



**First Christian Church**  
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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.

## The Risen Christ in Galilee

*Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.' Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age' (Matthew 28).*

Don't you think it is interesting that the Risen Christ first appeared to his disciples in Galilee? Why not to King Herod in Jerusalem?

Doesn't it make sense that if the Jesus really wanted everyone to believe that he was the Messiah, he would have gone straight to King Herod? Make Herod send out a royal decree: "Jesus Christ is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords and he is risen from the dead!"

But Jesus doesn't do that. Instead he goes to Galilee to see his disciples. And notice where he goes in Galilee: "to the mountain."

Now ask yourself: "What other time in Matthew's Gospel do we remember Jesus meeting his disciples on a mountain in Galilee?"

*When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying... (Matthew 5).*

The Risen Christ does not appear to the powers-that-be in Jerusalem. Instead, he appears to his disciples in the place where Jesus taught them how to live, love, forgive, and give as people of God.

This is how I believe God wills us to change this world. This is how we are to show the world that Jesus Christ is the King of Kings. We are to proclaim Christ as living Lord not with political power, but by making disciples and teaching them to obey everything that he taught his first disciples in the Sermon on the Mount.

Be salt. Be light. Love your enemies. Give the shirt off your back. Turn the other cheek. Forgive debts. Go the extra mile. Don't be a bully. Don't judge. Don't be materialistic. Pray selflessly. Live honestly. Give generously. Love graciously.

**Jarrett**

### Graduate Recognition

**Sunday, May 19**, we will recognize our graduates in morning worship. If you know of any graduates, please call or email the office by **Monday, May 6**, to let us know so that we may properly recognize and honor them.

### Commitment Sunday Potluck Luncheon

We will be celebrating the end of our Stewardship campaign by having a potluck luncheon on **Sunday, May 5, after late worship**.

Plan to join us! Please bring the following according to your last name:

- A-G** Meat
- H-M** Vegetables
- N-R** Dessert
- S-Z** Salad

## Worship and Education Opportunities

### May 5

Rev. Kaycee Young

**Elders**

Steve Parke and Ruth Carson

**Deacons**

Stephanie Bailey (foreman), Jesse Bailey  
Darlene Brees, Barbara Lynch, Tim Randolph,  
John Warren, Vicki Warren, David Williamson

**Prepare Communion**

Darlene Brees

**Greeters**

John & Vicki Warren

**Homebound Communion**

1. Nina Abernathy, Tim Randolph
2. Steve Parke, Barbara Lynch

**Worship Leader**

Steve Parke

### Youth Fellowship News

**May 5 will be the last youth fellowship meeting until school starts in August.** We will continue to do events throughout the summer, working at Antioch, Vacation Bible School in June, possibly go swimming and hopefully a trip to an amusement park.

I would like to thank the leaders and the congregation for their help and support.

### FCC Book Club

**Tuesday, May 21**, at 10 a.m. will be the next FCC Book Club meeting in the Barton Stone Room. We will discuss the book *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. This book is in the Church Library.

The Book Club will **not meet in June, July and August.**

### Concerns and Celebrations of the Community

- **Brooxine Kidder**, Chapel Ridge Health & Rehab, 4623 Rogers Avenue, 72903
- ◆ **Bill Crowder** is at The Maples at Har-Ber Meadows, 6456 Lynch's Prairie Cove, Room 401, Springdale, AR 72762.

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

### Dianna's Notes

#### Music Schedule

**Jubilation Bells meet at 9:10 am in the Sanctuary to rehearse. Wear red youth shirts and jeans.**

- May 5** Jubilation Bells
- May 12** Children's Chimes
- May 19** Disciples Bells; Soloist, Katie Alexander
- May 26** Disciples Bell Quintet

### Church Calendar

**Sunday, May 5**

- Commitment Sunday
- Commitment Sunday Potluck Luncheon
- Homebound Communion
- 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 and Youth Party

**Monday, May 6**

- 9:30am-12:30 pm Hope Campus

**Tuesday, May 7**

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:00 am DWF Board (Barton Stone Room)
- 11:30 am Lunch Bunch  
Jim's Razorback Pizza  
3501 Old Greenwood Avenue

**Wednesday, May 8**

- 10:00 am Prime Time Bells
- 3:30 pm Butterfield Worship
- 4:15pm Children's Music
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

### For the Record – April 28

Operating Receipts.....	\$ 3,097.30
To Date .....	28,008.48
Endowment .....	10.00
To Date .....	374.00
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.

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