



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

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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 Promise of the Holy Spirit" John 14:15-21

Focus: The introduction of the Holy Spirit and the importance of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life. Special focus on who the Holy Spirit is, What the Holy Spirit does and How to allow the Holy Spirit to be active in your life.

Rev. Ellis Robinson

End of the Church Year Is Nearing

Ministry chairpersons need to start working on the 2020-2021 budget. Please send your budget to Pam by the middle of May. Also, 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. We may be able to do this in person. If not, we will use social media. That task also needs to be done by the middle of May. Lastly, 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. We hope you continue to stay safe. 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.

"Keep the Main thing...The Main Thing"

First Christian Church, Fort Smith will host the 2020 Great River Region of Christian Churches Regional Assembly **November 6-8**. The planning team is chaired by Regional Minister Nadine Burton who is assisted by Miles Cook, Ronny Nowell, Kristen Beach, Teonicka Russell, Zena Marshall, Jarrett Banks, Bobbie Yellott and Gina Anthon.

GRRCC will move forward with developing a traditional in-person "Plan A" regional assembly gathering with some on-line opportunities. However, with a close eye on continuing restrictions on large groups, the region will develop a "Plan B" for what could be the region's first on-line assembly.

The theme for the assembly is "Keep the Main thing...The Main Thing" and will focus on Leadership and Identity, Unity, Evangelism and Discipleship -- all important topics as Disciples of Christ look toward a new way of being church in a world changed by COVID-19.

Matthew 16:13-20 (NRSV) will focus reflection on **Leadership and Identity**. Psalm 133:1-3 (NRSV) will guide discussion on **Unity**. Acts 2:41-47(NRSV) informs **Evangelism** and Matthew 28:16-20 (NRSV) informs **Discipleship**.

The FCCDOC, Fort Smith cabinet will lead our work on our gift of hospitality to the GRRCC. Stay tuned for more information!

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>

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

Elder for May

Dan Marshall – 479-806-3073

Concern of the Community

- **Bruce Birkhead** is spending a few days in the hospital this week.

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

In Memory of **Travis Miles** by Nina Abernathy, Hardie & Ginger Jefferies

For the Record – May 10

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| Operating Receipts | \$ 4,989.00 |
| To Date..... | 10,784.00 |
| Endowment | 100.00 |
| Endowment to date..... | 100.00 |
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