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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.

Back to School Prayer

Thank you, O God, for public school teachers and administrators.

Thank you for their selflessness, sacrifice and passion. Although they could have pursued more lucrative careers, their love for all children persuaded them to choose this sacred vocation. Therefore, please show us ways that the church can support them. Help us to join you in enveloping them with your grace and granting them the patience and the determination that is required to prepare all children for a future full of promise and hope.

Thank you, O God for children.

Thank you for the many lessons that they teach us: lessons of fun and play, lessons of open-mindedness, a willingness to learn new ideas and to dream new dreams. Please help us to give them what they need to be the best students they can be. If they are hungry, help us to feed them. If they are struggling, help us to encourage them. If they are hurting, help us to comfort them. If they feel unloved, help us to love them, and through our love, may they come to know your love for them.

And forgive us, O Lord.

Forgive us for the church's complacency as public school education seems to be less a priority for many. Forgive our apathy as teachers continue to be among the lowest paid professionals in our country's workforce. Forgive our silence as it becomes more difficult for poor children to get a quality, equitable education.

Forgive us, O God, and then stir us.

Move us. Mobilize us. Revive us again to be the Church, the body of Christ in our world. Help us to boldly be the embodiment of the Christ who welcomed and blessed the children, even while others sought to hinder him. Help us to be a blessing to all children without prejudice and without reservations. Reveal to us tangible ways we can support our public schools again, generously and persistently, until the day comes when all children are seen as you see them: your beloved children, created in your image.

Amen.

Jarrett

Summer Offerings

Thanks so much for sharing your talents over the summer with your special music offerings. You are a blessing to First Christian Church. See you in rehearsals. Thanks for your ministry. **Dianna**

Abby Maxey, Ashley Maxey, Becki Struble and friends; Evan Mino, Bruce Birkhead, Carl Warrington, Jack Jackson II, Tim Fleming, Kaycee Young and Dianna Jackson

Men's Dinner

The Disciples Men Fellowship will meet on **Monday, August 20, at 6:30 pm**. Harold Stewart is preparing and serving fish, chicken, hush puppies and brown beans.

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!

Fellowship and Service Opportunities

Worship and Education Opportunities

Church Calendar

Sunday, August 19

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

Monday, August 20

- 6:30 pm Men’s Supper

Tuesday, August 21

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, August 22

- 3:30 pm Butterfield Worship
- 4:15 pm Children’s Music
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

August 12

**“Be Radiant”
Psalm 34:1-14**

Elders

David Pulliam and Ruth Carson

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

Worship Leader

David Pulliam

**Summer Service Project
Phase 2**

Thank you for your generous donations to Sack Lunch Program which feeds our homeless community. If you wish to make a monetary contribution, note Sack Lunch Program on the contribution. Our financial secretary, Pam, will send the collected amount to the Program after September 2.

Margot Mundy

Dianna’s Notes

Choirs Resume

- August 15** Chancel Choir, Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 pm
- August 22** Children’s Music, Wednesday, 4:15-5:30 pm
- August 26** Disciples Bells, Sunday, 4:30-5:30 pm
- August 29** Prime Time Bells, Wednesday, 10:00-11:00 am
- September 9** Jubilation Bells for 4th Grade-High School Bell Choir (New Beginning Youth Handbell Choir) Time TBA

Concerns and Celebrations of the Community

- **Irvin Moyle**, 1001 Third Terrace, Barling, AR 72923
- **Mercedes Allen and baby Rigliee**, 109 Kennedy Circle, Roland, OK 74954
- **Coach Crowder**, 4318 South 89th St., 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.

Sunday School Teachers’ Meeting

There will be a meeting for all Children’s Sunday School teachers in the art class in the Children’s Building this Sunday, **August 19, at 9:15 am**. If you have any questions, contact me by text at 479-462-7037 or email ltfleming1525@gmail.com.

Tim Fleming

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.

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.

Need a Ride?

Do you need a ride to FCC Sunday service this week? Please contact Barbara in the church office or for August 19, contact:

Randy Alexander, 479-462-3199

For the Record—August 8

Operating Receipts	\$ 9,096.00
To Date.....	19,598.85
Endowment	225.00
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Needs	31,413.55

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