



**FLORIDA  
DISCIPLES**  
REGIONAL CHURCH  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Florida, Inc.

# FLORIDA DISCIPLES REGIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CALENDAR 2025

*Please pray each week for our congregations, clergy, general church partners, and others. These could be included in your Sunday church services/bulletins, as part of your personal daily devotions, or in group settings. Note cards or emails could also be sent (see the Yearbook and Directory for contact information; also check congregational websites for any changes in ministerial leadership). Please notify us of any corrections.*

## **WEEK OF Dec. 29-Jan. 4**

Prayers for us to be faithful servants and bold leaders for Jesus Christ!  
Blessings for the New Year!

## **WEEK OF Jan. 5-11**

Bartow, First Christian Church – Rev. Eddie Owen  
Bradenton, Central Christian – supply pastors

## **WEEK OF JAN. 12-18**

All Laity throughout our Florida congregations  
Brandon, Brandon Christian Church – Rev. Dr. Steve Blinder  
Casselberry, Iglesia Cristiana Hispana del Norte de Orlando – Rev. Hector Santiago  
Southeast Hispanic Convencion – Horacio Rodriguez, Moderator

## **WEEK OF JAN. 19-25**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity  
Winter Family Camp  
Clearwater, Central Christian – Rev. Donna Oberkreser

## **WEEK OF Jan. 26-Feb 1**

Coral Gables, Central Christian Church – Rev. Jorge Cotto  
Coral Springs, Royal Palm Christian Church – supply preachers  
National Convocation of the Christian Church – Delesslyn Kennebrew, National Secretary

## **WEEK OF Feb. 2-8**

Iglesia Cristiana Dade City  
Davie, Parkway Christian Church – Rev. Esther Valdes  
Christian Church Foundation – President Matt Rosine

## **WEEK OF FEB. 9-15**

Daytona Beach, First Christian Church – Rev. David Troxler  
Daytona Beach Shores, Daytona Beach Drive-in – Rev. Bob Kemp-Baird, Rev. Melissa Frantz  
Disciples Home Missions – President Chris Dorsey

## **WEEK OF FEB. 16-22**

Deland, First Christian Church – Rev. Carlos Perez  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Puerto Rico – Rev. Hilda Robles Florán, GMP  
Week of Compassion, Refugees, Disaster Response – Rev. Vy Nguyen, Rev. Caroline Arnold

**WEEK OF FEB 23-Mar 1**

Deltona, Iglesia Cristiana de Deltona – in Search  
Deltona, Deltona Christian Church – Rev. Bill Dunlap  
Division of Overseas Ministries and Global Mission Partners – Rev. Marco Cable, President  
Church Narrative Project Retreat

**WEEK OF MAR 2-8**

Fort Myers, Unity Christian Church – Joe Long, Doug Kinchen  
Fort Myers, Fort Myers Christian Church – Rev. Zach Seitz  
Ash Wednesday and the start of the Lenten Season

**WEEK OF MAR. 9-15**

Gainesville, Meizon Christian Church– Pastors Kevin Bruchert, Miranda West  
Pension Fund of the Christian Church – President Todd Adams  
Young Adult Ministries

**WEEK OF MAR 16-22**

Haines City, First Christian Church – Rev. Bill Mc Connell  
Disciples of Christ Historical Society – President Joel Brown

**WEEK OF MAR. 23-29**

Jacksonville, Southside Christian Church  
NAPAD (Northern American Pacific/Asian Disciples) – Rev. Chung Seong Kim

**WEEK OF MAR. 30-Apr 5**

Jacksonville, Saint Nicholas Park Christian Church – Rev. Dennis Pier  
Jacksonville, Riverside Avenue Christian Church –  
HELM (Higher Education & Leadership Ministries) – Tamara Rodenberg, President  
General Board meeting in Louisville, KY

