



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

## Church Staff

**Rev. Dr. Ellis Robinson**  
Interim Pastor  
**Dianna Jackson**  
Director of Music Ministry  
**Mary Beth Oliver**  
Organist  
**Barbara Brown**  
Secretary  
**Pam Shelby**  
Financial Secretary  
**Randy Alexander**  
Custodian  
**Patience Hudlow**  
Nursery Coordinator  
**Lesley Fleming**  
Nursery Attendant  
**Rev. Howard Marshall**  
Pastor Emeritus  
**Rev. Randy Jay**  
Pastor Emeritus

Thank you First Christian Church Congregation for accepting my wife Sabrina and me into your Christian Family. You have made us feel right at home, and we feel blessed to be here to serve and help in any way we can. My office hours will be **8:30 am-12:30 pm Monday through Thursday** and subject to change, but I am available to serve you whenever needed. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

May God bless each and every one of you, and may all we do be to the glory of God.

**Ellis Robinson, Interim Pastor**  
479-651-0456 (cell)

## "The Reality of the Invisible God" Romans 1:19-20

Even though God cannot be seen with the human eye, the evidence of his existence cannot be denied. God reveals himself to us in a variety of ways. God shows himself through Revelation, Inspiration and Illumination.

**Ellis Robinson**

## Called Board Meeting

There will be a **Board Meeting on Sunday, June 14, in Disciples Hall at 6:00 pm** to vote on the proposed budget for 2020-2021. Attached is a copy of the proposed budget.

**Danny Lynch, Board Chair**

## Church Services

Our worship service went well this past Sunday. We will be using the following health and safety guidelines for this coming Sunday's service as well:

- We will keep one empty pew spacing between us and ask that you keep at least 6 feet between you and anyone else, unless they are your immediate family members.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the entrance doors and we will supply you with a mask if you don't bring your own.
- We are using prepackaged communion emblems. Pick these up in the narthex as you enter.

We hope to see you **Sunday, June 14**. If you do not feel comfortable being together quite yet, the service will be available online. The link below directs you to the worship service playlist. The health and livelihood of our congregation is important to us all. Stay safe, continue to check on each other, and remember that we are connected by our love for each other and our Savior Jesus Christ. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLg9HSmKC7yCsVx5D6B6yNvWX24RnO9Irl>

## How Is the Pentecost Offering Used?

In 2001, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) embraced a bold vision: to start 1,000 new churches in 1,000 different ways by the year 2020.

Today, we have welcomed 1,034+ new places of worship into the Church. The Table around which we gather has grown in language, diversity, and life experience.

Courageous leaders have answered the call to grow the denomination through the new church movement. They have reached the underserved, welcomed new neighbors, and created communities of faith. And we, as Disciples, have committed to supporting them.

**Support the 2020 Pentecost Offering.** Each year, half of this offering stays in your [Region](#) to support and sustain new churches. The second half helps leaders across the United States and Canada through [New Church Ministry](#) programs.

[Make a gift to the 2020 Pentecost Offering.](#)



## FCC Family News and Highlights

As FCC continues to remain on a somewhat atypical church schedule regarding Sunday school, church, music practices, etc., we will continue to use this space to keep up with our fellow disciples.

**Tije & Glenda Musset** – The Mussets are enjoying a little slice of paradise in their backyard. Their covered deck is the perfect place to be any time of the day. Glenda keeps their yard manicured to perfection, operating her shiny red riding lawnmower. She also operates the weed-eater, all under the watchful eye of Tije. When all the work is finished, Cherry Coke is Tije’s beverage of choice, and he satisfies his sweet tooth with pecan sandies, which he shares with their dog who will dance a little jig for a bite of cookie. Glenda and Tije particularly enjoy the days when 2-1/2-year-old grandson, Walker, comes for a visit.

62-year-old Tije is now in Stage 5 of early-onset Alzheimer’s; there are seven stages and he has been declining by one-half stage with each doctor visit (his next visit is scheduled for March 2021). It is a pleasure to visit with Tije and to look at his paintings, which are hanging on the walls of their home. They are absolutely amazing.

**Nick & Mary Beth Oliver** – Mary Beth’s mother moved back into her home on May 31, with the help of Nick, Mary Beth and family, and Mary Beth will be staying with her for a few days until she acclimates. They have been maintaining her home, inside and outside, keeping the yard mowed and all the plants trimmed. During this time, Mary Beth has continued regular weekly practice on the organ in the sanctuary, so she is ready for return to church services. When Nick takes a break from his outside chores, he likes to check out the History Channel. He is pleased to report that his daughter and her family are moving back to Fort Smith from Conway, and they are glad to know they can see their grandchildren more often.

**Bruce Birkhead** – BB is home and “progressing every day”. He says he didn’t realize how weak he was or what shape he was in actually. He does have a Home Health nurse who visits him three times a week and he is doing physical therapy on his own, after instruction from a professional. He, Dan and Zena went to Birkhead Mountain on Sunday to check on Zena’s garden and he surely enjoyed the day. He is not able to drive and, therefore, cannot go to Al’s Bar-B-Q on North O Street to get his lunch. Don’t worry, Bruce. We will fetch it for you! We are glad you are home and on the mend.

**Carl & Evelyn Warrington** – Carl and Evelyn have continued to stay home, with an occasional errand here and there. They very wisely did most of their flowerbed work before it got too hot so now their outside labor requires very little time. Carl works outside for about an hour each morning and when he starts to sweat, it’s “quittin’ time” – at least that’s what his union cards says! Carl did say that after many years of doing their own outdoor work, he now has a lawn service who does their mowing. Evelyn has been busy knitting stocking caps for Good Will and for Hope Campus. Her niece in Galveston sent her 12 skeins of yarn recently so she has a good supply. Carl reads the Gazette on his iPad, which he doesn’t mind because he can make the print bigger! He also enjoys nonfiction books, for example history books. We miss hearing you sing, Carl, and look forward to that when you and Evelyn are ready to return to church.

**Cliff & Ruth Carson** – Ruth is now working four days a week at home for ABF. The transition to working at home has been an excellent circumstance for her, which she shares with the Carson’s rescue Brittany spaniel, Charlie, who is by her side all day long and never complains about long hours or short lunch breaks. Ruth and Cliff have been working on a “meditation garden” in the corner of their backyard, where it is nice and shady. They have also taken their tandem kayak on Sugar Loaf Lake and are working to complete the Ozark Highlands Trail (look that up on the internet – amazing and exciting!). Their sons, Gavin and Clayton, continue to work for a landscaping business and are being very respectful of all COVID restrictions.

### Thank You

Thank you for the lovely dinner you provided for our family get together before Dad’s funeral. We greatly appreciate your extreme thoughtfulness. FCC has always been and will always be home for the Fisher Family.

**Jere Fisher Family**

### Memorials

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

- In Memory of **Jere Fisher** by Floyd & Ginger Hamm

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

**Monday—Thursday**  
**9:00 am—3:00 pm**

#### For the Record – June 7

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| Operating Receipts .....     | \$ 8,071.00 |
| Endowment .....              | 95.00       |
| Pentecost Offering.....      | 350.00      |
| To Date .....                | 400.00      |
| Monthly Budgeted Needs ..... | 29,118.21   |

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

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