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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.



Potluck for Flood Victims

There will be a potluck Sunday, **June 23** to help those in our congregation who have been impacted by the recent flooding. A love offering will be taken to let them know that we love them and are there for them.

If your last name begins:
A – K Meat
L – S Vegetable
T – Z Salad

Dessert and rolls will be provided.

Christian Wake-Up Call

In response to the terrorist attack at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston four years ago, I wrote the following article called, "Charleston Wake-Up Call." Sadly, although four years have passed, many Christians still seem to be sleeping.

Here are five ways I believe we need to wake-up:

1. We must wake up to the reality that racism is not only a wound from our country's past, but it is a deadly virus that still plagues us today. White preachers, including myself, have been often afraid to use the "r-word" from our pulpits for fear of "stirring things up." The fear is that we might reignite some fire that was put out in the 1960's, or at least by 2008, when we elected our first black president. We must wake up and boldly preach against racism, in all of its current manifestations that are ablaze today: personal racism; systemic racism; and the subtle racism that is prevalent in the workplace, in the marketplace, and even in the church. Jesus could not have been more clear when he said: "Love your neighbor as yourself."
2. We must wake up to the reality that preaching and working against racism is not "being political," but it is being "Christian." When voting districts are re-drawn to limit poor black votes or when laws are created that make it more difficult for poor black people to vote, we must stand up and boldly proclaim the message of Jesus who came to announce "good news to the poor."
3. We must wake up to the reality that hatred in this country is being defended today by church people who are calling it "religious freedom." In the United States of America, where we believe all people are created equally, religious freedom never means the freedom to discriminate. Slave-owners used the same religious-freedom arguments in the nineteenth century to support slavery. Today, we do not tolerate people who want to own slaves, nor should we tolerate anyone or respect the views of anyone who wants to discriminate.
4. We must wake up to the reality that "the oppression of Christians" in this nation and the "war on Christmas" that we hear about every December has been manufactured by people who loathe what makes our country great, that is our cultural, ethnic, religious and racial diversity. We need to also preach from our pulpits that it is this diversity that makes us look most like the portrait of heaven we find in the book of Revelation: "After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb" (7:9). We must wake up to boldly voice our opposition to the purveyors of fear who are calling on people to bear even more arms "to take our country back." Furthermore, we must wake up and tell the folks in our pews to please shut up, when they start reminiscing about going back to the good old days of the 1950's when we had prayer in school. We need to be able to say: "You know, I have many black friends, and I have never once heard them talk about wanting to go back to 1950."
5. We must wake up to the reality that the most segregated hours in our country occur on Sunday mornings. We must find ways to build bridges to bridge the gaps that we have created that prevent us from worshipping and serving together. To stand against racism, hatred and violence, to stand for social justice and equality for all, and to persuasively speak truth to power, we must do it side by side, hand in hand, as one body, one Church, serving one Lord.

Jarrett Banks

Worship and Education Opportunities

Church Calendar

Sunday, June 23

8:30 am Worship (Chapel)
 9:00 am Mission Café
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)
 Potluck for Flood Victims
 6:00 pm Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 25

9:00 am Staff Meeting
 11:30 am Lunch Bunch, Paizi's Gyro
 4900 Rogers Ave., Suite 103

Wednesday, June 26

3:30 pm Butterfield Worship
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Dianna's Notes

Cane Ridge meets in the Sanctuary
 at 9:00 am to rehearse.

Music Schedule

July 7 Robbie Wilson, Vocal Solo
 Tim Fleming, Bell Solo
July 14 Mary Beth & Nick Oliver, Vocal Duet
 Trey Hudlow, Chime Solo
July 21 Kaycee Young, Vocal Solo
 Cannon & Trey Hudlow, Chime Duet
July 28 Mickie Matthews and Tim Fleming, Bell Duet

Want to Sing Your Favorite Hymns in Worship?

Email your favorite 5-10 hymns to dianna@fccdoc.org. A master list will then be created that will enable us to plan an order of worship each week that includes your favorites.

June 23

"Deviled Ham"
Rev. Dr. Banks
Luke 8:26-39

Elders

Jack Jackson II and Dan Marshall

Deacons

Janet LaForce (foreman), Tim Fleming,
 Jimmy Hudlow, Margot Mundy, LaBeth
 Riggs, Steve Riggs, Elizabeth Vaughn

Prepare Communion

Patience Hudlow

Greeters

Jimmy Hudlow and Elizabeth Vaughn

Worship Leader

Jack Jackson II

Green Chalice Program

FCC Youth Going Green!

Our youth group has planted a community garden of tomatoes and peppers as well as a few other vegetables to share with our neighbors. We have also volunteered in our community at the Food Bank, nursing homes, and Antioch.

We try to be careful about using paper and plastic, and we watch our use of utilities. As a group of caring young people, we are doing our best to make our little corner of the world a better place to live! Please join us and do your part.

Pastoral Care Group

We are planning to start a Pastoral Care Group, visiting with the homebound, sick, or anyone with a special need. If you feel like this is something you would like to participate in, please give Barbara a call at the church office.

More details will be provided, but we will probably be visiting people about once or twice a month.

Rebecca Parke/Connie Alexander

For the Record – June 16

Operating Receipts.....	\$ 2,115.00
To Date	17,404.46
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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.