



First Christian Church
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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.

"God is on Our Side" Matthew 10:26-31 June 21

Focus: Being a Christian is not easy. Every day we are challenged by unexpected obstacles that threaten to weaken our faith and destroy our witness for Christ. If we are not careful we can allow fear to overcome us and cause us to forget that we are not alone. Let us never forget that "God is on our side."

Ellis Robinson

"Called to Be His Proxies" Matthew 10:40-42 June 28

Focus: When we were called and sent by Jesus to be his representatives in the world, we were empowered and given the authority to be his voice, his hands and his feet. We are called to be his proxies in the world. We have proxy power.

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Church Board Officers for 2020-2021

Chair	Danny Lynch	Treasurer	Margot Mundy
Vice-Chair	David Pulliam	Historian	Ginger Jefferies
Secretary	Ruth Carson		

The term for new officers and voting board begins next month, July 2020, and runs through June, 2021, which is the fiscal year for our church.

Let's Celebrate Our Graduates

We would like to acknowledge and celebrate our graduates, but we need to know who they are. Please call or email the office with the name of the graduate, the school, the degree (if applicable) and future plans. Thank you.

Newsletter Is Taking a One-Week Vacation

Barbara will be on vacation the week of June 22 so there will not be a newsletter for that week. There will still be someone in the office during its normal hours every day that week except for Thursday after 12:30 pm.

Church Services

We will be using the following health and safety guidelines for the upcoming Sunday's services:

- 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 **next Sunday**. 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>

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.

Diane Fagan – From March 10 through June 4, Diane was not able to lay eyes on her mother, Maxine Donaldson, at Methodist Nursing Home. Last Thursday, at 2 p.m., Diane was able to visit with her mom, even if it was through a glass window at the nursing home. The staff put headphones on Maxine and put an iPad in front of her so she could communicate via Diane’s cellphone. Diane hopes to now visit with her mother at least once a week, working up to July 2, when Maxine will turn 97 (mark your calendars). Diane is grateful that she gets to talk every day with her daughter, who lives in Berlin, Germany. Diane is not lacking in determination to make sure she keeps in touch with those she loves.

Lula Hanson – She has been quite busy working on UFOs (Un-Finished Objects), most importantly a baby quilt for her first great-grandchild due around July 16. She has also been working on her cooking skills with the help of HomeChef meal delivery and has been turning out new dishes such as flatbreads and lettuce wraps.

****Update on her granddaughters (Becki Struble’s kiddos):** Daisy just graduated from high school and is considering taking classes in floral arranging but is also considering taking a year off from school; Anna graduated this year from college with a degree in bookkeeping and has a job in that field in Tulsa; Katie is living in Fort Smith and is preparing for the birth of Lula’s great-granddaughter, Dahlia Peach Duncan. Grandson, Zylar, is 13 and goes to school in Sallisaw, where (pre-COVID restrictions) he participated in football and wrestling.

Tony & Becki Struble – Tony and Becki own a business unlike anyone else you know – they sell and repair boat propellers! Port City Propeller Service has been in business since 1976, located in Fort Smith. Becki travels the entire state of Arkansas to pick up and return the propellers while Tony repairs them. That is a job that is definitely a conversation starter. Becki has added to her busy schedule this year by agreeing to be chair of DWF. She is well prepared for the position under the guidance of former chair, Ginger Jefferies. Becki has a special connection with Ginger through Ginger’s daughter, Karen, with whom Becki shares a lifelong friendship since 3-year-old class at Hobson kindergarten. When Tony is not working at the prop shop, he is working on land he just bought in Short, Oklahoma. He recently set up a motion camera on the land, which revealed a squatter on his land, a big bear! Stay on the tractor, Tony, and you should be safe. Another conversation starter: Becki just started playing pickle ball with her girlfriends. They decided to take up the sport as a safe substitute to socializing, and they love it. So, for all of you who wanted to know about pickle ball but were afraid to ask, Becki will be glad to clue you in on this new sport, which she loves.

Michelle Moran – It’s hard to believe but Michelle says that she has been busier than ever at Bank OZK. Wait. The bank is busier?? Most banking business is now taken care of in the drive-through, but Michelle and her team inside the bank are busy doing all the backup work. It seems that customers have decided now is the time to open new accounts or they need help balancing their checkbooks, among other things. Bank employees have been asked not to participate in any group activities (such as church) because they may put others at risk due to exposure to the many customers going inside the bank, plus their handling of all that unclean money.

For Mother’s Day, Oma (Michelle) was given an Amazon Alexa, which she uses to keep in contact with her grandkids Cannon, Trey, Marin and Ridge. And don’t try to call Michelle at 7:00 pm on Saturdays. That is GAME NIGHT with the grandkids on Zoom. Invites are sent, accepted, and then the fun commences. So far, they have enjoyed a scavenger hunt, played hangman, and Trey invented his version of Jeopardy, which was, not surprisingly, a little too tough for everyone. He asked a tricky math question and cousin Marin had to remind him, “I just learned division!” Michelle says thanks to everyone who prepares the video of church service each Sunday, which she has truly enjoyed. She misses everyone very much but feels she must be safe for herself and others. Thank you for respecting all the rules, and all of us, and we miss you, too.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

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AR Disciple Women’s Service Report

The Women’s Crisis Intervention Center has a new phone number: **1 800 359 0056**. Keep this number in your phone’s contact list for a friend or neighbor. Helping a victim of abuse could be just a phone call away!

For the Record – June 14

Operating Receipts	\$ 2,257.45
To Date	10,328.45
Endowment to Date	95.00
Monthly Budgeted	
Needs	29,118.21

Elder for June
Hardie Jefferies – 479-646-9749

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