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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.

“Election Day Prayer”

Good and Gracious God,

We thank you for the freedom and right to vote, to elect people who will work on our behalf and on the behalf of our communities to lead our districts, states and nation. May we always be reminded of the holy responsibility that comes with this privilege.

As followers of Christ, we thank you for your love for the people of all nations, languages and faiths and for the way that you revealed this boundless love through the words and works of Jesus. May this love always inform our principles, our actions, and our vote. In this and in every election, may we vote for people and state questions that will better our communities and our world reflecting the values Christ taught us in the scriptures.

Help us create communities that seek to build your kingdom on this earth: communities that will protect the poor, stand up for rights of the vulnerable, support fair wages, care for the sick, provide quality and equitable education for all children, advocate for those with exceptional needs, and listen to everyone’s voice.

As Christians, may we never be ashamed of the gospel. May we never shy away from the good news of Christ that continues to inspire our nation’s pledge of liberty and justice for all.

We pray for a nation that is deeply divided. Give us the grace to love all of our neighbors as ourselves. Help us to respectfully listen in love and to learn from even those with whom we most disagree. Help us to come together with mutual respect for the common good of all and be the people you have created us to be: acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly. May every decision that affects our neighbors come from love, mercy, and justice rather than from pride, greed or fear.

O God, continue to guide us to love this world as you love it. Unite us to pray together for places suffering from violence, that they may know peace. Help us to pray for communities struggling with inequality, unrest, and fear, that they may know hope.

Give us the strength to do all that we can do, to give all that we can give, even our very lives, to make this world a better place. Help us to commit all that we are to rebuilding the ruins, repairing the breach, restoring the streets, and raising the foundation for generations to come.

Jarrett

Worship and Education Opportunities

November 11

**“Unless the Lord Builds”
Psalm 127**

Elders

Danny Lynch and Ruth Carson

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

Worship Leader

Danny Lynch

Dianna's Notes

Worship Music

Disciples Bells meet in the Sanctuary at 9:00 am to rehearse “Raise the Song of Harvest Home”.

November 11 Disciples Bells

November 18 Jubilation Bells

No rehearsals on Sunday, November 25.

Cabinet & Ministries

Sunday, November 11

6 pm: Cabinet (in the Chapel, Administration Building)

6:45 pm: Ministries (in various rooms)

Chairs: Please contact your people and let them know where /when your Ministry will meet.

One Worship Service Sunday

Due to the Thanksgiving Dinner and the Veteran's recognition, there will be no early worship service on **Sunday, November 11**.

Thanksgiving Offering

From the very beginnings of the movement, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning, encouraging students in their intellectual pursuits. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. Currently, over 50,000 students attend our fourteen Disciples related colleges and universities or even seminaries and divinity houses. And in the past twelve months, over 12,000 students have graduated from these fine schools.

On **November 11 and 18**, Disciples churches across the US and Canada will collect the Thanksgiving offering. Your gift to the Thanksgiving offering helps to support the work of our institutions of higher learning in many ways: financially supporting Disciples related schools, providing undergraduate scholarships and support for spiritual life offices, and providing scholarships and support for those pursuing theological education.

This November, please give generously to this year's Thanksgiving offering. Your gifts make a world of difference as Disciples continue our legacy of supporting education and our institutions



Fellowship and Service Opportunities

Thanksgiving Meal Honoring Our Veterans Love Offering to Purchase a Mobility Conversion Van

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 with special music and a slideshow.

Thanks to a generous donor and Ainsley's Angels, First Christian Church has the opportunity to help Anthony Truong, who is now a student at the Arkansas Career and Training Institute in Hot Springs, purchase a wheelchair conversion van. Our church only needs to raise \$500.00 to make this gift possible. The love offering will be received this Sunday during our Thanksgiving Dinner and Veteran's Celebration.

One year ago, I was made aware of Kelvin Reid's ALS diagnosis and his need for a conversion van. Kelvin, from Tulsa, Oklahoma, was an ultra-marathoner. When I shared his need for a van on social media, I tagged Jana Rugg, the Ambassador for Ainsley's Angels in Tulsa. After she shared it, a member of her family from Arizona saw the post and donated the van that had previously belonged to Jana's grandmother. Kelvin was able to use the van for transportation before he passed away earlier this year. He even used it to get to a race in Tulsa where he participated as an Athlete Rider and an advocate for ALS.

Kelvin and his wife, Jess, spent a little money on the van, replacing the tires and battery and getting it shipped from Arizona to Tulsa. The love offering is to help Kelvin's widow recoup some of this cost. We are incredibly grateful to Jess for her willingness to generously donate the van to another member of the Ainsley's Angels family.

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

DWF Group Meetings

DWF Groups will meet in the Parlor on **Tuesday, November 13**.

Group 1	10:00 am
Group 2	1:00 pm
Group 3	6:00 pm

Announcements

Concerns and Celebrations of the Community

- **Laura Cook**, Miles Cook’s daughter
- Janice Rickman, Greta Pryor’s mother
- The family of **Michael Blaylock**, Betty Marley’s son-in-law, in his passing November 2.

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

For the Record –November 4

Operating Receipts	\$ 10,226.35
Endowment	225.00
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.

Church Calendar

Sunday, November 11

	Thanksgiving Offering
9:00 am	Mission Café
9:30 am	Sunday School
10:45 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	Thanksgiving Dinner
3:30 pm	Disciples Bells
5:00 pm	Jubilation Bells
5:45 pm	Youth Snack Supper
	Youth Meeting
6:00 pm	Cabinet
6:45 pm	Ministry Teams

Tuesday, November 13

9:00 am	Staff Meeting
10:00 am	Group 1 (Parlor)
1:00 pm	Group 2 (Parlor)
6:00 pm	Group 3 (Parlor)

Wednesday, November 14

10:00 am	Prime Time Bells
11:30 am	Lunch Brunch (TBA)
3:30 pm	Butterfield Worship
4:15 pm	Children’s Music
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir

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