



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

# FLORIDA DISCIPLES REGIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER CALENDAR 2026

*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. 28-Jan. 3**

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

## **WEEK OF Jan. 4-10**

Bartow, First Christian Church – Rev. Eddie Owen  
Bradenton, Central Christian – Matthew Sprague

## **WEEK OF JAN. 11-17**

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, Rev. Rebecca Millan-Burgos  
Southeast Hispanic Convencion – Alexandra Rueda, Moderator

## **WEEK OF JAN. 18-24**

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

## **WEEK OF Jan. 25-Jan 31**

Coral Gables, Central Christian Church – Rev. Jorge Cotto  
Coral Springs, Royal Palm Christian Church – supply preachers

## **WEEK OF Feb. 1-7**

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

## **WEEK OF FEB. 8-14**

Daytona Beach, First Christian Church – supply preachers  
Daytona Beach Shores, Daytona Beach Drive-in – Rev. Bob Kemp-Baird, Rev. Melissa Frantz  
Winter Family Camp  
Spring Youth Retreat

## **WEEK OF FEB. 15-21**

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  
Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent

**WEEK OF FEB 22-28**

Deltona, Iglesia Cristiana de Deltona – Pastor Juan Rivera Cedeña  
Deltona, Deltona Christian Church – Rev. Bill Dunlap  
Division of Overseas Ministries and Global Mission Partners – Rev. Marco Cable, President

**WEEK OF MAR 1-7**

Fort Myers, Unity Christian Church – Rev. Michael Chester  
Fort Myers, Fort Myers Christian Church – Rev. Zach Seitz  
Disciples Home Missions – President Chris Dorsey

**WEEK OF MAR. 8-14**

Ft. Lauderdale - Christian Restoration Outreach Center – Pastors Henri and Ghislaine Norey  
Gainesville, Meizon Christian Church– Pastors Kevin Bruchert, Miranda West, Joe Smith  
Pension Fund of the Christian Church – President Todd Adams  
Young Adult Ministries

**WEEK OF MAR 15-21**

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

**WEEK OF MAR. 22-28**

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

**WEEK OF MAR. 29- APR 4**

Jacksonville, Saint Nicholas Park Christian Church – Rev. Dennis Pier  
Jacksonville, Riverside Avenue Christian Church – Rev. Andrew Guthrie  
All Disciples Musicians and Ministers of Music

**WEEK OF APR. 5-11**

Easter!  
Easter Offering that supports our General Ministries  
Jacksonville, First Christian Church – Rev. Karen Billy  
Office of the General Minister and President – Rev. Terri Hord-Owens

**WEEK OF APR. 12-18**

Jacksonville, Florida Senior Center – Rev. Kimberly Weir  
Jacksonville, Cypress Village Christian Worship  
General Board meeting in Indianapolis, IN

**WEEK OF APR. 19-25**

Regional Assembly of the Florida Disciples Regional Church, Haines City  
All Disciples Administrative Assistants/Church Secretaries

**WEEK OF Apr. 26-May 2**

Imagine, Believe, Become Comprehensive Campaign of the Florida Region  
Jacksonville, Edgewood Avenue Christian Church – Pastor Tina Christian  
Jacksonville Beach, 9Thirteen Church– Rev. Chris Hopkins

**WEEK OF MAY 3-9**

Jacksonville, Springfield – Rev. Coley Williams  
Kissimmee, Iglesia Cristiana Emmanuel – Rev. David Alicea  
Retired Clergy

**WEEK OF MAY 10-16**

Kissimmee, The Passion Center – Rev. Dr. Liz Rios  
Lakeland, Bethany Christian Church –  
Florida Disciples Women’s Ministries – Sandra Basford

**WEEK OF MAY 17-23**

Lehigh Acres, First Christian Church – Rev. Erwin Goodwin  
Melbourne, First Christian Church/Riviera UCC – Rev. Day Broers-Case

**WEEK OF MAY 24-30**

New Church Ministry –  
Pentecost Offering to support New Church Ministries  
Miami, Salem Evangelical Christian Church – Rev. Dr. Rubin Vertus

