



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

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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.

Living a Crucified Life

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
Galatians 2:20 NIV

Sermon Focus: Being a follower of Jesus Christ is the most exciting and rewarding experience anyone can ever imagine; however, being a Christian is also a lifelong challenge. Once we are called by Jesus and accept the call to follow him, we begin our journey of living a crucified life. We die unto him, but he promises to live in and through us.

Ellis Robinson



The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has a history dating from the 1960's of sharing our resources to address the racism of our society and the racism within our own church. We have called this process the Reconciliation Ministry.

We receive this offering in the fall and use the funds throughout the year to give grants to the pro-reconciliation/anti-racism initiative to organize to dismantle systems and structures that perpetuate this sin of division within the Church.

The 2020 Vision adopted by our church names this work as one of the four priorities of our mission together as a whole church. This voluntary annual offering is the only source of funding for this ministry.

Recent events serve to emphasize the need for this funding. The offerings will be received on **September 27** and **October 4**. Please give generously.

Casseroles for Hope Campus Homeless Shelter

If you would like to help provide a casserole for Hope Campus, make a 9x13 inch pan of your favorite casserole or purchase a casserole at SAM'S Club or other source. It needs to be in a disposable foil pan. On **Thursday, October 8**, bring the **BAKED** casserole to Disciples Hall between the hours of 2:00 and 3:00 pm to be put in the freezer. I will be there to put them in the freezer. You can also donate money, and I will buy casseroles at SAM'S Club with that donation. If you want to donate money, send a check to the church made payable to First Christian Church and designated for Hope Campus. Hardie and I will deliver the casseroles to Hope Campus.

For more information, call or text **Ginger Jefferies at 479-414-2466**.

In-Person Worship Service on September 27 10:00 AM

Below are the guidelines for in-person worship services. Although we hope that these guidelines are adequate, they are not one-size-fits-all. We realize that some of our members have higher risk conditions making them more vulnerable to infection by this virus. We encourage everyone to evaluate their individual circumstances in order to safeguard their health before returning to in-person worship services. This virus is serious and can produce life-changing circumstances. We understand and will fully support your decision to not attend if you feel it is unsafe for your personal health safety. We will continue to provide each Sunday's worship service online for you. The link to the worship service playlist is <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLg9HSmKC7yCsVx5D6B6yNvWX24RnO9Irl>

Covid-19 Guidelines for Worship Services

ENTRY

- One Narthex entry door is to be kept in an open position on both east and west sides.
- Face masks must be on and properly worn before entry. Church will provide face mask if needed. **Masks which have an air release valve are not acceptable.**
- Temperature check will be taken for each individual upon arrival.
- Use the 6-foot distance floor markers as guides to maintain the appropriate separation from others.
- All attendees are encouraged to minimize gathering and to proceed into the Sanctuary.
- Hand sanitizer must be used by all individuals before entering Sanctuary.

SANCTUARY

- Face masks must be worn properly at all times.
- No nursery will be provided. Children must sit with parents or guardians.
- No seating allowed in pews, or portions of pews, identified as "restricted."
- A 6-foot social distance seating separation is expected to be honored by attendees from those with which they do not share a household setting or those with which they do not normally have daily contact or interaction. Any other seating arrangement requires the expressed mutual consent between all of the individuals comprising the group.
- No congregational singing.
- Individuals must sign in with their name and contact number on pad provided for that purpose at their individual seating location. Sign-in pad to be left on pew for after-service collection by church staff. This information is necessary for contact tracing in the event an individual in attendance is later known to be positive for Covid-19, or determined to have been potentially exposed to a positive Covid-19 setting.

EXITING

- One Narthex exit door is to be kept in an open position on both the east and west sides.
- No "gathering" at distances of less than 6-feet in Narthex following services. All attendees are encouraged to proceed to an outdoor location when weather allows.
- Place worn disposable masks in trash receptacles located by the exit doors. Do not leave worn reusable masks at the church for return usage.

Prayer Concerns

- Christie Contraras, Katrina Eslinger, and Kimberly Pearson in the passing of their father, **Lloyd Pearson**.
- **Jack Hardwick**, Micah & Heather Hardwick's father, is out of the hospital with pneumonia.

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

- **Bruce Birkhead** by Nina Abernathy; Danny & Barbara Lynch; Mickie Matthews; Tije & Glenda Musset; Steve & Rebecca Parke
- **Mike Sanders** by Nina Abernathy
- **Lloyd Pearson** by Nina Abernathy

For the Record – September 20

Operating Receipts.....	\$ 4,433.00
To Date	13,197.00
Endowment.....	665.00
To Date	1,405.00
Monthly Budgeted	
Needs	\$25,268.75

Elder for September

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