



First Christian Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas

# Fort Smith Disciple

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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.

## Lectionary Readings

for the week of August 7

- Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28
- Psalms 105.1-6, 16-22, 45b
- Romans 10.5-15
- Matthew 14.22-23

## Regular Worship Schedule

- Sun.:** 8:30am: Early Worship (casual)
- 9:30am: Sunday School Classes
- 10:45am: Sanctuary Worship
- Wed.:** 6pm: Bible Devotional



## FINANCE REPORT

For the Record - July 31

Operating	\$	4,938.00
to date	\$	34,539.34
Building	\$	870.00
to date	\$	9,439.00

## August 7

- Worship Leader  
Kaye Birkhead
- Van Drivers  
Tim & Susan Randolph



## From Your Pastor,

“Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Steve and I were friends in high school and knowing that he had failed at least once during our public school years together I asked him about it. Few kids in those days suffered the indignity of failing an entire year and Steve had failed three times. I was curious. He told me when he was in the third grade he was in the same class as my sister and he failed. Two years later in the fifth grade he was in class with my brother and he failed again. Then he reminded me that we were in eighth grade together and he failed a third time. He then added, “I was never so happy to learn there were no more Jay’s.”

Failure is a shared experience we have in common. It happens to each of us, some more than others. But the mark of courage and hopefulness is not what we do when we’re down, but how we get up and start over. How do you respond to failure? Do you give in or give up? Do you toss in the towel? Or are you determined that your life will not be measured by your failures but by how often you got up again and went on.

Paul wrote this letter to the church at Philippi, and it’s generally accepted that his other letters to the Colossians, to Philemon and the Ephesians were all written while he was imprisoned in Rome. When you imagine the circumstances of this writing it’s amazing that the letter could be filled with such love, gratitude and admiration. Of all the churches that he had birthed, none was so near and dear to him as the church at Philippi.

Paul continues, “Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.”

--- Randy

The last Great River Region youth sponsored event for the summer is next weekend (August 12-14) in Bentonville where First Christian serves as a mission station for ongoing relief efforts in Joplin. Many of our youth and adults will be attending and working in your behalf. Again, Zena and Dan will be taking a large group of our youth and adults to this storm damaged area. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

## Prayer Concerns

- ☛ Kristi Williamson’s aunt, **Reba Irons**, passed away Monday morning. Services were Wednesday evening.
- ☛ We offer our deepest sympathies to **Karen Tyler** upon the recent death of her father last week.
- ☛ Additionally we learned from the Sunday obituary notices of the recent death of **Rose Looper** who along with her husband, Jeryl, were church members. For years Jeryl worked in the legal department of City National Bank (BanCorp South) and Rose was a local CPA. We offer our prayers of sympathy and support to each of these families.
- ☛ Also remember Garry Cathcart’s sister, Janet Nutt, who began cancer treatment this week.

## Wednesday Night Bible Devotional

This time of Bible devotion and fellowship continues through the summer months. Meet us in the Chapel at 6:00pm on Wednesdays.



Salad Supper  
Thursday, August 11  
6 pm  
Fellowship Hall

**Mission Express O Café** - The café opens at 9:00am each Sunday morning. This Sunday the café' menu will feature **Beignets, Coffee, Cappuccino, and Fresh Fruit**. All the proceeds support the Youth Mission trips. All youth who wish to participate in mission trips need to work the café. Set-up begins at 8:30am Sundays.

### AT THE TABLE, AUGUST, 2011

**Elders:** Danny Lynch &  
Zena Marshall

**Deacons:** Floyd Hamm (leader),  
Jesse Bailey, Dee Beavers,  
Patience Hudlow, Jack Jackson II,  
Julie Jay, Marilyn Maxey

**Prepare Communion:**  
Lonette Bebensee

**Greeters:** Jesse Bailey,  
Patience Hudlow, Jack Jackson II

**Shut in Communion:**  
1. Bruce Birkhead, Floyd Hamm,  
Julie Jay  
2. Ed Bebensee, Patience Hudlow

### Disciple Women's Report

All women of our congregation are invited and encouraged to attend one of the meetings held on the second Tuesday of each month, either at 10am, 1pm, or 6pm (See church calendar in bulletin for locations.) Come for fellowship, worship, study, and service. September 20 is the first DWF General meeting at 6pm.

*congratulations!*

### Scholarship Presentations

The congregation is pleased to once again be able to present scholarships from the Bill and Jette Lindsay Scholarship Fund. Bill and Jette were long time church members who left their home to the church in order to establish this fund. Recipients this year are Peyton Marshall, James and Tyler Calvert, Jesse Bailey, Karen Ricketts, Abby Musset, Dallas Gipson, Ashley Jackson, Megan Cowne, and Buffy Trent. The trustees will present the scholarships on Sunday, August 7, in worship, so please be present or have a family member available.

★ Thank You! ★  
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Thanks especially to Karen Ricketts who, along with Dan and Zena, organized and led our mission efforts last Saturday in Etna, AR. to help clean up an area that was devastated by a recent tornado. Twenty-six of our youth and adults took part in the job of cleaning a lot in the sweltering heat. Well done good and faithful servants.