



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

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- Rev. Dr. Ellis Robinson**
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- Lesley Fleming**
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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.

The High Cost of Christian Discipleship

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

Matthew 16:24-26 NRSV

Sermon Focus: We have been bought with a price. As believers and followers of Jesus Christ we are no longer our own. Once we declare "I have decided to follow Jesus" we surrender all that we are and all that we own. We are required to live a life of self-denial, pick up a cross and follow him wherever he leads us. It is the price we pay for being a Christian, a high price.

Rev. Ellis

Elders' Meeting

There will be an Elders' Meeting on **Sunday, October 25**, in Disciples Hall immediately following the morning's worship service.

Advent Preparations

The Worship Ministry is meeting soon to make preparations for the Advent Season. Anyone who is interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact **Nick Oliver** by phone **479-459-5414** or email **nl.oliver@yahoo.com**.

In-Person Worship Service on October 25, 10:00 AM

Even with implementing our in-person worship service safety guidelines, we understand and fully support your decision to not yet attend if you feel conditions are still unsafe for your personal health safety. Please stay safe and wear a mask as recommended by the CDC. We will continue to provide each Sunday's worship service for you online. The link to the worship service playlist is:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLg9HSmKC7yCsVx5D6B6yNvWX24RnO9Irl>

Prayer Concern & Celebration

- ◆ **Debbie Foster** has been discharged from the hospital and is back at Methodist Village. Please continue to include Debbie, John and Whitney in your prayers.
- ◆ **Dewayne and Greta Pryor** welcomed their first grandchild Monday, October 19. Their daughter, Jessica Ragan, gave birth to Baislee Grace at 3:07 pm. She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 20 inches long. Jessica and her husband DeRek recently moved back from North Dakota and are over the moon with the arrival of their sweet baby girl.

All Saints' Sunday

All Saints' Sunday is November 3. Looking back on this past church year we wish to remember the faithfulness and service of those individuals within our church family who are no longer physically with us. If we have accidentally missed listing someone, please call the office at 479-783-1139.

Dee Beavers	Jere Fisher	Gwen Long	Suzanne Underwood
Bruce Birkhead	Marc Kendall	Betty Marley	Gerre Walker

Church Cabinet Meets

The Cabinet met for its first meeting of the 2020-2021 church year following the morning's worship service and will continue meeting on the second Sunday of each month. Cabinet membership is made up of the various ministry chairpersons and heads of the constituency groups. The purpose of last Sunday's meeting was to discuss upcoming events for the church calendar and how the ministries could best function in light of the limitations imposed by the current Covid setting. The Cabinet is also seeking ideas from the members of the congregation for ways the church ministries may better serve its members and the broader community while maintaining the proper Covid safety protocols. Below is a listing of the Board officers and Cabinet members for the current church year. If you have an idea for one of the ministries, please contact that chairperson or the church office to share that information.

Board Officers & Trustees

Chair	Danny Lynch
Vice-Chair	David Pulliam
Secretary	Ruth Carson
Treasurer	Margot Mundy
Historian	Ginger Jefferies
Trustees	Hardie Jefferies
	Michelle Moran
	David Trent

Ministries Chairs & Constituency Groups

Christian Education	Vacant
Church Growth/Local Community Outreach	Connie Alexander
Membership	Mickie Matthews
Property	Hardie Jefferies
Stewardship	Dave Pulliam
World Outreach	Judy Trent
Worship	Nick Oliver
Elders' Chair	Ruth Carson
Deacons' Chair	Greta Pryor
DWF President	Becki Struble
DMF President	Steve Parke

Sunday School Class

Here is the new and revised Sunday School Link that should work for everyone!

<https://meet.google.com/rih-fqzj-fxz>

David Pulliam will send out an email to everyone he has an email address for with this link, so you can put it in a recurring Sunday morning appointment. If you don't get that email and you have a gmail account, davidpulliam.fortsmith@gmail.com can send you an appointment in the Google Calendar that will keep this link for you! If you don't get the email and don't have a gmail account, you can either send David an email and ask for the link or copy and paste it into your own digital calendar!

For the Record – October 18

Operating Receipts.....	\$ 3,667.00
To Date	18,281.00
Endowment.....	50.00
To Date	445.00
Monthly Budgeted	
Needs.....	\$25,268.75

Elder for October

Hardie Jefferies—479-650-1755

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