**WEEK OF MAY 31 – JUNE 6**

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 JUNE 7-13**

Miami, (Conectame) Iglesia Cristiana de Miami – Rev. Vilson Hurtado, Pastor Liza Miranda  
Miami, Liberty Christian Church – Pastor Willie Ivery  
Directors, Counselors, Staff and Campers at Summer Camps in the Florida Region  
National Convocation of the Christian Church – Delesslyn Kennebrew, National Secretary

**WEEK OF JUNE 14-20**

Miami, New Evangelical Missionary Church of God – Pastors Rubens and Merline Pierre  
Middleburg, Iglesia Cristiana – Rev. Carmen Rivera  
Florida Disciples Men’s Ministries – Brad Beyer  
HELM (Higher Education & Leadership Ministries) – Tamara Rodenberg, President

**WEEK OF JUNE 21-27**

Miami, Schekinah Church – Pastor Josue Louis  
Mt Dora, Central Christian Church – Pastor Bill Anderson  
Disciples Peace Fellowship

**WEEK OF JUNE 28-JULY 4**

Naples, First Christian Church (The Current) – Pastor Michael Junkroski  
New Smyrna Beach, United Church of Christ – Rev. Sean Procter  
Prayers for our nation and all nations

**WEEK OF JULY 5-11**

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

**WEEK OF JULY 12-18**

Ocoee, Ocoee Christian Church – Rev. Tuck Norvell  
Orange Park, Tabernacle of Jesus Christ of North Florida – Pastor Guy Saint-Vil  
Obra Hispana – Lori Tapia, National Pastor

**WEEK OF JULY 19-25**

Orlando, Central Christian Church – Rev. Andy Snyder  
Orlando, Nueva Comunidad – Rev. Selena Reyes

**WEEK OF JULY 26-AUG 1**

Orlando, Iglesia Cristiana Hispana del Oeste de Orlando – Pastor Jorge Narvaez  
Forum of Regional Moderators/Regional Ministers – Tulsa, OK

**WEEK OF AUG 2-8**

Orlando, Community Christian Church – Rev. Terry Harper  
National Benevolent Association – President Mark Anderson

**WEEK OF AUG. 9-15**

Palm Beach Gardens, Tropical Sands – Rev. Christine Bandy-Helderman  
Chalice Press – President/Publisher Brad Lyons

**WEEK OF AUG. 16-22**

Sarasota, Beneva Christian Church – Rev. David Miller  
Sebring, First Christian Church - Rev. Alan Brown

**WEEK OF AUG. 22-29**

Sebring, Primera Iglesia Hispana – Pastor Joel Diaz  
Disciples Church Extension Fund –

**WEEK OF AUG 30-SEP 5**

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

**WEEK OF SEPT. 6-12**

St. Petersburg, Bay Point Christian Church – Pastor Randall Hildreth

**WEEK OF SEPT 13-19**

Transitioning and transforming congregations  
Personnel Commission – Rev. Bridgette Sullinger, Chair

**WEEK OF SEPT. 20-26**

St. Petersburg, Palm Lake Christian Church – Rev. Oscar Banks  
St. Petersburg, Hacedores de Vida Iglesia – Pastors Peter Jimenez and Darlin Guevara  
Florida Stewardship Commission – Tony Rodriguez, Chair  
All congregational stewardship committees and programs

**WEEK OF SEPT. 27 – OCT 3**

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

**WEEK OF OCT. 4-10**

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

**WEEK OF OCT. 11-17**

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. 18-24**

West Palm Beach, First Christian Church – Rev. Bruce Bowerman-Jett

**WEEK OF OCT. 25-31**

Council on Church Unity – Rev. Paul Tche

**WEEK OF Nov 1-7**

All Disciples Chaplains

**WEEK OF NOV. 8-14**

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. 15-21**

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

**WEEK OF NOV. 22-28**

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

**WEEK OF Nov 29-DEC 5**

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

**WEEK OF DEC. 6-12**

Winter Park, Winter Park Christian Church – Rev. Gail Davidson

**WEEK OF DEC 13-19**

Zephyrhills, First Christian Church –Rev. Kent Riner  
Regional Admin Team and Leadership Council  
Moderator Alan Smith, Moderator Elect, Liza Miranda

**WEEK OF DEC. 20-26**

Christmas Offering to support ministry in the Florida Region

**WEEK OF DEC. 27-JAN 2**

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,  
Coral Wiedman  
Blessings for the New Year