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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.

Go Back to Where You Came From

Go back to where you came from.

Go back to that time before the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Go back to the time of Jim Crow when discrimination and segregation was the law. Go back to that place where people of color were terrorized with cross-burnings, church-burnings and lynchings.

Go back to where you came from.

Go back to that time before women had the right to healthcare, the right to vote and the right to work outside the home.

Go back to where you came from.

Go back to that time in history when human beings were sold and treated as property. Go back to that place where human beings were chained, shackled and whipped.

Go back to where you came from.

Go back to that time when indigenous Americans were considered to be soul-less creatures who could be hunted, killed and displaced like animals. Go back to that time women like Pocahontas were kidnapped and raped by colonizers without remorse.

Go back to where you came from.

Go back to that time when the state controlled religion in order to control people. Go back to that place where Christianity was used to support slavery, genocide, the castrations of gay people, and the hanging of women suspected to be witches.

Go back to where you came from.

Go back to that time when Christians terrorized anyone who did not fall in line with their understanding of God and the world. Go back to that place where they put free-thinking women like Jan Hus and Joan of Arc on a stake and set them on fire.

Go back to where you came from.

Go back to that time before Jesus said that the greatest commandment was to love our neighbors as ourselves. Go back to that time before the prophet Micah proclaimed that the one thing God requires is to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

Please, go back to where you came from.

Jarrett

Disciples of Christ General Assembly

Jarrett & Lori Banks and Jim & Linda Creekmore will be attending General Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa, **July 20-24**.

The General Assembly is a biennial gathering of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada that features inspiring worship, productive business sessions, creative educational workshops, and a variety of other activities to participate in with Disciples from around the world. Find more information at disciples.org/ga.

Worship and Education Opportunities

July 21

“Come Sit at the Feet of Jesus”
Rev. Dr. Ellis Robinson
Luke 10:38-42

Elders

Zena Marshall and Jack Jackson II

Deacons

John Warren (foreman), Jesse Bailey,
 Barbara Lynch, Nick Oliver, Dewayne
 Pryor, Tim Randolph, Vicki Warren,
 David Williamson

Prepare Communion

Jesse Bailey

Greeters

Nick Oliver and Rebecca Parke

Worship Leader

Zena Marshall

Elder of the Month
Danny Lynch—719-8759

Dianna’s Notes

Music Schedule

July 21 Kaycee Young, Vocal Solo
 Cannon & Trey Hudlow, Chime Duet

July 28 Mickie Matthews and Tim Fleming
 Bell Duet
 Robbie Wilson, Vocal Solo

August 4 Bruce Birkhead, Vocal Solo
 Becki Struble and Charlotte Scott
 Bell Tree Duet

August 11 Tim Fleming, Bell Solo

Bill & Jette Lindsay Scholarship

The trustees will offer scholarship money to any student that will be enrolled in college this coming fall semester. Contact the church office for a form or print the scholarship form attached to this email and return it to the church as soon as possible.

Church Calendar

Saturday, July 20-Wednesday, July 24

Disciples of Christ Assembly
 Des Moines, Iowa

Sunday, July 21

8:30 am Worship (Chapel)
 9:00 am Mission Café
 9:30 am Sunday School
 10:45 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Tuesday, July 23

9:00 am Staff Meeting
 11:30 am Lunch Bunch
 (Joe’s Cantina, 74th St.)

Fellowship and Service Opportunity

Youth Fellowship Lock in

Youth fellowship will meet at FCC Disciples Hall for a swim party and lock-in on **August 2** at 4:30 pm. We will travel to Bruce Birkhead’s for a few hours of swimming and a small meal provided by Dan and Zena Marshall.

After Bruce throws us out, we will return to the church for a night of service projects, games, and fun. We are asking if any would wish to provide snacks for the lock-in, please inform John Mundy or drop off snacks at Disciples Hall.

For the Record – July 14

Operating Receipts.....	\$ 2,157.15
To Date	10,358.45
To Date	104.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs.....	29,118.21

Email Address Change

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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.

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