



**First Christian Church**  
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**Rev. Howard Marshall**

Pastor Emeritus

**Rev. Randy Jay**

Pastor Emeritus

## 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.

## Concerns and Celebrations of the Community

- The family of **Mary Jane Tyler** in her passing. Memorial service will be **Wednesday, July 31, at 10 am at FCC.**
- **Bill Crowder** is at Mercy.
- **Larry Vaughn** is at St. John's in Tulsa.

## Ainsley's Angels Arkangel Weekend – August 9-10

On Saturday, August 10, Downtown Fort Smith will be covered in pink with more than 200 runners and over 60 Rider Athletes from across the country spreading the message of inclusion at the 2nd Annual ARKANGEL 5K. Ainsley's Angels of America aims to build awareness about America's special needs community through inclusion in all aspects of life.

The ARKANGEL Race is part of the 2019 Ainsley's Angels Race Series. The race series is a culmination of 12 endurance events being held across the nation where the main focus is getting as many individuals with special needs off sidelines and across finish lines. Race locations in 2019 include North Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Virginia, Tennessee, Arkansas and Texas.

Please contact the church office if you would like to volunteer or email Jarrett at [nwarkansas@ainsleysangels.org](mailto:nwarkansas@ainsleysangels.org).

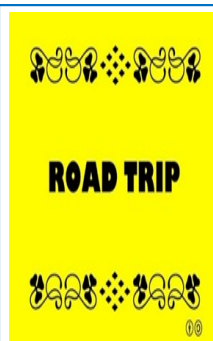
### Friday, August 9

Registration/Packet Pick-Up	Noon – 6:00pm
BBQ Dinner Celebration (FCC)	6:00pm

Tickets on sale in the church office (\$15 Adult and \$10 Children)

### Saturday, August 10

Registration/Packet Pick-Up	6am-7:15am
Volunteers Meeting	7:00am
Pre-race Program	7:30am
Race Begins	8:00am
Awards Ceremony	9:00am
Meet to Tailgate to Drillers vs Naturals Baseball Game at First Christian Church	1:45pm
Tailgate with Rooster at Arvest Park	3:00pm
Gates Open	4:30pm



Jim and I attended the 2019 General Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa, along with Jarrett and Lori Banks. Also in attendance was Steve Henson. We arrived Saturday afternoon, July 20. After dinner, we attended the opening worship. There were 3,200 people registered so imagine our surprise when communion was served to our row by Becky Chaloupecky. She was as surprised as we were. After worship we were able to visit with Kevin, Becky, Coria and Braden. Coria is 13 now and slightly taller than her mother. Braden is 6 and so cute.

Sunday morning, Jim and I attended the business meeting and voted on two issues. These issues and what they are about can be found on the Disciples website.

Sunday afternoon we attended two workshops. The first was Transgender 101-the "T" in LGBT. What wonderful information was presented. Our second workshop was Going Carbon Neutral – Saving Money as We Save God's Good Earth. Sunday night we attended the National Convocation Dinner.

Imagine our surprise on Monday when we ran into Ed and Lonette Bebensee. It was great to see them and visit awhile. Monday afternoon Jim and I attended a workshop on Examining Your Role as Elder in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Tuesday afternoon Lori and I attended a workshop on Mental Health: Creating an Effective Congregational Mental Health Ministry. Jim attended a workshop on: Is Our Building Helping or Hindering our Ministry?

Tuesday night Jim, Jarret, Lori and I attended the LBGTQ+Alliance Dinner. What a wonderful experience we had. Seeing old friends and making new ones is something we will cherish for a lifetime.

Love to our church family for making this trip possible.

Linda Creekmore

## Worship and Education Opportunities

### August 4

**“Perilous Prudence”**  
**Rev. Dr. Banks**  
**Luke 12:13-21**

**Elders**

Nina Abernathy and Dan Marshall

**Deacons**

Diane Fagan (foreman), Terry Hales, Brad Kidder, Kim Kidder, Margot Mundy, Greta Pryor, Elizabeth Vaughn

**Prepare Communion**

Brad Kidder

**Greeters**

Brad & Kim Kidder

**Homebound Communion**

1. Dan Marshall and Diane Fagan
2. Zena Marshall and Greta Pryor

**Worship Leader**

Nina Abernathy

**Elder on Call**

**Linda Creekmore—709-9980**

### Dianna’s Notes

#### Music Schedule

- August 4** Bruce Birkhead, Vocal Solo  
 Becki Struble and Charlotte Scott  
 Bell Tree Duet
- August 11** Tim Fleming, Bell Solo

### Scholarship Recipients

Trustees will give out the Scholarship money on **Sunday, August 4**, during the 10:45 am worship service. If possible, please have a family member present.

The following is a list of the recipients:

- Kaitlyn Alexander
- Ryan Bailey
- Sara Bailey
- Grace Featherston
- Jason Pryor
- Chance Sanders
- Blythe Taylor
- Anna Tipton
- Xiaolin Yang

### Church Calendar

**Sunday, August 4**

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

**Monday, August 5**

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

**Tuesday, August 6**

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting
- 10:00 am DWF Board
- 11:30 am Lunch Bunch  
 (George’s, Grand Avenue)

## Fellowship and Service Opportunity

### Pastoral Care Group Meets

The Pastoral Care Group will meet this **Thursday** at **9:30 am** to cook for Love Meals. Please remember to bring your “ingredients”, and we will enjoy working and the fellowship together.

**Rebecca Parke**

### 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 28

Operating Receipts.....	\$ 5,016.40
To Date .....	19,758.60
Endowment to Date .....	104.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs.....	29,118.21

### 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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