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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.

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

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.

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

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



Worship and Education Opportunities

November 4

“The Christian Journey”
Hebrews 12:1-2

Elders

Dan Marshall and Danny Lynch

Deacons

Harold Stewart (Foreman), Jesse Bailey, Stephanie Bailey, Tim Fleming, Jimmy Hudlow, Audrey Stewart, John Warren, Vicki Warren

Prepare Communion

Patience Hudlow

Greeters

Tim Fleming and Jimmy Hudlow

Homebound Communion

1. Danny Lynch, Audrey & Harold Stewart
2. Kristi Williamson, David Williamson

Worship Leader

Dan Marshall

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 4

- Homebound Communion
- All Saints’ Sunday
- 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

Tuesday, November 6

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:00 am DWF Board

Wednesday, November 7

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

Dianna’s Notes

Worship Music

November 4 Jack Jackson II

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

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

In Memory of:

- **Virginia Miska**, Jesse Bailey’s mother, by Nina Abernathy
- **Nita Carroll**, Susan Collier’s mother, by Nina Abernathy

Fellowship and Service Opportunities

For the Record –October 28

Operating Receipts.....	\$ 2,052.25
To Date.....	23,459.83
Endowment.....	40.00
To Date.....	873.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs.....	31,413.55

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.

The Call

Our sixth Annual Restoring Hope Fundraiser was a huge success. If you weren't able to join us, there's still a chance to get involved!

This year's banquet has served to do more than raise funds. Through your efforts we have made a huge step forward in celebrating what God has done through this ministry and casting vision for the work ahead of us in light of the Family First Prevention Services Act. In short, this Act places more emphasis on placing children and youth in foster homes as opposed to group homes. It also limits the number of children allowed per home, among other things.

Our goal is to see No Waiting Children. Our homes provide 50% of the placements needed. This means the other 1/2 of our kids are either in congregate care (group homes) or out of the County. With 708 children in our care, that means we need at least 200+ new homes opened to have enough room for our children. That's more love and support being given to our families and volunteers. And to make this happen, we need more financial partners!

Will you partner with us? With our text to give option, you aren't held back from giving just because you couldn't attend our annual event! You can give by texting "restore" to 91999 or by visiting our website, <https://thecallinarkansas.org/donate/>.

Thank you to all of you who attended, who invited you friends and families, who have given to this ministry from your time, energy, and money!

Emily Treadaway, County Coordinator
The CALL in Crawford & Sebastian Counties

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