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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.

“Listen Up Nation! Seth's Got Something to Say”

On Sunday, during the Marine Corps Marathon in our nation's capital, Seth Allen, who has Cerebral Palsy and Autism, will not recognize the White House, and he doesn't have a strong opinion about who currently occupies it. When we roll by the US Capitol, Seth will not think of his representative or his Senator from Oklahoma. The Supreme Court will be just another large building. When we pass by the monuments on the National Mall, Seth may not recognize them or understand who or what they memorialize. When we pass by the WWII and Vietnam Memorials, and when we start and finish near Arlington Cemetery, Seth will not grasp the significance.

For Seth, it will be just another race with Ainsley's Angels, one that he participates in every month. I am sure he will notice that the course is much longer and has more runners; however, for Seth, the joy he experiences may be no greater than the joy he receives from participating in a small local 5k.

So, why spend all the money? Why travel all the way to Washington DC from Roland, Oklahoma? Why roll 26.2 miles?

Seth's father George perhaps answered these questions best when he said: "Because this land is his land too."

Seth's inclusion with over 30 other Athlete Riders with Ainsley's Angels in what is called "the People's Marathon" powerfully proclaims the words inscribed in the granite of the Jefferson Memorial:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

The inclusion of Ainsley's Angels in the Marine Corps Marathon declares to the occupant of the White House, to each lawmaker at the Capitol, to the judges seated on the Supreme Court, and to the entire nation: "Regardless of ability, difficulties, individual differences, unique characteristics, and different needs, ALL are created equal. ALL have a right to live. ALL have a right to love. ALL are worthy to be free. All are worthy of respect. ALL deserve to be happy. ALL deserve to be included."

And if we continue to vote for this principle in two weeks, Seth's smile at the finish line near the sacred grave markers of Arlington will reveal to the world that those who sacrificed their lives for this nation did not do so in vain.

And this will certainly not be "just another race."

Jarrett

All Saints' Sunday – November 4

Our church continues to give thanks to God for the many gifts and contributions of those who have gone before us, and we continue to pray for their loved ones in their grief.

Consequently, we are planning a Service of Memory on All Saints' Sunday, November 4, to honor the memory of the members of our church who have died during the past year.

During the service, a candle will be lit and a bell will toll as their names are read before a congregational Litany of Thanksgiving.

Please help us include all of our members and those who were connected with First Christian Church who have died since our last All Saints' service November 5, 2017, by calling the church office to confirm the name of your loved one will be read during this service.

Worship and Education Opportunities

October 28

Mark 10:46-52

Elders

Linda Creekmore and Steve Parke

Deacons

Janet LaForce (Foreman), Darlene Brees, Diane Fagan, Jimmy Hudlow, Brad Kidder Jr., Kim Kidder, Barbara Lynch, Nick Oliver

Prepare Communion

Rebecca Parke

Greeters

Brad Kidder Jr. and Kim Kidder

Worship Leader

Linda Creekmore

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 28

- 7:45 am Elders' Meeting
- 8:30 am Worship (Chapel)
- 9:00 am Mission Café
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
- 3:30 pm Disciples Bells
- 5:00 pm Jubilation Bells
- 5:45 pm Youth Snack Supper/Meeting

Tuesday, October 30

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, October 31

- 10:00 am Prime Time Bells

Dianna's Notes

Disciples Bells Quintet meets at 9:00 am to rehearse "Lord, I Want to Be A Christian". Wear blue shirts and khakis.

Worship Music

October 28: Disciples Bells Quintet

There will be no Children's Choir or Chancel Choir rehearsals on **Wednesday, October 31**.

FCC Book Club Meets in November

The FCC Book Club will meet on **Monday, November 19**, at 10:00 am in the Parlor. The book *All Over But The Shoutin'* by Rick Bragg will be discussed at the November Meeting.

Fellowship and Service Opportunities

Church Women United

World Community Day

Friday, November 2
First United Methodist Church
200 N. 15th St.
Fort Smith, AR

Guest Speaker: Sonna B. Key

9:30 am: Refreshments/Registration
10:00 am: Program

Undie Sundays

Local schools need boys and girls size 6-16 underwear. Please donate during the next few Sundays! Containers are in the Administration Building, Narthex, and Fellowship Hall.

DWF and Community Outreach

For the Record – October 21

Operating Receipts.....	\$ 5,882.45
To Date.....	21,407.58
Endowment.....	138.00
To Date.....	833.00
Monthly Budgeted	
Needs.....	31,413.55

Thanksgiving Meal / Honoring Our Veterans

Membership will be hosting our Thanksgiving meal on **November 11**. Since this is Veterans Day, we will also be honoring our active military and our veterans. David Trent is updating the video from 2013, so if you are active military, a veteran, relative of a veteran, or close friend of a veteran, please submit a photo to be included in the updated video. If you submitted a photo in 2013, there is no need to resubmit the photo. The photo needs to be scanned or in digital format. You can also loan David the photo for scanning which will be returned. Please have all photos to David no later than **NOVEMBER 1**.

Linda Creekmore, Membership Chair



Mission Express O Café

The café opens at **9am each Sunday** morning. All the proceeds support the Mission trips. Setup **begins at 8:30am Sunday**. Come join us for fellowship, a cup of coffee and doughnuts.

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