First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
112 E. College St.
Georgetown, KY 40324

A Look Ahead at Worship at FCC
October 18- Children Here! Grant project worship service- John 6:1-14
October 25- "God & Caesar"- Matthew 22:15-22
November 1- All Saints Sunday
November 8- Layperson-led Service (coordinated by FCC Elders)
November 15- Children Here! Grant project worship service- 1 Timothy 4:11-16

Mission Project Night- AMEN House Thanksgiving Bags
Our next mission project night is **Wednesday, October 28**. We'll have our usual meal at 6:00 p.m. and then at 6:30 p.m., we will have a brief time focusing on food insecurity before taking time to assemble bags of supplies for a traditional Thanksgiving meal that will be distributed in November by the AMEN House. All ages are welcome to join us that night- even if you're not usually a Wednesday night participant!

Thanksgiving Special Offering for Disciples Higher Education
The Thanksgiving Offering will be collected on **Sunday, November 15 & 22.** Your gifts help support the education of thousands of students at fifteen Disciples-affiliated colleges and universities as well as our seven seminaries and divinity houses. Please use the Special Offering envelope and/or write "Thanksgiving Offering" in the memo line of your check.

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New Church Database, Directory, and App!
We're now using the secure ChurchTrac platform, which includes the ChurchConnect app!

- The app (for Android and iPhone users both) features the church calendar, communication card links, a digital giving option (coming soon), link to our worship videos, and church directory. Starting with the new fiscal year in January 2027, you'll also be able to privately view your own giving record through the app. A churchwide e-mail with installation instructions for the app will be sent out on October 16. Additionally, tutorials for app installation were held and additional assistance is available as needed by contacting Chris.
- If you've not yet done so, please give us your information for the office database and indication of whether you'd like to be listed in the public church directory by filling out the online form (https://fccgeorgetown.churchtrac.com/add_my_family) or one of the printed forms available at both entrances and place it in the offering boxes.
- We will begin making printed directories available soon once we have addressed some missing information pieces and permissions.

Churchwide Visioning Session- Sunday, October 25, after worship
Visioning sessions are a part of our congregational structure, where we take time to reflect, imagine, and dream together surrounding a theme or centering question. Our Elders and Congregational Vice-Chair facilitate these sessions and the follow-up. Our next session is **Sunday, October 25,** after worship and we will spend time around tables engaging 3 questions that help us explore our larger centering question: "How do we help folks (both newer and longer-term participants) connect more deeply with others and our life together?" A light lunch will be served and all ages are invited to participate- sign-up by using the bulletin board outside the chapel, the ChurchConnect app (scroll down to the event in the event tab, then click "register" in the listing there), or by contacting the church office. Sign-ups are encouraged to help with planning and the session is open to everyone, whether you've been here 1 week or 1,001 weeks!

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

Kids, Youth, & Family Events

Youth Group Fall Retreat
On **Sunday, November 8**, middle and high school youth are invited to spend time worshiping in nature with a hike, time of prayer and sharing, and communion at Red River Gorge. We are adjusting our time of departure to leave right after the congregational meeting following worship and will return around dinner time. Youth are encouraged to bring a sack lunch, snack, and water bottle for the hike. Please RSVP to Carly Dickinson at 315-420-2627.

Intergenerational Board Game Night
Wednesday, November 11, we will have our usual all-ages meal at 6:00, followed by a board game night from 6:30-7:30 in the chapel! Kids, youth, parents and other adults will be intentionally grouped together with folks across generations for a fun night of games and fellowship. Kids & youth will be providing the games, so just bring yourself and bring the fun!

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2026 Stewardship Campaign
Our 2026 Stewardship Campaign emphasis has ended, but we still welcome your sharing your intention of giving for 2027 if you haven't yet done so! You drop your pledge card in the offering box on Sunday; call (502-863-2049) or e-mail (teresa@fccgeorgetown.org) Teresa Buta, Administrator, in the church office; or submit your pledge through our website at www.fccgeorgetown.org/pledge (the information submitted goes only to Teresa and is confidential).

Senior Minister Continuing Education Leave
Chris will be attending a Disciples Preaching Retreat in Phoenix, AZ, a gathering of Disciples preachers from around the U.S. and Canada that involves sermons by featured speakers, worship, workshops, and small group discussions. He will also spend an additional day in Arizona prior to the event on personal retreat**. Chris will leave on Saturday, November 7 and return Thursday, November 12.** Our Elders are coordinating a layperson-led worship service on November 8 and our elders will be covering care needs while Chris is gone. Chris' participation is funded by the Senior Minister's continuing education funds in the annual budget.

Pastor's Class
Please be in prayer for the 5 children and youth who will be participating in our fall Pastor's Class on **October 18 and November 1**. Pastor's class at FCC primarily serves as an introduction for older children and youth to some of the basics of the faith- including God, Jesus, the Bible, life together in the church, communion, and baptism. After the class, the participants are able to choose whether they want to proceed with baptism.

