are needed for this meal: Frozen cooked hamburgers, sliced cheese, buns, boxed or cooked mac n' cheese (please specify which), baked beans, potato salad, and cookies. Contact Carly Dickinson if you have any questions!

**Camp Registration is Open! Early deadline May 1**
No one can say it better than one of our lifelong campers: "Camp Wakon' Da-Ho is a must for any Disciples kid… camp is my favorite place on the planet… the place and the people exude a powerful feeling of acceptance and goodwill. To me, Camp Wakon' Da-Ho is nothing less than holy ground." You can get the dates and registration info using this link: https://www.fccgeorgetown.org/children-youth/camp-wakon-da-ho. Contact Carly Dickinson with any questions!

**Picnic and Summer Kick-off for Kids & Youth - Wednesday, May 13**
Everyone is invited to a casual picnic in the side yard at **6 pm on Wednesday, May 13**, as we celebrate the end of the school year with some fun and games. Burgers, hot dogs, and chips will be provided, please bring a small side dish to share if you are able. Questions? Contact Carly Dickinson, Children, Youth & Families Director at 315-420-2627.

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**Music Ministry Transitions**
Jeremy Crockett-Sturgill recently shared news with our congregational leadership: "I will be leaving my role as Director of Music Ministries at First Christian Church, effective June 14, 2026. While my time at FCC has been wonderful and I have greatly enjoyed the community and the choir, I will be graduating from college this Spring and will go on to teach full-time in the fall. Thank you for this opportunity, and I appreciate your understanding!" We appreciate Jeremy's time serving with us these past two years and give thanks for the ways he has given of himself and his gifts! We affirm this time of transition in Jeremy's life as he graduates and moves to full-time teaching and support him with our prayers. Our Support Ministry (whose responsibilities include the staff/personnel matters of the congregation and is chaired by Phil Logsdon, Board Chair) will be working to begin a search process in the weeks ahead. We will have a time of formal recognition and thanks for Jeremy in his last worship service with us on Sunday, June 14.

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**Offerings & Outreach**

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| Needed Monthly | Received in March | General Budget YTD Income: $68,499.77 |
| $25,517.83 | $21,272.77 | General Budget YTD Expenses: $67,430.08 |

**Outreach Giving:** Contributions collected as of March 31, 2026 for outreach giving are as follows:
Amen House: $1,262.50
Blanket Sunday: $795.00
Disciples Women's Fellowship Blessing Boxes: $290.00
Week of Compassion: $3,338.00
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
Sam Messick

**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)
Robert Wallace (brother of Marcia Wallace)
Jamison Litteral (son of Molly Litteral-Lewis)
Dan Connell (father of Molly Litteral-Lewis)
Sarah Boston (grandmother of Alison Fisher)
Judy Curtsinger (mother of Anna Jones)
Samantha Thomas (aunt of Riley Taylor)
John Furlong (bother of Alison Fisher)
Curtis Griffis (grandfather of Gracelyn Parriman)
The Family of Walter Kokubun (step-grandfather of Lee Thomas)
Sympathy & prayers to Will Harris & family in the death of his brother-in-law, Jerry Smith
Sympathy and prayers to Espoir, Glorie, & Aiden Lelo and Patrice & Aimee Bayeba in the death of Anaiah Lelo, their daughter, sister, and granddaughter

**AMEN House/Blessing Box Collection- Sunday, May 3, 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. 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**
**May 18**, DWF Meeting at **5pm** in The Gathering Area.
Lesson: *Just Women 2025* - page 41; "I Am Because" Acts 46-47
Service Project: Cash donations for school supplies for July Backpack Sunday.

**June 15** DWF Meeting at **5pm i**n The Gathering Area
Lesson: *Just Women 2025*- page 45 "Facing Selfish Truth" Romans 8:2-4
Service Project: monetary donations or personal care items, dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper, trash bags, cleaning supplies.
Please RSVP to Kathy Nippert by Sunday before meeting. katnipp3@yahoo.com or 502-542-1204

**Upcoming Meetings:**
**Stewardship Ministry** - **Tuesday, April 28, at 6:00 p.m**. in the church conference room.
**Faithful Families Parent Group - Sunday, May 3, at 9:30 a.m.** in the 2nd floor classroom.

**Church Offices Closed Monday, May 25,** in observance of Memorial Day.

**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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**FCC at Lexington Pride**
We are excited to share our compassionate hospitality again this year at Lexington Pride, and we want you to join us! This year, Pride will be held on **Saturday, May 30,** at Oliver Lewis Park in Lexington. Last year we had a great turnout and a lot of fun! This is a family friendly Pride experience, so kids are welcome too. If you would like to participate in our efforts by helping plan our booth, working the booth, or just want to hear what we're thinking, please come to our planning meeting on **Sunday, May 3,** after worship. Keep your eye on the bulletin board for more details coming soon! Questions, contact Tammy Bisotti (859-396-9544) or Erin Cash (859-533-7543).

**Justice & Creation Summer Fellowship**
Our congregation recently applied for and was selected as one of a few to receive a Justice & Creation summer fellowship grant with Green Chalice, the creation care and justice ministry of our denomination. Our fellow for the summer with this grant will be Eli Simpson, a senior who participates in our youth group. The grant includes a $2500 stipend for the fellow and $500 for support of projects and work. Eli's work with us with the grant will be in June and July and you'll be hearing more about Eli and the project in the weeks ahead, including in our Creation Sunday service on April 26.

**Come Enjoy Art with Friends**
A few tables, chairs and emptied shelves in a storage cabinet were all it took to convert the old choir room into a creative space for artists and crafters. Art with Friends is a new group which meets there **every Tuesday morning from 9:00 a.m. to noon** to "make art". There are varied experience levels, but we all are interested in encouraging and learning from one another. Perhaps making some kind of visual art is something you have wanted to try, a hobby you enjoyed in the past, or something you actively pursue but would enjoy in community: you will be warmly welcomed to join us on Tuesday mornings! If you have any questions, contact Linda Glass or Kim Messick.

**"All Means All" FCC Shirts**
We're doing another round of orders for FCC shirts! Standard white t-shirts ($12 for all sizes) and racerback white tank tops ($10- women's sizes) are available. These are great to wear around town to share the message of our compassionate hospitality to all and ordered shirts will be in time for our booth at Pride for those wanting one to wear on that day as well. Forms are available in the church office and on the tables by both entrances for you to order your shirt. Payment and order form are due to the church office by Wednesday, May 13, and advance payment is required for your shirt to be ordered.