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Psalm for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

I've taken refuge in you, Lord. Don't let me ever be put to shame! Deliver me and rescue me by your righteousness! Bend your ear toward me and save me! Be my rock of refuge where I can always escape. You commanded that my life be saved because you are my rock and my fortress. My God, rescue me from the power of the wicked; rescue me from the grip of the wrongdoer and the oppressor because you are my hope, Lord. You, Lord, are the one I've trusted since childhood. I've depended on you from birth— you cut the cord when I came from my mother's womb. My praise is always about you.

Psalm 76:1-6

This Sunday, we will read the scripture just following last week's scripture. In it, Jesus is the One needing rescuing as He enrages the crowd. Our scripture reading will be Luke 4:21-30. Nick

Poor People's Campaign

As we re-engage with the Poor People's Campaign, it is vital that we be able to not only do the work but educate others, as well. We are beginning by reading Howard Thurman's *Jesus and the Disinherited* (the book MLK Jr kept in his pocket at all times). Please find a copy and read the forward. The next meeting date will be posted in the newsletter in the coming weeks.

Blanket the World with God's Love!



Our Disciple Women's groups are again sponsoring a **Blankets of Love** Offering. There will be a table in the narthex after worship on **Sunday, February 6 and 13** to receive your donations.

A donation of \$5 will provide a blanket for someone desperately in need of comfort and warmth. Why not honor a loved one by donating one or more blankets in their name? For each \$5 donation, you will get one (1) gift card to send to the person you honor.

Thank you for your generous support of **Blankets of Love**.

Omicron Update

We have three options on Sunday mornings, trusting that you and your families will be able to decide what is best as the Omicron variant ramps up. As always, if you have symptoms of COVID, please stay home that week.

1. We will continue to have worship as normal in the sanctuary. We have done a good job of being socially distanced and allow you to take off your mask if you see fit.
2. We now have Disciples Hall open during the worship service. From there, you can view a livestream of the service. We are asking everyone in this area to remain socially distanced and keep their masks on. No singing, coffee, or close interactions with others will be allowed to ensure the safest possible options during worship.
3. Online at home. Live or any time after the service, you can view it on our YouTube channel. Links are posted to our Facebook page and can also be found on our website.

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, January 30, 11:00 am:** Elders' Meeting
- **Sunday, January 30, 4:00 pm:** Disciples Bells
- **Tuesday, February 1, 10:00 am:** DWF Board will **not** meet.
- **Tuesday, February 1, 11:30 am:** Lunch Bunch at George's, 2120 Grand Avenue
- **Wednesday, February 2: 10:00 am:** Prime Time Bells
- **Wednesday, February 2: 11:00 am:** Chancel Choir
- **Wednesday, February 2, 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm:** Bible Discussion Groups

Prayer Concerns

- ◆ **Tije Mussett**
- ◆ **Mary Nelle Hales**
- ◆ **John Foster**
- ◆ **Charolette Tidwell**
- ◆ **Brooxine Kidder**
- ◆ **Masako Musset**
- ◆ **David Williamson** suffered a motorcycle accident last week, while riding off-road near Heavener. Now nursing a broken left foot and 3 broken ribs, he is mending at home with an excellent nursing staff.

Dianna's Notes

Disciples Bells meet Sunday at 8:30 am in the Sanctuary to rehearse *My Shepherd's Amazing Grace*.

Special Music

January 30 Disciples Bells

Sunday, January 30, 4:00 pm: Disciples Bells

FSPD Food Patrol

The Fort Smith Police Department takes food bags into low-income housing. We would like to help them with this project. We will be taking donations of prepackaged non-perishable snack foods. Everything must be individually wrapped. Examples of good items to donate are: peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, granola bars, cookies, chips, and fruit cups.

Elizabeth Vaughn, Community Outreach Chair

Mission Possible T Shirts

In preparation of our mission trip, we are putting in a new order of our classic Mission Possible t-shirts. You do not need to be going on the trip to get a shirt. The cost will be \$25 with proceeds going to fund the mission. Please call, email, or stop by the office with your name, how many shirts you want, and what size of shirts. Payment will be due on pick up.

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

- In Memory of **Robert West** (Ginger Jefferies' brother) by John & Margot Mundy

February Missions Trip

Keep **February 13-19** on your mind as we plan for an adult (18+) mission trip to Hammond, LA. This week will focus on home construction and demolition, responding to the compounded effects of hurricanes Laura, Delta, and Ida. Handy-man skills are appreciated but not required. We just need hands on deck. Likewise, be aware that Week of Compassion (one of our partners in this mission) is requiring all volunteers to be fully vaccinated from COVID-19. Please let Dan Marshall know of your interest. His number is (479)806-3073.

Please go ahead and register but do not pay. The church will be coordinating with the region for one bulk payment.

For the Record January 23, 2022		First Christian Church 3501 Rogers Avenue Fort Smith, Arkansas 72903 Office: (479) 783-1139
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 2,455.00 16,421.00	Office Hours 9:00 am-3:00 pm-Monday-Thursday
Endowment To Date		Service Times Sunday School at 9:00 am Worship at 10:00 am
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$25,487.98	Church Staff
Mission Statement		Rev. Nick Koontz , Senior Minister Dianna Jackson , Director of Music Ministry Barbara Brown , Secretary Pam Shelby , Financial Secretary Randy Alexander , Custodian Lesley Fleming , Nursery Attendant Rev. Howard Marshall , Pastor Emeritus Rev. Randy Jay , Pastor Emeritus
The mission of First Christian Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas is to lift up Jesus the Christ by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 		Elder for January John Mundy—479-222-3401 Greeters for January Tim Fleming and Julie Jay
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