



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 Works the Night Shift”

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Exodus 14:21-22 NRSV

Sermon Focus: Even when we slumber and sleep, God is at work and active in the lives of his children. The unseen hand of God never rests when It comes to ensuring our safety and wellbeing. Moses and the children of Israel witnessed firsthand how even in the night, all night long God is on the timeclock on our behalf!

Ellis Robinson

Survey Results

Thank you to all who provided input in response to the recent survey.

The majority of the congregation feels we need to wait until Covid19 cases decline to begin in-person worship services. In response to these results, a subcommittee of Elders has been formed to review our campus. The committee will work to develop a plan to maximize safety for return to in-person worship services. That committee will present their results for review when the Elders meet again **August 30**. Please pray for God's will to be revealed as this work is accomplished.

Ruth Carson

Church Services

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

Last Week's Answer and this Week's Bible Question

Sometime in the 6th century BC, Nebuchadnezzar II overtook and later destroyed Jerusalem. He learned while there that the king had died and he could be the king if he could get back to Babylon in time. He headed back to Babylon by way of the desert. It was a feat that was thought impossible. And he made it. He left a certain number of captives in the hands of his army and they brought them back to Babylon by way of the fertile crescent. The captives were a community of intellectuals and craftsmen. And by the waters of Babylon they wept when they remembered Zion. Remember Dr. Robinson's sermon from a while back? Psalm 137. Among the captives were Daniel and his three friends. You know them by their Babylonian names. They were held for over 70 years before they were allowed to return.

Next week: Another Old Testament story about an assault on Jerusalem. This time by Sennacherib, See what you can find out.

Danny Lynch

Sunday School Opportunity

During the time that we are not meeting in-person, our online Sunday School will start at 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#

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

How do you possibly say thank you to all of you who participated in our totally surprising drive-by anniversary celebration? It was absolutely wonderful! From all the cards, posters, gift cards, songs, fine bottles of wine, balloons, Facebook messages, and telephone calls—you all did such a great job with a great secret. We felt God's blessings along with your love. Thank you once again so much.

Tije & Glenda Musset

Elder for August

Dan Marshall—479-806-3073

Prayer Concern

- **Bill Crowder** is recuperating from a fall that resulted in a broken shoulder and ankle and is in rehab at The Maples in Springdale. Several workers have tested positive for Covid. The family has requested our prayers.

For the Record – August 16

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| Operating Receipts | \$ 3,721.00 |
| To Date..... | 13,626.00 |
| Endowment | 175.00 |
| To Date..... | 895.00 |
| Monthly Budgeted | |
| Needs | \$25,268.75 |

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- **Suzanne Underwood** by John & Margot Mundy