**WEEK OF APR. 6-12**

Jacksonville, First Christian Church – Rev. Karen Billy  
Jacksonville, Florida Senior Center – Rev. Kimberly Weir  
Office of the General Minister and President – Rev. Terri Hord-Owens

**WEEK OF APR. 13-19**

Jacksonville, Cypress Village Christian Worship  
Jacksonville, Edgewood Avenue Christian Church – Pastor Tina Christian  
Easter Offering that supports our General Ministries

**WEEK OF APR. 20-26**

Jacksonville Beach, 9Thirteen Church– Rev. Chris Hopkins  
Easter services at all congregations celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ  
All Disciples Administrative Assistants/Church Secretaries

**WEEK OF Apr. 27-May 3**

Jacksonville, Springfield – Rev. Coley Williams  
Jacksonville, Lynnwood  
All Disciples Musicians and Ministers of Music

**WEEK OF MAY 4-10**

Kissimee, Iglesia Cristiana Emmanuel – Rev. David Alecea  
Lakeland, Bethany Christian Church –  
Retired Clergy

**WEEK OF MAY 11-17**

Lehigh Acres, First Christian Church – Rev. Erwin Goodwin  
Margate, Christian Restoration Outreach Centre Ministry – Pastors Henri and Ghislaine Norey  
Florida Disciples Women's Ministries – Sandra Basford

**WEEK OF MAY 18-24**

Florida Outdoor Ministries Committee – Rev. Melissa Frantz  
Florida Youth Ministries Commission – Dylan Booth  
Retreat Facilities Commission – Rev. Mary Beth Harper, Director, Steve Turrentine, Chairperson

**WEEK OF MAY 25-31**

Melbourne, First Christian Church/Riviera UCC – Rev. Day Broers-Case  
Miami, Salem Evangelical Christian Church – Rev. Dr. Rubin Vertus

**WEEK OF June 1-7**

Miami, (Conectame) Iglesia Cristiana de Miami – Rev. Vilson Hurtado, Pastor Liza Miranda H  
Miami, Liberty Christian Church – Pastor Willie Ivery  
New Church Ministry –  
Pentecost Offering to support New Church Ministries

**WEEK OF JUNE 8-14**

Miami, New Evangelical Missionary Church of God – Pastors Rubens and Merline Pierre  
Miami Gardens, Good Shepherd Missionary Church – Rev. Jacques Nicolas  
Directors, Counselors, Staff and Campers at Summer Camps in the Florida Region

**WEEK OF JUNE 15-21**

Middleburg, Iglesia Cristiana – Rev. Carmen Rivera  
Miramar, Schekinah Church – Pastor Josue Louis  
Florida Disciples Men's Ministries – Brad Beyer

**WEEK OF JUNE 22-28**

Mt Dora, Central Christian Church – Pastor Bill Anderson  
Naples, First Christian Church (The Current) – Pastor Michael Junkroski  
Disciples Peace Fellowship

**WEEK OF JUNE 29-July 5**

New Smyrna Beach, United Church of Christ – Rev. Sean Procter  
Prayers for our nation and all nations

**WEEK OF JULY 6-12**

Ocala, First Christian Church – Rev. Tom Messick  
The Retreat at Silver Springs, Rev. Mary Beth Harper Director

**WEEK OF JULY 13-19**

Ocoee, Ocoee Christian Church – Rev. Tuck Norvell  
Orange Park, Tabernacle of Jesus Christ of North Florida – Pastor Guy Saint-Vil  
General Assembly gathering in Memphis TN

**WEEK OF JULY 20-26**

Orlando, Central Christian Church – Rev. Andy Snyder  
National Benevolent Association – President Mark Anderson

**WEEK OF JULY 27-Aug 2**

Orlando, Iglesia Cristiana Hispana del Oeste de Orlando – Pastor Jorge Narvaez  
Orlando, Community Christian Church – Rev. Terry Harper

**WEEK OF AUG 3-9**

Palm Beach Gardens, Tropical Sands – Rev. Christine Bandy-Helderman  
Pembroke Pines, The Passion Center – Rev. Dr. Liz Rios

