



First Christian Church
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Office Hours:
8:30am-4:30pm
Monday-Thursday

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Rev. Howard Marshall
Pastor Emeritus
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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.

"The Church at Her Best" Acts 2:42-47

Reverend Ellis Robinson's sermon this week will focus on what the church should be doing according to the New Testament. The Church is in the business of changing lives, and the book of Acts provides us with a blueprint to model.

Online Services

The online worship services are available at the link below. We will try to have online services available each Sunday until we can meet again in person. The link below is a link to the worship service playlist. Therefore, you can view the service each week using this same link. The health and livelihood of our congregation is important to us all. Be safe. Check on each other. Hopefully we will be back together in person soon.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLg9HSmKC7yCsVx5D6B6yNvWX24RnO9Irl>

End of the Church Year Is Nearing

Hurry up and wait. It seems that everything is going in slow motion these days. But in just over two short months we will have reached the end of the church year. So, there are some things that we need to start taking care of. First, ministry chairpersons need to start working on the 2020-2021 budget. If you would please see if you can get your budget needs to Pam by the middle of May, that would be greatly appreciated. I am going to talk to Pam and try to get a "best guess" figure projection as to what our overall expenditures through the end of this budget year might be. Second, the elders, deacons, and trustees need to come up with a slate of candidates to fill the positions vacated by the departure of the third-year elders, deacons, and trustees. That MIGHT be something that we can do in person, if not, we will use social media to get it done. That task also needs to be done by the middle of May. That date will appear in the newsletter. Third, we still need to hold true to our stewardship commitments. Nina Abernathy is the stewardship chairperson and will be sending out commitment letters to all the members requesting a response by no later than June 1. As far as voting on the budget and nominees, if we determine that we are unable to meet in person, then we will send out an e-mail and ask for your response. We need to stay safe, and, although we are apart, remember that we are connected by our love for each other and our Savior Jesus Christ.

Church services and activities remain suspended. The office remains open and maintains regular hours until further notice. We have communion supplies in the office which you may pick up (or request to be delivered to you) so that you may partake of communion as you watch the minister's weekly message. Your offerings may be given either through the mail or delivered to Barbara or Pam at the office. There is also an after-hours mail slot on the right side of the entrance door of the administration building if you would need to drop off your offering or deliver notes to the office at other times.

Danny Lynch, Board Chair

Judy Trent’s Sunday School Class

Bookmark and save the link below! I made this new link able to work for each upcoming class! As I indicated before, Judy will do the teaching, I’m just setting this up!

If you use the Accept the Invitation feature I sent earlier, the Invitation and the link go away to Google Calendar. So, unless you know to go to your Google Calendar (if you have one) and click on the appointment in there, you will not have the link!

Those of you that have a Gmail account do have a Google Calendar and can just sign in with your Gmail User ID and Password to find the appointment on the specified day! It will have the link there, too! See below where to click to get to your Google Calendar!

If you can’t make the video work, call in on the phone line and participate without the video!

Meeting ID <https://meet.google.com/ypt-anjt-fka?hs=122>

Phone Number 1 (832) 699-8636 and when prompted to enter PIN: 189 525 030#

If you have questions, call or text me at the number below!

Hope to see you Sunday!

Blessings,

David W. Pulliam 479-650-4101

The Best of the Best

KSLA Newsteam anchor **Adria Goins** in the annual contest that pits all Shreveport news stations against all other TV markets across Louisiana and Mississippi was tabbed the BEST news anchor by the Associated Press. Adria grew up in this church and was married here. She is the daughter of **Danny and Barbara Lynch**. She can be seen between 4:30 and 7:00 each weekday morning and again at 9:00 am and noon. at KSLA.com.

Concerns of the Community

- **Betty Marley** is in Brookdale under hospice care.
- **Jere and Mona Jo Fisher**

Elder for May

Dan Marshall – 479-806-3073

For the Record – April 26

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| Operating Receipts | \$ 1,465.00 |
| To Date..... | 16,542.54 |
| Endowment to date..... | 25.00 |
| Monthly Budgeted | |
| Needs | 29,118.21 |

MEMORIAL: We gratefully acknowledge the following gift, given as a thoughtful expression of sympathy and of care...

In Memory of **Travis Miles** by David & Judy Trent