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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.

Ainsley's Angels One-Year Anniversary

Next week, Ainsley's Angels will celebrate one year of inclusion in the state of Arkansas. Without the support of First Christian Church, this mission of joy would not have happened. Many of you gave donations to help purchase chairs, volunteered at races and were Angel Runners. All of you contributed by giving your pastor the opportunity to be the first Ambassador for Ainsley's Angels in Arkansas. Therefore, August 10-11 is for you and all who have helped to make our first year a very successful one. We will have a dinner in Disciples Hall Friday night, August 10, at 6:00 pm catered by Arts Barbeque. The following morning, Saturday, August 11, we will have a certified, chip-timed 5k at 7:30 am beginning and ending at St. John's Episcopal Church downtown Fort Smith.

Many of you have asked me how you can help. There are several ways:

- 1) Come to the dinner Friday night. Tickets are \$20 per person and are available in the church office. Children are free. There will be live entertainment by John Foster's Band, a video highlighting our first year, door prizes, and a silent auction. Take-out plates will be available. Many from all over our city and state will be present, and I would love for them to meet as many of our wonderful church members as possible!
- 2) Volunteer to help prepare, serve or clean up at the dinner.
- 3) Help get door prizes or silent auction items. Buy or solicit items from businesses and bring them to the church by Wednesday, August 7.
- 4) Run or Walk the 5k. Registration forms are available in the office. Registration is \$30. You will receive a special One-Year Anniversary shirt.
- 5) Register for the 5k but don't run or walk. You still get a shirt!
- 6) Be a volunteer at the race. You will be assigned an intersection to stand at to keep our runners safe and direct them. You may also be assigned one of two water stops. You can also help sell Ainsley's Angels merchandise at our tent. Merchandise will also be for sale during the dinner. Volunteers will receive free t-shirts.
- 7) Be a sponsor. For a donation of any amount, your name will be placed on the back of the t-shirt.

If you would like to help with this celebration, please contact Barbara in the office and give her your name and what you would like to do. Thank you again for supporting inclusion and joy in Arkansas!

Jarrett

Seekers Class Mayberry Bible Study

The Seekers Sunday School class, led by Danny Lynch, began a series of study curriculum titled *The Mayberry Bible Study*. The series 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

Worship and Education Opportunities

Fellowship and Service Opportunities

August 5
“Bread of Heaven”
John 6:24-35

Elders
 Nina Abernathy and Jim Creekmore

Deacons
 Floyd Hamm (Foreman), Ben Maxey, Marilyn Maxey, Margot Mundy, Dewayne Pryor, Greta Pryor, Audrey Stewart, Harold Stewart

Prepare Communion
 Janet LaForce

Greeters
 Dewayne and Greta Pryor

Homebound Communion
 1. Nina Abernathy, Ben Maxey
 2. Jim Creekmore, Marilyn Maxey

Worship Leader
 Nina Abernathy

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 5
 Homebound Communion
 8:30 am Worship (Chapel)
 9:00 am Mission Café
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, August 7
 9:00 am Staff Meeting
 10:00 am DWF Board (Parlor)

Wednesday, August 8
 3:30 pm Butterfield Worship

Friday, August 10
 6:00 pm Ainsley’s Angels One-Year Anniversary Dinner

Saturday, August 11
 7:30 am Ainsley Angels 5K

Dianna’s Notes

Music Schedule

- August 5** Dianna Jackson and Tim Fleming, Bell Duet
- August 12** Dianna Jackson and Kaycee Young, Vocal Duet

Choirs Resume

- August 15** Chancel Choir
- August 22** Children’s Music
- August 26** Disciples Bells
- August 29** Prime Time Bells

Bill & Jette Lindsey Scholarship

It’s time again for all college students to apply for scholarship money available through the Lindsey Scholarship fund. Contact the church office for a form or print the scholarship form attached to this email.

Concerns and Celebrations of the Community

- **Irvin Moyle**, 1001 Third Terrace, Barling, AR 72923
- **Mercedes Allen**, 109 Kennedy Circle, Roland, OK 74954
- **Mickie Matthews**, 4101 Free Ferry Lane Fort Smith, AR 72903

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

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. Paper tickets for the dinner are available in the church office to sell or purchase.

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!

For the Record—July 29

Operating Receipts.....	\$ 2,939.80
To Date.....	25,074.31
Endowment.....	25.00
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Monthly Budgeted Needs.....	31,413.55

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