



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

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**Rev. Howard Marshall**  
Pastor Emeritus  
**Rev. Randy Jay**  
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.

### SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

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## "Facing Life's Bitter Waters"

**Exodus 15:1-2, 22-25**

*Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:*

*<sup>1</sup>I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;*

*Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.*

*<sup>2</sup>The lord is my strength and my might,*

*And he has become my salvation;*

*This is my God, and I will praise him,*

*My father's God, and I will exalt him.'*

*<sup>22</sup>Then Moses ordered Israel to set out from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur. They went three days in the wilderness and found no water. <sup>23</sup>When they came to Marah,*

*they could not drink the water of Marah because it was bitter. That is why it was called Marah.*

*<sup>24</sup>And the people complained against Moses, saying, "what shall we drink?"*

**Focus: The true measure of a mature Christian is not how we behave when things are going well, but how we behave when the waters of life suddenly turn bitter. Israel faced with bitter water is our example of how we are to behave when our wells run dry.**

**Ellis Robinson**

### Church Services

Because of the continued rise in virus cases in our area we will not meet again in person until the first Sunday in August; providing new cases of covid-19 start to go down.

I am asking for volunteers from the members of the 2020-2021 general board to serve as chairperson of a ministry so we can complete our cabinet. We have three chairpersons so far (Worship, Property, and World Outreach/Community Outreach). The remaining ministries are Membership, Stewardship, and Christian Education. If you are eligible to serve, please consider volunteering to serve as the chair of one of those ministries. Please let me (Danny Lynch) or Barbara know so we can fill out our cabinet. I don't know when the first cabinet will meet, but it will be soon in the new church year. We need to try to get back to church meetings as we have known them as soon as we feel safe to do so.

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>

**Danny Lynch**

During our closure time, we will move our Sunday School time back to 9:00am! All are invited!  
Please join us!!

For your smart phone or computer with a camera:

Meeting ID – click here

[meet.google.com/ypt-anjt-fka](https://meet.google.com/ypt-anjt-fka)

or call in here:

Phone Numbers (US)

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*Elder for July*  
**Jack Jackson II—479-459-9984**

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