**WEEK OF AUG. 10-16**

Port St Lucie, New Alliance Church – Rev. Rita Duval  
Chalice Press – President/Publisher Brad Lyons

**WEEK OF AUG. 17-23**

Sarasota, Beneva Christian Church – Rev. David Miller

**WEEK OF AUG. 24-30**

Sebring, First Christian Church - Rev. Alan Brown  
Disciples Church Extension Fund – President Belinda King

**WEEK OF Aug 31-Sep 6**

Sebring, Primera Iglesia Hispana – Pastor Joel Diaz

**WEEK OF SEPT. 7-13**

St. Augustine, UCC/DOC – Rev. Donna Cooney  
Sunday School, Bible Study, and all Christian Education

**WEEK OF SEPT 14-20**

St. Petersburg, Bay Point Christian Church – Pastor Randall Hildreth  
Transitioning and transforming congregations  
Personnel Commission – Rev. Steve Blinder, chair

**WEEK OF SEPT. 21-27**

St. Petersburg, Palm Lake Christian Church – Rev. Oscar Banks  
Florida Stewardship Commission – Rev. Bob Kemp-Baird  
All congregational stewardship committees and programs

**WEEK OF SEPT. 28-Oct 4**

Reconciliation Ministries – April Johnson, Director  
Anti-Racism/Pro-Reconciliation efforts within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Anti-Racism Commission – Oscar Banks, chairperson

**WEEK OF OCT. 5-11**

Summerfield, Galilee Christian Church  
Temple Terrace, Auditorio Vida en Familia – Pastors Gustavo and Nelly Espinosa  
Clergy Appreciation Month  
World Communion Sunday

**WEEK OF OCT. 12-18**

Venice, CenterPointe Church – Pastor Mitch Todd  
Florida Commission on Ministry – Rev. Donna Oberkreser, Chair  
General Commission on Ministry – Rev. Sandy Messick, chair

**WEEK OF OCT. 19-25**

Vero Beach, First Christian Church – Rev. Bryan Traynor

**WEEK OF OCT. 26-Nov 1**

West Palm Beach, First Christian Church – Rev. Bruce Bowerman-Jett  
Council on Church Unity – Rev. Paul Tche

**WEEK OF Nov 2-8**

West Palm Beach, Maranatha – Pastor Ernest Duval  
All Disciples Chaplains

**WEEK OF NOV. 9-15**

Wildwood, First Christian Church – Rev. Dr. Bridgette Sullenger  
New and affiliating congregations in the Florida Region  
Veterans and those serving in our military

**WEEK OF NOV. 16-22**

Wilton Manors, First Christian Church – Rev. Dr. John Stauffer

**WEEK OF NOV. 23-29**

Thanksgiving Offering to support Higher Education Ministries  
Colleges and seminaries within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

**WEEK OF Nov 30-Dec 6**

Winter Haven, First Christian Church – Pastor Jenn Moreno  
Community Ministries and Local Outreach

**WEEK OF DEC. 7-13**

Winter Park, Winter Park Christian Church – Rev. Selena Reyes-Martinez

**WEEK OF DEC 14-20**

Winter Park, Nueva Comunidad Christian Church – Rev. Selena Reyes-Martinez  
Regional Admin Team and Leadership Council  
Moderator Alan Smith, Moderator Elect, Liza Miranda

**WEEK OF DEC. 21-27**

Zephyrhills, First Christian Church –Rev. Kent Riner  
Christmas Offering to support ministry in the Florida Region

**WEEK OF DEC. 28-Jan 3**

The Congregations and Members of the Florida Disciples Regional Church  
Regional Staff: Rev. Sandy Messick, Rev. Mary Beth Harper, Rev. Selena Reyes-Martinez, Rev.  
Merline Pierre, Brenda Turrentine, Rev. Tina Christian, Brittany Swink, Rev. Michael Junkroski  
Blessings for the New Year