



First Christian Church
3501 Rogers Avenue
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Office Hours:
9:00am-3:00pm
Monday-Thursday

Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Ellis Robinson
Interim Pastor
Dianna Jackson
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Pam Shelby
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Lesley Fleming
Nursery Attendant
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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"Is Life Fair?" Psalm 73:1-5; 12-14 NRSV

¹Truly God is good to the upright, to those who are pure in heart.

²But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; my steps had nearly slipped.

³For I was envious of the arrogant; I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

⁴For they have no pain; their bodies are sound and sleek.

⁵They are not in trouble as others are; they are not plagued like other people.

¹²Such are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches.

¹³All in vain I have kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence.

¹⁴For all day long I have been plagued and am punished every morning.

Focus: No matter what life throws your way, no matter how unfair it may seem, refuse to play the victim. Refuse to be ruled by fear, pessimism, and negativity. Refuse to quit.

Be a warrior and work through whatever life throws your way with courage, love and positivity. And continually push forward knowing that life may not always be fair, but God is always good and far more than fair. **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 one (1) more volunteer from the members of the 2020-2021 general board to serve as chairperson of Christian Education so we can complete our cabinet. If you are eligible to serve, please consider volunteering to serve as this chair. Please let me (Danny Lynch) or Barbara know so we can fill out our cabinet. I do not yet have a date for the first cabinet meeting, but it will be soon in the new church year. We need to get back to church meetings as soon as we agree it is 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

Regional Assembly

Disciples of Christ Regional Assembly will be at Park Hill Christian Church in North Little Rock November 6-8. This will be an All-Virtual Assembly instead of On-Site Assembly as originally planned.

Sunday School Opportunity

During our July closure, we have moved our online Sunday School time back to 9:00 am! 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

or call in here:

Phone Numbers (US)

+1 617-675-4444

PIN: 237 646 939 5657#

Prayer Concern

Remember the family of **Betty Marley** in her passing. There was a family graveside service Monday at Rose Lawn. If you would like to send condolences, you may send to one of the following:

- Robert and Debbie Marley, #11 Berry Hill Rd, Fort Smith, AR 72903
- Janet Blaylock, 4803 Chestnut Way, Fort Smith, AR 72903
- John and Cathy Boozman, 37 Champions Blvd, Rogers, AR 72756
- Phyllis and Roger Reichert, 477441 E. 1100 Road, Muldrow, OK 74948

Congratulations

Blessings and congratulations to Katie and Darien Duncan on the birth of their daughter, Dahlia Peach Duncan, born 7/9/2020. Dahlia Peach weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and measured 20 inches from the top of her head of beautiful black hair to the bottom of her sweet feet. She is the granddaughter of **Becki and Tony Struble** and great-granddaughter of **Lula Hanson**.

For the Record – July 5 & 12

Operating Receipts.....	\$8,000.00
Endowment.....	100.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	25,268.75

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