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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.

A Prayer for Our Graduates

Source of All Life,

We are grateful for the lives of teachers, friends, leaders, and family; for all whose lives have influenced our lives, and helped to make us who we are and who we are still becoming today. May the lives that have and continue to influence these graduates inspire them to lead, to serve and to care for the lives of others, as they care for the entire creation in which the mystery of life has happened.

Origin of All Love,

We are grateful for the love and support of those who have cradled our past, envelop us today and promise to surround us tomorrow. May these graduates mirror this love by living lives that always bear love for others.

Supplier of All Faith,

We give you thanks for the trust and confidence that education instills in us to follow our dreams, even if it means sacrifice and risk-taking, to go to places that we have never been before. May this faith encourage these graduates to dream bold dreams and give them the courage to bring those dreams to life.

Giver of All Hope,

We are thankful that our best days of living, the best days of seeing the meaning of our lives through are always and forever in front of us, even when we fall or falter. May these graduates always know the immense potential, see the boundless possibilities, and recognize the unlimited promises in all of the days that are before them.

Author of All Truth,

We are thankful for what we have already learned, but also for the opportunities that lay before us to continue learning. May these graduates continue to be seekers of truth and knowledge, and may they always use truth, not for selfish advantage, but to be advocates of truth and justice for all people.

The One Who Grew in Wisdom through Jesus of Nazareth,

Thank you for teaching us how to live and to love. Continue to teach, lead, mold, and make us all into the people you have called us to be. Amen.

Jarrett

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.

Pastor’s Vacation

Jarrett will be on vacation June 11-20. If a need arises, please contact our Associate Minister Intern, Sonna Key, at 479-561-4701.

Fellowship and Service Opportunities

Worship and Education Opportunities

Church Calendar

Sunday, June 10

8:30 am Worship (Chapel)
 9:00 am Mission Café
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 6:00 pm Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 12

10:00 am Group 1 (Parlor)
 12:30 pm Group 2 (Home of Mary Nelle)

Wednesday, June 13

7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Group 2 Meeting

Group 2 will meet at Mary Nelle Hales', 3400 Sturbridge Place, at 12:30 for our Luncheon on **Tuesday, June 12**.

Worship—June 10

**“The Church Is in the Clothing Business”
 Genesis 3:1-13; 20-21**

Elders

Carl Warrington and Shawn Moore

Deacons

John Warren (Foreman), Tim Fleming, Alan Maxey, Ginger Hamm, Audrey Stewart, Harold Stewart, Vicki Warren, David Williamson

Prepare Communion

Vicki Warren

Greeters

Alan Maxey and David Williamson

Worship Leader

Carl Warrington

Teacher Needed

Kindergarten through 6th grade Sunday school is in need of a new teacher. You would only be required to teach one Sunday a month. If you are interested, please contact Kira Moore at orbitalgyri@yahoo.com or 479-926-4955. Thank you.

Dianna’s Notes

Music Schedule

June 10 Disciples Bells
 June 17 Maxey Girls Vocal Duet
 June 24 Becki Struble and Friends

Prayer Concern

Susan Randolph in the passing of her father, Wayne “Bun” Chronister. Susan’s address is 4034 West Hwy. 255, Lavaca, AR 72941.

Allen Shower

Group 3 is hosting a Congratulatory Shower for **Wesley and Mercedes Allen** who were married on May 10. Wesley is the son of George and Trish Allen. The Allen family is new to First Christian Church, so please join us in celebrating this young couple Sunday, June 24, from 2:00-4:00 pm. A money tree is being provided.



Open and Affirming Statement

First Christian Church strives to welcome all people without judgment and to provide a hospitality that affirms the diversity that is the image of God in creation. Each Sunday, when we gather around the Lord’s table and say “All are welcome,” we truly mean everyone.

When I became your pastor, I made the statement that I believe every church should be “open and affirming,” because any church that seeks to follow the teachings of Christ, that seeks to love as he loves, has no business being “closed and condemning.”

Of all of the human organizations on this fragmented planet, the church should be a place where all people are welcomed to join a community of grace, love and forgiveness. Without fear of being judged, condemned, or bullied, all people should feel welcomed to come as they are and honestly and openly confess their sinfulness and brokenness. They should then be encouraged to use the gifts God has given them to share the same grace they received with others.

Sadly, this is not the practice of many churches today. Therefore, the proposal is being made to add the following statement to our church’s constitution under “Article III: Membership”:

“First Christian Church is committed to being a people of grace and welcome to all God’s children though differing in race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, political stance or theological perspective. We affirm the faith, baptism and spiritual gifts of all Christians celebrating that all people are part of God’s good creation.” **Jarrett**

For the Record—June 3

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