



First Christian Church
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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 God Pleasing Life”

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” _ Mark 1:9-11 NRSV

Sermon Focus: There are many people in our lives vying for our time and attention. Among them are our family and friends and even those we work with. It is impossible to please them all. Abraham Lincoln once said, “We can please some of the people all the time, you can please all the people some of the time, but you can’t please all of the people all of the time.” It is possible to live a God pleasing life and should be one of our top priorities in 2021.

Happy New Year!

Ellis

Sunday Luncheon

Please join us after worship on **Sunday, January 10**, for a luncheon honoring Rev. Dr. Ellis Robinson. The meal will be catered as a boxed lunch, and we will practice social distancing measures in the fellowship hall. So that we may coordinate seating, please let Barbara in the church office know your plans to attend by **noon on Thursday, January 7**. A basket will be provided if you would like to give a note of thanks to the Robinsons.

Membership Committee

Thank You First Christian Church

To the officers and members of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, Fort Smith Arkansas: One of the greatest honors and joys I have experienced in forty-plus years of professional ministry has been to serve as Interim Pastor to your congregation. In January of 2020, God in his infinite wisdom knew that America was about to face the greatest health challenge in its nation’s history. None of us could have prepared for the horrific and disruptive nightmare brought on by Covid-19. You were without a pastor and extended a call to my wife and me to serve and lead First Christian through this trying time.

You have welcomed us, loved us and made us feel valued and accepted. You have gone out of your way to let me know how much you appreciate my leadership, and you have continuously provided confirmation that the sermons I have preached have been uplifting.

We remain your faithful servants and plan to continue to provide support any way we can. Please keep us in your prayers and you remain in ours.

On behalf of Sabrina and me, Thank You and May God Bless!

Ellis and Sabrina Robinson

Hope of the World

During the previous summer months when Fort Smith FCCDOC only held on-line services, some of our members (both past and present) stepped up to provide worship music virtually. Upon request, we are adding some of the musical performances as separate videos.

Hope of the World was previously performed by Katy Featherston, Buffy Trent, Ashley Jackson and Heather Jackson on Christmas Eve at the First Christian Church in Fort Smith Arkansas on Christmas Eve 2010. That video has been viewed over 8500 times. Now 10 years later during the Pandemic, this is the revamped, redesigned, COVID friendly version.

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

As always, you can get to full services at fccdoc.org or directly at our YOUTUBE CHANNEL <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdYhuAKJlrfUHE9rVSOaUrQ>

Sunday School Class

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

<https://meet.google.com/jdb-kvha-cij>

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!

Hope Campus News

A big thank you to all who have supported Hope Campus Homeless Shelter in 2020. Because of your donations, we have been able to supply many homemade and bought casseroles.

In 2021, instead of asking church members to make casseroles, I plan to purchase casseroles as funds become available from monetary donations by church members for Hope Campus.

I will also publish a list of items that Hope Campus needs. There will be containers for these items in the Narthex and in the Church Office that will be marked Hope Campus.

Items currently needed: Ranch Salad Dressing, BBQ Sauce, Taco Seasoning, Chili Seasoning, and PAM Cooking Spray.

For more information contact **Ginger Jefferies by phone or text (414-2466).**

Elder for January

Danny Lynch—479-719-8759

For the Record – January 3

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