Learn More about our Technology Team & their Work!
Our Technology Team is an important part of helping our worship and livestream happen each Sunday. The team is offering an introduction to the sound system and livestream. If you are curious about what goes on behind the scenes, join us in the balcony at 10:30 a.m. on the following Sundays: **October 18, 25, or November 1**, or contact Phil Logsdon (Sound Tech) or Larry Prather (Livestream) to schedule an introduction. There is no commitment, but if you are interested in volunteering, we will support you as you learn the process.

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Offerings & Outreach

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Needed Monthly	Received in September	General Budget YTD Income: $198,009.91
$25,517.83	$20,221.00	General Budget YTD Expenses: $215,364.01

Outreach Giving: Contributions collected as of September 30, 2026 for outreach giving are as follows:

Amen House: $3,512.50	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: $435.00	Back-to-School Bash: $315.00
Elizabeth's Village: $90.00	Disciples of Christ Reconciliation Special Offering: $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.

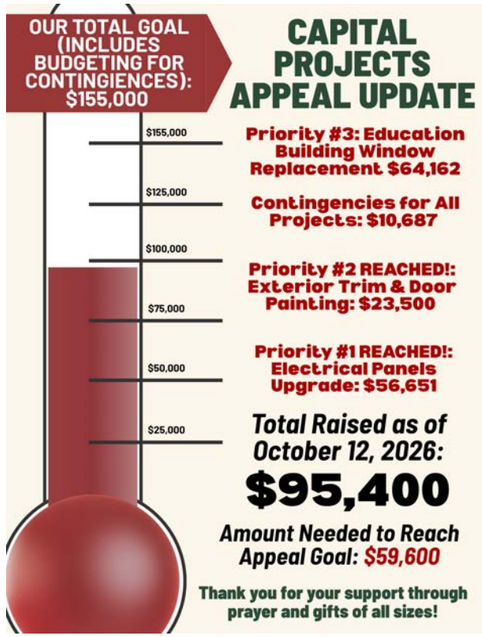
PRAYER LIST

Jacque Hukill
Fred Nippert
Pat Clark
Charles Cleaver
Sympathy and prayers to Scott Toncray in the death of his mother, Sue Toncray

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)
Jerrod Messick (son of Mark & Kim Messick))
Jimmy Paul Clark (cousin of Jean Hall)
Cheryl Johnson (mother of Christy Messick)
Amy Smith (sister of Will Harris)
Mike Driggers (uncle of Christy Messick)
De Thomas (mother of Lee Thomas)

FRIENDS
BJ Litteral (of Molly Litteral-Lewis)
Marisha Johnson (of Stephanie Bryan)
Ed Aines & Teressa Barns (of Eric Dedrick)
Susan Nelson (of Steve Jones)
Violet Sketch (of Michelle Cook)

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, November 1, 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 containers at each sanctuary entrance.

Disciples Women's Fellowship
DWF Meeting – **October 19, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Gathering Area.
Lesson: *In the Beginning Were the Women,* p. 14**,** Chap. 1: Eve First Mother
Service Project: Toys for Tots program- New toy for boy or girl: ages 1-12
Sponsored by Georgetown/Scott County Fire Departments
Please RSVP to Kathy Nippert by October 18, at katnipp3@yahoo.com or 502-542-1204.

DWF Meeting – **November 16, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Gathering Area.
Lesson: *In the Beginning Were the Women,* p.25**,** Chap. 2: Hagar Forced Mother
Service Project: Treats for Exam Week boxes: Assorted snacks, homemade cookies, hot chocolate, drink mixes, etc. Pack boxes in the church kitchen Monday, November 23, at 10:00 a.m.
Names and addresses of college, trade school, post-graduate students are needed by November 17 for Exam Week Treat Boxes to be mailed or delivered Thanksgiving Week. Please send to Teresa Buta or Kathy Nippert.

The Open Table: LGBTQ+allies Support Group
Our LGBTQ+allies group, led by Rev. Christy Messick, will be meeting **Sundays, October 18 & November 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.

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Please remember to set back one hour any of your clocks that do not automatically adjust as we "fall back" **on Sunday, November 1**.

FCC Annual Congregational Meeting
Our annual Congregational Meeting is currently scheduled for **Sunday, November 8,** immediately following worship. We will consider the proposed budget and slate of leadership nominees for 2027, which when completed will be shared in a churchwide e-mail and in printed copies available at the entrances.

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Capital Projects Appeal Update
We're celebrating that two of the three larger property projects that were included in our 2026 appeal are now fully funded! The three projects, in order of urgency, are upgrading several electrical panels in the building, exterior trim and door painting, and education wing window replacement. Thanks to your generous response, we've already received $95,400 of the $155,000 needed for these projects! Work for the electrical panels was delayed, but will begin in mid-October and painting work was completed in September. The window replacement will take place when fully funded. Our building is a resource for which we seek to be good caretakers as we use it for our life together and share it with the community. If you'd like to give to these projects, you can designate "capital projects fund" on your check or envelope.