



**First Christian Church**  
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Office Hours:  
9:00am-3:00pm  
Monday-Thursday

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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.

## "The People of God" Psalm 100

The sermon focus this week as we slowly move our way back to regular Sunday Worship Service is "The People of God" and what sets us apart and makes us different from the rest of the world.

As the People of God we:

- Model the personality of God.
- We are possessed with the power of God.
- We are committed to the plan of God.

**Rev. Ellis Robinson**

### Let's Do Church

There are some steps we need to take when we do get together on **Sunday, June 7**. We will keep one pew between us and, of course, keep at least 6 feet between us and anyone else seated on that pew (unless they are family members). We will have hand sanitizer available. We will supply you with a mask if you don't bring your own, and we will supply you with prepackaged communion emblems. There will be no children's moment, and we are not to touch and use the hymnals. We will not prepare coffee downstairs, but you may bring your own coffee or other drink with you in the sanctuary. If you decide you will not feel comfortable being together, the service will be available online as it has been for the past few weeks. It will not be available until sometime Monday. If I think of anything else we need to be aware of, I will include it in next week's newsletter. Be safe. Hope to see you Sunday, June 7.

***The Pentecost Special Offering will be received in our service on June 7.***

The link below is a link to the online worship service playlist. You can view the service each week using this link. The health and livelihood of our congregation is important to us all; continue to check on each other. We hope you continue to stay safe. Remember that we are connected by our love for each other and our Savior Jesus Christ.

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

**Danny Lynch, Board Chair**

### Concerns of the Community

- **Bruce Birkhead** is home from the hospital.
- Continued prayers for **Mona Jo Fisher** and the **Fisher family** as they continue to adjust to the loss of **Jere**

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

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## FCC Family News and Highlights

Have you been a little curious about what your fellow Disciples have been doing during this “shelter in place” period? During the next few months, FCC families will share a peek into their lives so we can catch up with each other.

**Janice Wade** – Janice’s business, Snooper’s Barn, has been open since May 1. The outside of her used book store at 208 Towson Avenue sports a unique Southwest-design mural that is worth taking a drive downtown to see. Janice is doing great!

**Darlene Brees** – Retirement had already found Darlene home quite a bit, so this is really nothing new for her. She has been getting out some to bring her tithing check to the FCC office and occasionally indulges in a chai tea from Sweet Bay. She is a member of the Red Hat Society and has recently enjoyed a picnic in Ozark with the other club members, practicing social distancing of course. Darlene, please wear your red hat to church one day – we would all love to see it!

**Floyd & Ginger Hamm** – As you can imagine, Ginger has been staying busy. She has been doing yardwork and she and Floyd have been watching their garden grow. Onions, kale, okra and green beans are just a few of the veggies they have planted. Ginger says Floyd enjoys his lawnmower and has mowed the lawn “about 50 dozen times”. Keep it up, Floyd. Mowing the lawn is supposed to relieve stress AND boost your memory. Let us know if that’s true – if you’re not too stressed to remember!! Ginger has also been getting her artwork ready for a video exhibition presented by the Center for Art and Education in Van Buren. This can be viewed online June 7-26 at [www.art-ed.org](http://www.art-ed.org).

**Mac & Regina Respass** – These two have recently moved to Bella Vista. They did have to downsize, which was a big chore after living in the same house for 30-some years, but they have kids, grandkids and great-grandson nearby so they are very content with their move. They have recently discovered a lake path near Cooper Memorial Chapel in Bella Vista, which they walk together and enjoy together almost every day.

An unwanted caller recently visited their new home near the woods – a sneaky snake, which Regina noticed gliding along the handrail of their deck, up the pillar and wrapping around a solar chandelier. They did call for help to remove the supposed “good snake” but as serpents will, he crept away and hasn’t been seen since. A nicer surprise occurred later when a guest who was certainly a welcome sight dropped by – Garry Cathcart! Nope, they didn’t have to call anyone to remove Garry.

Mac and Regina plan to remain members of FCC Fort Smith and will continue all activities here. Thank you, Regina, for continuing to serve as an Elder and on the Search Committee. We appreciate your commitment to the church you were born into, where you and Mac are certainly respected and loved.

**Allen & Terry Hales** – It’s business as usual at the Hales Farm – cow business, chicken business, soybean business. Does anyone work as hard as the Hales?? There is always some thing or some animal that needs to be watered, fed, given medicine, cleaned, repaired, fertilized....well, you get the picture. Grandboys are always near the farm and ready to help, including 16-month-old Kase, who is learning how to call the cows with Poppy (Allen). Never have any cattle been “moored” at by a more precious little fellow.

**Jack & Dianna Jackson** – Dianna has been busy working in her garden and helping to make sure Sunday morning’s video has plenty of music pieces. Dianna and Jack had the foresight to video the bell choir playing an array of tunes that have been enjoyed during online Sunday morning church service since quarantine began. Jack has finished the spring semester with UAFS as a professor of Mathematics. They are also enjoying plenty of Facetime with grandson, Avery.

**Kourtney Williamson** – Kourtney has certainly not been idle during the last few months. She has refinished the wood floors in her hallway, pressure-washed her house in anticipation of repainting, learned how to groom her dogs via YouTube, kayaked and fished – all while continuing to work in the Radiology department at Baptist Hospital in Van Buren and at Johnson County Regional Hospital in Clarksville.

**Regina Foley** – Regina says she has been reading a lot and watching TV, along with taking care of her two dogs and her cat. She is looking forward to a big event: She is going to Dallas for a college graduation party! Her granddaughter, Blythe Taylor, will be graduating from Rutgers in a few weeks and big sister Scarlett will be hosting the party at her new home, along with mom Dana, where everyone will watch the ceremony live-streamed. Safe travels to you, Regina, and congrats to Blythe.

### Happy Anniversary to Bob & Lucille Pulliam

**Happy 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 29 to Bob & Lucille Pulliam!** If you would like to send a card congratulating them, their address is 10612 Meandering Way, Fort Smith, AR 72903.

**Elder for June**  
**Hardie Jefferies – 479-646-9749**

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