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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.

The Family of God

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?"

Sermon Focus: Regardless of Christian denomination we are all children of God. All Saints Day is a celebration of Christian believers who have gone on before us and recognizing that the things that unite us are far greater than those things we see as differences. In Acts chapter 2 the first All Saints Day was not called that but can plainly be seen in this text. Let us celebrate that we are all members of the Family of God.

Rev. Ellis

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.**

CARING & SHARING



COMMUNITY OUTREACH wants to highlight the different organizations in our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. As most people are aware, my daughter Lesley Fleming works for Lincoln Childcare Center. Lincoln Childcare offers affordable childcare in a loving, safe, and healthy environment that provides children with developmental enrichment activities to build strong self-esteem and develop character to prepare them for future success. Recently "Antioch for Youth and Family" donated food boxes to ALL children, teachers and staff. Antioch has done this twice. It is a great thing for all at Lincoln, especially during this trying time of COVID-19. In our community alone one-in-five are food insecure. I wanted to bring this to our congregation so you can see that a lot is done that doesn't make the news. Donations to either organization can be made to the following:

- "Antioch for Youth and Family," 1122 North 11th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901
- Lincoln Childcare Center, 1415 North 9th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901
- or by going to SmileAmazon.com and look for Lincoln Childcare Center.

Amazon will donate 0.5% on each dollar spent to Lincoln Childcare Center. Lincoln also has a "Wish List" for items needed.

Linda Creekmore



Feeding the Community



DWF Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 3
10:00 am
Disciples Hall

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
Bruce Birkhead

Jere Fisher
Marc Kendall

Gwen Long
Betty Marley

Suzanne Underwood
Gerre Walker

WEB SITE UPDATE

We all benefit from our team effort to keep our church relevant and up-to-date as we coast through unusual times. Thanks goes to Jack Jackson who used his organizational skills to categorize our on-line videos both current and historically. The place to start with finding videos is at fccdoc.org under the videos link. The new "playlist" collection includes a category called "Vocal Music and More".

As you all know, the special music we get each week is always wonderful. We will try to include more videos here in the future. Click on the link below and take a listen. **David Trent**

YOUTUBE CHANNEL

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdYhuAKJIrFUhE9rVSOaUrQ>

NEWEST ADDITION TO THE "VOCAL MUSIC AND MORE" PLAYLIST (recorded 10/26/20)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82iMFjjoOgY>

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!

Elder for November

Steve Parke—479-783-1892

For the Record – October 25

Operating Receipts..... \$ 1,829.00
 To Date 20,110.00
 Endowment To Date
 Monthly Budgeted 445.00
 Needs..... \$25,268.75

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