



# Fort Smith Disciple

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## Mission Statement

The mission of First Christian Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas is to lift up Jesus the Christ by:

- Enabling spiritual growth and deepened commitment, both individually and corporately;
- Developing a church family/ community that is accepting and encouraging;
- Serving our community and the world through spiritual, physical, and emotional support; and,
- Reaching out in His name to the unchurched in our community.

## *Welcome to the Table*

Each Sunday, we worship around a table. The table may seem small, but at the same time, it is very large. For the bread that is served from this table, and the cup that is poured from this table symbolize a boundless love, an extravagant grace and an eternal promise.

Therefore, each Sunday, I can stand boldly in front of this table and confidently say:

If you are riddled with all sorts of doubt, you are welcome.

If you have never doubted anything in your life, you are welcome.

If you have no self-control, you are welcome.

If you are all about self, you are welcome.

If you humbly believe you are the worst sinner in town, you are welcome.

If you arrogantly believe you are the best saint in town, you are welcome.

If you are empty and lost, you are welcome.

If you are teeming with pride and confidence, you are welcome.

If you are broken, poor and weak believing you have nothing to give, you are welcome.

If you are whole, rich and powerful with much to give, you are welcome.

If you have little or no faith, you are welcome.

If you think there is no one more faithful than you, you are welcome.

How can this be?

Because this table, this bread and this cup, is not about you.

It is not about what you can or cannot do for God.

But it is all about what God has done, is doing, and will do for you.

Therefore, all are welcome, and all means all.

**Jarrett**

# Worship and Education Opportunities

## Worship—January 28

**Mark 1:21-28**  
**“A New Teaching”**

### Elders

Shawn Moore and Carl Warrington

### Deacons

Jesse Bailey (Foreman), Connie Alexander, Floyd Hamm, Ginger Hamm, Jimmy Hudlow, Ben Maxey, Marilyn Maxey, Suzanne Underwood

### Prepare Communion

Patience Hudlow

### Greeters

Ben Maxey, Connie Alexander

### Worship Leader

Shawn Moore

## Prayer Concerns

- ◆ **Neill Noel**, surgery January 26, 5401 Jenny Lind, #17, Fort Smith, AR 72901
- ◆ **Betty Marley**, 1101 Elizabeth Lane, Fort Smith, AR 72903
- ◆ **Ann Duvall**, HealthSouth Rehab, Room 230, 1401 J St. S, Fort Smith, AR 72901

## Ash Wednesday Service

Mark your calendar for Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday, February 14, at 6:30 pm.

## Dianna's Notes

Prime Time Bells meet at 9:00 am in the sanctuary to rehearse “The Peace of Christ”.

## Elders' Meeting

**Sunday, January 28**  
**7:45 am**

## Board Meeting Sunday, January 28 6:00 pm

**All board members are encouraged to come.**

All board meetings are open to the entire congregation.

## Community Celebration “Practicing the Golden Rule”

What IF...we practice compassion, hope, tolerance, and acceptance?

**Thursday, February 15**  
**7:00 pm**

Reynolds Ballroom/Student Center at UAFS

**“What IF...we practice?”**

Hosted by  
 Interfaith Fellowship  
 & UAFS Cultural Network

# Fellowship and Service Opportunities



## Blanket the World with God's Love!

Our Disciple Women's groups are again sponsoring a **Blankets of Love** Offering.

There will be a table in the narthex after early worship and after late worship on **Sunday, February 4 and 11** to receive your donations.

A donation of \$5 will provide a blanket for someone desperately in need of comfort and warmth. Why not honor a loved one by donating one or more blankets in their name? For each \$5 donation, you will get one (1) gift card to send to the person you honor. Thank you for your generous support of **Blankets of Love**.

## Youth and Children

### Calling Youth Club Members!

Please bring one or two items each week to be placed in the food pantry at Creekmore Park. This is a chance for us to help those who are less fortunate than we are. You will be blessed! Thank you!!

### Youth Club Could Use Your Help!

We have five Youth Club meetings that we need assistance with supper to serve about 20 folks. If you feel so led, and are able to provide a meal, please contact **Elizabeth Vaughn (883-6655)** or **Marilyn Maxey (452-6345)**. We need meals on **February 7, 21, and 28, and March 7**. We eat at 5:30 pm each week and appreciate your consideration of our request.

### Youth Lock-In at FCC, Rogers February 9, 9:00 pm—February 10, 8:00 am

Our youth (grades 6-12) have been invited to join the youth of Rogers FCC for a Lock-In. For more information contact **John Mundy at 222-3401**.

### Snoasis, February 16-18

Snoasis is a youth camp for grades 9-12, located at Camp Couchdale in Hot Springs.

Snoasis is a camp for the youth to meet new friends and connect with God, in a Camp setting. All youth grades 6-12 are encouraged to participate.

Members of the congregation may help in providing scholarships or even sponsoring a youth to attend.

Registration forms may be picked up at the church office or downloaded from the Great River Region website, Disciples Youth.

# Announcements

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, January 28

- 7:45 am Elders' Meering
- 8:30 am Worship (Chapel)
- 9:00 am Mission Café
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:25 am Opportunity for Prayer
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 pm Disciples Bells
- 6:00 pm Board Meeting

### Tuesday, January 30

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, January 31

- 4:15 pm Children's Music
- 5:30 pm Youth Club
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

### Thursday, February 1

- 10:00 pm Prime Time Bells

## Pictorial Directory

The Membership Ministry will be working with Lifetouch to create a new church pictorial directory in the coming month. Pictures will be made on **Friday, February 9, and Saturday, February 10**. Please save these dates to have your picture made for this directory. We want everyone to be included in this new directory. There will be more information coming.

## Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all of your calls, cards, visits, food, donations, and gifts. Your support and prayers are a comfort to us while we continue to grieve for Ben.

Ben fought his battle with cancer for almost three years.

Also, thank you to those who traveled to Fayetteville for Ben's memorial.

**Dave & Laura Pulliam**

### For the Record—January 14

Operating Receipts.....	\$7,932.37
To Date.....	14,793.37
Endowment.....	590.00
To Date.....	965.00
Monthly Budgeted	
Needs.....	33,361.63

### For the Record—January 21

Operating Receipts .....	\$ 2,777.25
To Date.....	17,570.62
Endowment.....	85.00
To Date.....	1,050.00
Monthly Budgeted	
Needs .....	33,361.63

## Mission Express O Café

The café opens at **9:00 am each Sunday** morning. All the proceeds support the Mission trips. Setup **begins at 8:30 am Sunday**. Come join us for fellowship, a cup of coffee and doughnuts.

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