



**First Christian Church**  
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Monday-Thursday

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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.

## Operation Inasmuch

The leaders of First Christian are currently studying the possibility of our church participating in Operation Inasmuch. We will talk more about this during our Church-wide retreat on September 29. The following introduction is from the website: [www.operationinasmuch.org](http://www.operationinasmuch.org).

Operation Inasmuch is a national nonprofit that employs proven models to motivate, train, and equip churches to move more congregants out of the sanctuary seats and into the streets to serve the neediest in their communities.

Operation Inasmuch is also a movement of churches across America, a Compassion Revolution. Over 2,000 churches in 24 states have joined the Revolution. 514 of these churches reported that they collectively sent out more than 27,000 volunteers in 2016 to minister to 208,442 people in their communities, representing \$4.2M in labor hours and material costs. Lives within and without these churches changed!

Operation Inasmuch has armed churches of all denominations and sizes — from 5 to 5,000 — to advance the Compassion Revolution in three stages:

**Inasmuch Day** – we deliver training and tools for churches to send a large number of their congregants out to serve those in need through a single day of projects.

**Inasmuch United** – we encourage and equip a group of churches to work together and serve their communities on a single day.

**Inasmuch Life** – we provide the strategy and training for churches to mobilize many volunteers to serve their neighbors in need on an ongoing basis: through a lifestyle of compassion. Jesus said in essence, “Inasmuch as you serve the least of these, you serve me.”

Throughout the Bible, God shows compassion for the sick, the poor, the hungry, orphans, prisoners, and immigrants, in short, anyone in need.

Jesus was the Great Samaritan who laid down His life to rescue us, his neighbors in deep spiritual need. And He commands the church to follow His example.

Please go to the website: [www.operationinasmuch.org](http://www.operationinasmuch.org) to learn more about Operation Inasmuch and prayerfully consider how our church may participate.

**Jarrett**

## Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social and Pie Auction

Everyone is invited to an “Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social and Pie Auction on Sunday, **September 9, at 5:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall, hosted by the membership committee. We will have delicious homemade ice cream and cookies. The evening will be topped off with a “Pie Auction”. Proceeds from the Pie Auction will go towards VBS and missions.

Sign-up sheets for ice cream, cookies or a pie for the auction, will be in the narthex. You can also call the church office to volunteer to bring goodies.

**Linda Creekmore, Membership Chair**



**Fellowship and Service Opportunities**

**Worship and Education Opportunities**

**Church Calendar**

**Sunday, August 26**

- 7:45am Elders' Meeting
- 8:30 am Worship (Chapel)
- 9:00 am Mission Café
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 pm Disciples Bells

**Tuesday, August 28**

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, August 29**

- 10:00 am Prime Time Bells
- 4:15 pm Children's Music
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

**August 26**

**"Dress Code"**  
**Ephesians 6:10-20**

**Elders**

Zena Marshall and David Pulliam

**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**

Zena Marshall

**Summer Service Project  
Phase 2**

Thank you for your generous donations to the Sack Lunch Program which feeds our homeless community. If you wish to make a monetary contribution, note "Sack Lunch Program" on the contribution.

**Margot Mundy**

**Dianna's Notes**

**Choirs Resume**

- 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**

- **Mercedes Allen and baby Riglee**, 109 Kennedy Circle, Roland, OK 74954
- **Juanita Robinson, Dianna's grandmother is at Sparks.**

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

**Summertime and the Readin' is Easy...**

Close out your summer reading with the two new British mysteries now in our FCC library. *Moriarty* and *The House of Silk* are by Anthony Horowitz and were commissioned by the Conan Doyle Foundation so they are "anything but elementary."

The first get-together of our FCC Book Club will meet on **Monday, September 17, at 10:00 am** in the Parlor. Cherry Rains will discuss the book *The Baby Thief* which examines the processes of fostering and adopting children.

**MEMORIALS:** We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts, given as a thoughtful expression of sympathy and of care...

**In Memory of:**

- **Dewayne Pryor's dad, Donny Morrow**, by Nina Abernathy; John & Margot Mundy; David & Kristi Williamson
- **John Warren's grandmother, Ruth Patterson Wright**, by Nina Abernathy; David & Kristi Williamson
- **Roberta Warren, Harold Stewart's mother**, by Nina Abernathy

**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.

**For the Record—August 15**

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| Operating Receipts ..... | \$ 2,054.45 |
| To Date.....             | 21,653.30   |
| Endowment .....          | 25.00       |
| To Date.....             | 869.00      |
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| Needs .....              | 31,413.55   |

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