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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.

Rescue Mission

This morning the world learned that the entire Thailand soccer team and their coach have been rescued. Divers from all over the world, speaking different languages, coordinated and executed the mission at the risk of their own lives. One diver sacrificed his life. Nearby rice farmers sacrificed a year’s worth of crops by flooding their fields to save the boys. The community came together to cook and prepare meals for the rescuers.

This morning the world learned of the miraculous good we can accomplish when we answer the call to unite together to love our neighbors as ourselves. One of our church members noted: “Now, that’s radical. That is Jesus-level radical.”

I believe this is a great lesson for our church today. For we live in a world where God’s children are in danger. Some are lost. Others are trapped. They are hungry, and they are thirsty. They are hopeless, and they are afraid. A radical rescue mission is needed, and I believe Jesus is calling. Jesus is calling us to a mission that is “Jesus-level radical.” Jesus is calling us to come together, to use our diverse gifts, talents and resources, to give and to sacrifice, to plan and to coordinate, to implement and to execute a mission to rescue the perishing right here in our own city.

As I prepare to begin my second year of service with you here in Fort Smith, I would like to invite you to join me in listening to the voice of Jesus calling. To what mission is Jesus calling us? Where is he calling us to go? To whom is he sending us? As I said in the sermon this past Sunday, “there are perhaps no greater questions.”

The rescue mission that saved the lives of a soccer team in Thailand has inspired the world. If we can answer the call of Jesus, together, I believe we can too.

Jarrett

Worship and Education Opportunities

Worship—July 15

“A Dangerous Dance”
Mark 6:14-29

Elders

Carl Warrington and Zena Marshall

Deacons

Janet LaForce (Foreman), Jesse Bailey,
Stephanie Bailey, Diane Fagan, Bob Harris,
Greta Pryor, Tim Randolph

Prepare Communion

Rebecca Parke

Greeters

Tim Randolph and Diane Fagan

Worship Leader

Carl Warrington

Dianna’s Notes

Music Schedule

July 22 Carl Warrington, Solo
July 29 Evan Mino and Jack Jackson II
Horn Duet

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.

Seekers Class Begins Mayberry Bible Study

The Seekers Sunday School class, led by Danny Lynch, will begin a series of study curriculum titled *The Mayberry Bible Study*. The series will begin on **Sunday, July 15**, and will run for 12 weeks. It is based on episodes of *The Andy Griffith Show* and will consist of viewing an episode, studying a relevant Scripture, and discussion. If you’re interested in joining us, we meet at 9:30 am in the Seekers classroom.

Thanks,
Nick

“Book” Your Summer Reading!

Magpie 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 need a leader to come forward to start and to organize this project.

Margot Mundy

Fellowship and Service Opportunities

Men's Dinner

The Disciples Men Fellowship will meet on **Monday, July 16**. Harold Stewart is preparing and serving pulled pork barbecue at 6:30 pm. Following our dinner, Alice Ault will give an update on the progress and the plans for the US Marshall Museum that is being built here in Fort Smith.

Men of all age are welcome! Invite a friend!

Fort Smith Is Hungry

Arkansas is #5 in the country for family food insufficiency. Let's use our summer Service Project to combat local scarcity by donating to the "**SACK LUNCH PROGRAM**". Our FCC members, the Lynches, the Creekmore's, Sue Sullivan and several others volunteer with this organization! The wish list includes mayonnaise, mustard, peanut butter, jelly and canned tuna. Any package size is welcome and will be used this summer.

There is a box in Disciples Hall labeled to receive (with many thanks!!) your generous donation.

Help Needed with Ainsley's Angels in Arkansas' One-Year Anniversary Dinner and 5k

On **August 10 and August 11** we are commemorating one year of inclusion, advocacy and joy in Arkansas! August 10, 2017 is the date we received our first racing chariot in the state. We will celebrate this anniversary with dinner, live entertainment, door prizes, and a silent auction on Friday evening in Disciples Hall.

The meal will be catered by Art's Barbeque. Volunteers are needed to decorate Disciples Hall, serve the meal, and clean up. Desserts are also welcomed!

The next morning, we will have a 5k, downtown Fort Smith. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, work the water-stops and give out prizes. Athlete Riders will be coming from all over Arkansas to participate. We also are in need of sponsors for the 5k. It costs around \$2,000 to put on a certified 5k. Sponsor forms are available in the church office.

Please let Jarrett know as soon as possible if you are willing to help in anyway. If you are unable to volunteer, please buy a ticket for the dinner or consider registering for the 5k. Walkers are welcome!

Announcements

Church Calendar

Sunday, July 15

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

Monday, July 16

6:30 pm Men’s Dinner

Tuesday, July 17

9:00 am Staff Meeting

Thank You Notes

A very special thanks to everyone who has sent cards and given monetary gifts in Guye's memory. He would have been honored. My family is so blessed to have such caring and wonderful friends. I will always cherish our years at First Christian Church in Ft. Smith. **In Christ's love, Phyllis Willis**

Thank you for all the telephone calls, cards and prayers following my dad’s death. Your kindness is appreciated. **Susan Randolph**

For the Record—June Totals

Operating Receipts	\$ 3,382.35
Endowment.....	460.00
Monthly Budgeted	
Needs	33,361.63

For the Record—July 8

Operating Receipts	\$ 4,018.06
To Date.....	13,906.51
Endowment.....	230.00
To Date.....	695.00
Monthly Budgeted	
Needs.....	31,413.55

Concerns and Celebrations of the Community

- **Gwen Long** is in Mercy Rehab, 5414.
- **Donny Morrow** (Dewayne Pryor’s dad) is currently at Methodist Village under hospice care.

Please contact the church office with the name of any member of our congregation who has been sick or is hospitalized.

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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