



MAY 2020

**A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR**



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We have endured yet another month of no services and activities in our church facilities. I commend all of you for your patience, understanding, perseverance and support during this painful time of separation. It is very strange for us *not* to gather in the Lord’s House for worship on Sunday mornings. Many of you have also expressed this sentiment. Yet, we continue offering prayers for our congregation, our community, our nation, and our world as we live through this unprecedented coronavirus pandemic.

As of this writing (April 23) Governor Hutchinson has set May 4 as the target date for announcing a decision about reopening places of worship and other large gatherings. In the meantime, we should continue practicing social distancing, wearing face masks in public, and staying home as much as possible. Currently, ***we continue to extend our policy of cancelling all services and activities at the church until further notice.***

We are grateful for your faithful stewardship during this time of separation, and we encourage you to continue sending your offerings to the church by mail.

During this time of financial, physical, psychological, and spiritual suffering, please be encouraged by these words from the Apostle Paul: “. . . we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces **endurance**, and endurance produces **character**, and character produces **hope**” (Romans 5:3-4). May the character of our hope endure during this very trying time.

Grace & Peace,  
Rev. Don Hubbard

## FCCHS NEWS



During this time when we are social distancing yet trying to stay busy, we have started a puzzle exchange at the church. It is located in the coffee shop. If you are interested in the puzzle

exchange, pick up a few puzzles and when you have completed them return them for someone else to enjoy.

If there is more than one person in the coffee shop remember to wear a mask and stay 6 feet apart.

### Thought for the Month

Everyday may not be good, but

There is good in everyday.

Dear Senior Adults,

Once again, we will not have our senior adult gathering in May. I miss being with our church family and I have enjoyed visiting with you by telephone each Tuesday. If you have any needs that I can help with, please contact me at (479) 806-2580. Please be safe, continue to stay at home, and wash your hands.

My To-Do List for Today:

Count my blessings  
Practice kindness  
Let go of what I cannot control  
Listen to my heart  
Be productive yet calm  
Just breathe

Blessings,  
Valerie Hubbard



# May 2020

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3	4	5	6	7	8  Jackie Atha	9
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17 Buddy & Donna Rice	18	19  Ann Tucker	20	21  Chris Branham	22	23  Joyce Whisenhunt
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31 Pentecost Sunday						



*“The mission of First Christian Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas, is to worship God in a Christ-centered, spirit-led community; to win people to Christ by sharing the good news of God's love; and to provide opportunities for growth in Christian faith, living, and service.”*

### ***Prayer Requests***

**Continue to Pray for:** Mike White, Laura Stiles, David Hammond, Jim & Dee Sullivan, Von Pruitt, Julia Demerson, Terry Atha, Buddy Rice, Dorothy Daniel, Clara Louise (Driz) Northcutt, Martha Langston, Lacey Woolery, Teresa Lowry

**Homebound:** Gertie Watson

#### **Prayer Outreach**

(Our Extended Church Family)

**Continue to Pray for:**

Kay Gaines, Daughter of Lo Swim

Jan Cogley, Sister of Mike Woolery (Health Concerns)

Rusty Wilson, Brother of Cindy Woolery (Crohn's)

Sammie Crawford, Sister of Helen Predmore (Health Concerns)

Rosemary Steele, Daughter of Aileen Longfellow, (Cancer)

Chuck Fuller, Former member, (Health Concerns)

Vicki Ellison, Mother of Sara Davis, (Heart Health)

Sherri Holms, Daughter of Linda Priddy (Back Concerns)

***If you have the opportunity, send a card to our members who are shut-ins or in nursing homes.***

## **Volunteers are at the heart of all that is accomplished**

Thanks to Mark, Buddy, Mitch and Alice for continuing to restock the food pantry, pack boxes and man the pantry during this difficult time.

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Thanks to Mark for purchasing snack pack foods for Rachel, Noel and Linda to pack around 75 bags for the homeless and hungry who stop by the church each week.

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Keith reported that the website traffic or hits were up exponentially after Rachel started posting on our FCC Facebook page the web address when announcing the weekly online services and the Holy Week audios. Rachel reports the FB 'likes' and comments were reaching more people too. The web address is [FCCHS.org](http://FCCHS.org).

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The Elders reported that as they called members on their shepherd's lists that they heard many, many positive comments about our Holy Week online services. Pastor Don and Keith are so appreciated for the time and expertise it takes to put the online services together. Our members without internet access receive copies in the mail lovingly prepared by Tracy and many have mentioned how they appreciate this.

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Night Circle ladies, we haven't been able to meet and our service project was to bring good for the snack packs. Would you instead make a donation to the food pantry since Mark bought the items needed in April to pack the bags using food pantry money. We will try to go out to eat in late May if the restaurants are open and finish our book next fall.

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