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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 Pastoral Prayer for Our Nation

Good and Gracious God, Father and Mother of us all,

Hearts shattered, souls lamenting, bodies languishing, and minds enraged,

On this Sunday, we gather together to stand with and grieve alongside our sisters and brothers who have been separated from their children. May they be comforted knowing that you are suffering with them, and so are we.

Believing with Jesus that “It is better to tie a millstone around our necks and be cast into the sea than to cause a little one to stumble,” we gather to stand with the children. We pray that they will soon be reunited with their families and that the trauma that they are experiencing will be short-lived.

Following Jesus who fled with his parents as refugees to escape Herod’s sword, we gather in prayer for all children who live under the constant threat of injustice and violence by the demonic forces of our time. We pray for all who have been pushed to the margins, devalued, demonized and dehumanized.

We gather to pray for our nation, for the political leaders of our cities, states and country, and for the Body of Christ spread throughout our land. We pray for boldness in naming the sin of white nationalism that has plagued this nation since its founding. We pray for fortitude in confronting racism, in all of its manifestations. And we pray for courage in confronting hatred and violence in all of its manifestations.

We gather to pray for all churches in this country who seek to follow the way of Jesus. May they be led by your wisdom, endowed by your love and empowered by your courage to live selflessly while boldly proclaiming good news to the poor, freedom to the oppressed and recovery of sight to the blind. We pray that your people will persist and prevail courageously ministering to the social, spiritual and physical development of all people. Forgive our failure to come together in the name of Christ to stand for the liberty and justice for all. Forgive our failure to truly love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Forgive us for abandoning the way of Jesus and your holy teachings when it comes to welcoming and loving the least of these. Forgive our silence as an anti-Christ spirit continues to seduce our world.

Forgive us, O God, and envelop us with your grace. Grant us your guidance, your will, and your determination as we seek to follow the Christ together in the steps that he is leading us next. It is in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord who welcomed the children and loves us all, we pray. Amen.

Jarrett

Church Board 2018-2019

Nominations for 2018-2019 Trustee, Elders, and Deacons for consideration, July 1 Congregational Meeting immediately following late worship:

Trustee:

Mac Respass

Elders:

Jack Jackson, Jr.
Danny Lynch
Dan Marshall
Regina Respass

Deacons

Brad Kidder, Jr.
Kim Kidder
Barbara Lynch
Margot Mundy
Nick Oliver
LaBeth Riggs
Steve Riggs
Darlene Brees (filling **one-year** term to end June 30, 2019)
Elizabeth Vaughn (filling **two-year** term to end June 30, 2020)

Worship and Education Opportunities

Fellowship and Service Opportunities

Worship—July 1

**“He Touched Me”
Mark 5:21-43**

Elders

Kristi Williamson and Steve Parke

Deacons

Floyd Hamm (Foreman), Jesse Bailey, Stephanie Bailey, Diane Fagan, Bob Harris, Greta Pryor, Tim Randolph

Prepare Communion

Rebecca Parke

Greeters

Tim Randolph and Diane Fagan

Homebound Communion

1. Steve Parke, Stephanie Bailey
2. Shawn Moore, Jesse Bailey

Worship Leader

Kristi Williamson

Dianna’s Notes

Music Schedule

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| July 1 | Evan Mino, Bell Solo |
| July 8 | Bruce Birkhead, Solo |

July 4 Newsletter

There will not be a newsletter next week.

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 orbitgyri@yahoo.com or 479-926-4955. Thank you.

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.

Church Calendar

Saturday, June 30-Friday, July 6

Mission Trip to New Mexico

Sunday, July 1

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| 9:00 am | Homebound Communion |
| 9:30 am | Mission Café |
| 9:30 am | Sunday School |
| 10:45 am | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| Following late worship | Congregational Meeting |

Wednesday, July 4

- Independence Day
- Office Closed

Mission Trip

Saturday morning at 8:00 am, June 30, we will depart for our mission trip to Thoreau, New Mexico. Those who will travel should be prepared for cool to cold and possible rainy days. Bring sleeping bag or blankets, sheets, pillow, personal hygiene items and something to do for the long ride to New Mexico. We will spend the night in Amarillo, TX, at the church, then arrive Sunday afternoon. Most of all we must be flexible. Things change rapidly on mission trips.

At this moment our project will construct a 16x24 kitchen add on. Then in the evening assist in a VBS with the local church.

If church members wish to help out, we could use bottled water and your prayers of support.

Fun Youth Fellowship Night

Friday, June 22, Youth Fellowship had a fun night. We had delicious pizza from Chef Stewart, a magic show from the amazing Jack Jackson, Jr., and movie and popcorn with host, Kira Moore. Older youth, oldest being 65, went bowling. We all had a blast.

We would like to thank all the people who made this event a special fun night. **First Christian Church Youth Fellowship**

“Book” Your Summer Reading!

Maggie Murders, a popular summer read, will soon be in our library. The author, Anthony Horowitz, is well known for his “whodunits” as well as the popular PBS series *Foyle’s Wars* and *Midsomers Murders*.

Also, if anyone is interested in joining a **FCC Book Club**, please call the church office to add your name to the list. However, we still do need a leader to come forward to start and to organize this project.

Margot Mundy

Need a Ride?

Do you need a ride to FCC Sunday service this week? Please contact Barbara in the church office or for the month of July, contact:

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| Randy Alexander | 479-462-3199 or |
| Jimmy Hudlow | 479-259-3997 |

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