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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.

Renewing Our Mission

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Romans 12:2).

I believe God is calling First Christian Church to be on a mission to transform our world. However, as Paul reminded us, we must first “renew our minds.” Beginning this **Sunday, May 6**, we are going to begin a four-part sermon series entitled: *Renewing Our Mission*. I would like to ask us to begin praying today to prepare ourselves for renewal.

On May 6, we will be challenged to *Renew Our Friendship Mission*. Jesus said: “I do not call you servants any longer. . . I have called you friends.” The disciples are invited by the risen Christ to know their Lord in a new light: they are invited to see their Jesus as a friend. We will learn that being a friend of Jesus always involves being a friend of the poor and marginalized. At 7:00 pm, we will discover ways to put our friendship with Jesus into action by participating in the Poor People’s Campaign in Arkansas.

On May 13, we will be challenged to *Renew Our Partnership Mission*. As we celebrate Mother’s Day, we are reminded that we need one another. We were born to link up with one another in mutual care and concern and to feel responsibility for one another. We were born to live in community.

On May 20, we will be challenged to *Renew Our Stewardship Mission*. To partner together as friends of Jesus requires financial stewardship from every member. During the Sunday School hour, I will lead a joint Sunday School lesson on stewardship. During worship, we will ask God to bless our commitments to our stewardship mission. On this evening, we will celebrate our commitments together with a church-wide fellowship.

On May 27, we will be challenged to *Renew Our Discipleship Mission*. As we remember those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our country during this Memorial Day Weekend, we will be reminded of the cost of discipleship and the dangers of what Dietrich Bonhoeffer called “cheap grace.”

Please begin praying now as we prepare to *Renew Our Mission*. I am excited about who we can be, what we can do, and where we will go together in this new church year!

Jarrett

Worship and Education Opportunities

Worship—April 22

“Renewing Our Friendship Mission”
John 15:9-17

Elders

Jim Creekmore and
Steve Parke

Deacons

Stephanie Bailey (Foreman), Bob
Harris, Jimmy Hudlow, Michelle
Moran, Janet LaForce, Dewayne
Pryor, Tim Randolph

Prepare Communion

Patience Hudlow

Greeters

Jimmy Hudlow and
Dewayne Pryor

Homebound Communion

1. Steve Parke, Janet LaForce
2. Jim Creekmore, Dewayne Pryor

Worship Leader

Jim Creekmore

Dianna’s Notes

Music Schedule

May 6 Disciples Bells
May 13 Children’s Choir

Church Women United

Friday, May 4

9:30 am: Registration; Refreshments

10:00 am: Program

May Friendship Day

St. Paul United Methodist Church
Fort Smith

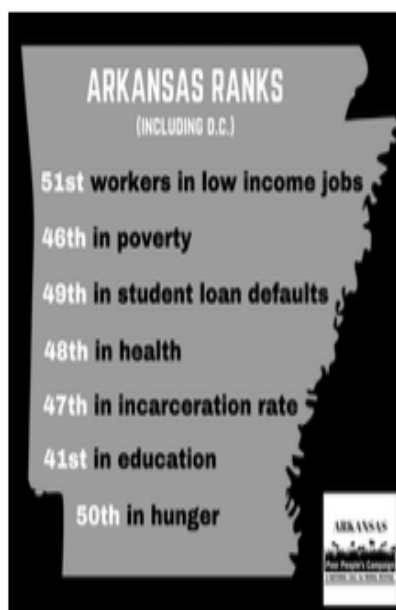


INFORMATION SESSION

MAY 6, 2018 @7pm



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
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COME LEARN

- ✓ What is the movement about?
- ✓ How to join the Movement?
- ✓ What are the 40 Days of Moral Action?
- ✓ What are the policies that impact the most vulnerable?
- ✓ What can we do to change these policies?

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH 479-783-1139
or email jarrett@fccdoc.org or sonna@fccdoc.org

Fellowship and Service Opportunities

Beans and Bingo, May 2

It's time again for Beans and Bingo on **Wednesday, May 2, at 5:30 pm**. If you have a household treasure that you can part with as a prize, bring it with you. Beans and cornbread will be provided for a great time of fun and fellowship. Please come and bring a friend. This is always a good time.

Membership Ministry

July Mission Trip

Plans are being made for a mission trip to Thoreau, New Mexico, the first week of July. More information will follow. If you are interested, please contact **John Mundy at 222-3401** or the church office.

Cabinet & Ministries

Sunday, May 6

Please notice time change.

5 pm: Cabinet

(in the Chapel, Administration Building)

5:45 pm: Ministries *(in various rooms)*

Chairs: please contact your people and let them know where /when your Ministry will meet.

Youth Fundraiser

Attention all Butchers, Bakers and Candy Stick makers!

Youth Fellowship invites all those who love to bake and all those who love to eat baked goods. Bakers, this is your chance to show off your baking talents. Bring them to the church **Sunday, May 13, at 9:00 am**. We will sell to both early and late worship services. Money earned will go in support of the upcoming mission trip to New Mexico and Team Seth (who is representing Ainsley's Angels in the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D. C. Thank you.

Getting' Down and Dirty with Jesus—A Missional VBS

Vacation Bible School is set for **Monday-Friday, June 4-8, from 5:00 pm – 7:30 pm**. The theme this year is *Getting Down and Dirty with Jesus*. This is a missional theme; therefore, children will participate in various mission projects during the week.

Along with nightly mission projects, children will participate in in-depth, interactive Bible lessons that will explore some of the ways that God gets down and dirty for us and the world through Christ, and they will be encouraged to model these ways in their daily living. The lessons will be reinforced each night with music, drama and games.

If you would like more information about this week or would like to volunteer, please contact Jimmy Hudlow at 479-259-3997.

Announcements

Church Calendar

Sunday, May 6

Homebound Communion
 8:30 am Worship (Chapel)
 9:00 am Mission Café
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 4:30 pm Disciples Bells
 5:00 pm Cabinet
 5:45 pm Ministry Teams
 7:00 pm Introduction to the
 Poor People's Campaign

Tuesday, May 8

9:00 am Staff Meeting
 10:00 am Group 1 (Parlor)
 1:00 pm Group 2 (Parlor)
 6:00 pm Group 3 (Parlor)

Wednesday, May 9

3:30 pm Butterfield Worship
 4:15 pm Children's Choir Party
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, May 10

10:00 am Prime Time Bells

Concerns and Celebrations of the Community

- ◆ **Juanita Robinson**, Dianna Jackson's grandmother
- ◆ **Janice Rickman**, Greta Pryor's mother, is at Methodist Village.
- ◆ **Eckel Rowland**, Ruth Carson's father, is at Methodist Village.

Thank You Notes

The **Youth Fellowship** sends their thanks to our church family for their support of the youth mission trip/team Seth fundraiser. Your support brings us closer to our goal.

We also would like to thank those who worked: Dewayne Pryor, John & Vickie Warren, David & Kristy Williamson and Mr. Bear. Thank you for your hard work.

Hamilton House thanks FCC for a donation of \$300. They provide services to child victims of abuse and their non-offending family members. Our support helps make that possible and their difficult experience easier.

MEMORIALS: We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts, given as a thoughtful expression of sympathy and of care...

In Memory of **Guye Willis** by Floyd & Ginger Hamm, Gwen Long, Steve & Rebecca Parke, Connie Slater

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.

For the Record—April 29

Operating Receipts.....	\$ 4,821.40
To Date	39,628.09
Endowment.....	260.00
To Date	945.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs.....	33,361.63

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