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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

2022

*“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.”*



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**“Our mission as humans is to do random acts of kindness.
Kindness is the bridge between all people.”**

October is observed as Pastor Appreciation Month and Pastor Appreciation Day — a day set aside within the month to celebrate pastors — is October 9 this year. The month recognizes the contributions and services of pastors, priests, reverends, ministers, and all other clergymen. On Pastor Appreciation Day, we come together to express our gratitude to pastors. Many congregations observe the day by taking up a special offering to bless their pastors. Others may show their gratitude through different means such as honoring their pastors with meals, gifts, and a promise to pray for them. The sky is the limit! Think outside the box!



Worship SCHEDULE

Ministers

Oct. 2nd—Rev. Mark Garner
Oct. 9th—Rev. Dr. Nadine Burton
Oct. 16th—Rev. Mark Garner
Oct. 23rd—Rev. Mark Garner
Oct. 30th—Rev. Linda White

Worship Assistants

Oct. 2nd—Keith Scott
Oct. 9th—Linda James
Oct. 16th—Linda Pennington
Oct. 23rd—Kay Palmer
Oct. 30th—Rachel Shankles

Song Leaders

Oct. 2nd—Keith Scott
Oct. 9th—Keith Scott
Oct. 16th—Caroline Miller
Oct. 23rd—Caroline Miller
Oct. 30th—Keith Scott

Today is a great day to pray for your pastor's wife. Often, she can be the most overlooked person in church. She serves in ministry, bears all the same burdens that he bears, may have a job, and also tends to manage a lot of the things at home. She is a gift to the Church.



*Thank
You*

We would like to thank the members of First Christian Church for prayers and thoughts in time of need. Thank you for allowing us to use the church parsonage as well.

Over the past year our lives have changed dramatically, but prayers and friends are really what keeps us going. We appreciate this church family more than we could ever show.

Sara and BJ Davis



Why Attend Sunday School?

- Studying the Scripture keeps one from sin. Psalm 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. NIV
- Studying the Scripture brings peace to one's heart. Psalm 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. NIV
- Studying the Scripture produces the right kind of personality (one learns how to live victoriously). Studying the Scripture produces true education. It trains one's mind and heart along the line of things eternal.

The adult Volunteer class meets every Sunday at 9:45. Currently our lessons are following the theme "Freedom." We are exploring the concept of salvation and God's gracious acts in redeeming us. The lessons are challenging us to work for freedom and justice on behalf of others.

The members of the Volunteer class invite you to join us as we study God's word.

Dick Hundley, Teacher, Kathy Jackson, Bettye Nation, Edie Lehnerr, Helen Predmore, Jodi Harman, John Macchietto, Laura Ashley, Howard and Dorothy Daniel, John and Linda James and Armando Bonilla.

Prayer Concerns

Health

Jim Sullivan, Jackie Atha, Terry Atha, Buddy Rice, Howard & Dorothy Daniel, Clara Louise (Driz) Northcutt, Patty Canada, David Hammond, Noel & Linda Pennington, Kathy Jackson, Bettye Nation, Dick Hundley, Ada Carr, Jim White, Mitch Hunter, Deanne Brockett, Edie Lehnerr, Josh Woolery, Ann Tucker, Mary Smallwood

Our Extended Family

Rusty Wilson, Brother of Cindy Woolery (Crohn's)
Sammie Crawford, Sister of Helen Predmore (Health Concerns)
Jacob Lehnerr, Son of Edie Lehnerr
Tom Hagood, Friend of Edie Lehnerr (Health Concerns)
Calvin Weston, Like a Son to Kathy Jackson (Stage 3 Emphysema)
Marty Nation, Son of Bettye Nation, (Motorcycle Accident)
Natasha Jackson, Daughter-in-Law of Kathy Jackson, (Auto Accident)
Debbie Gray, Best friend of Laura Ashley, (Stage 4 Cancer)
Lynn Tribble, Sister of Laura Ashley, (Missionary work in Africa)

I hope you know that He didn't just die for the beautiful dressed people that sit in church every Sunday and read their bibles everyday.

He died for you who cries at night and wakes up too late for church and makes unforgivable mistakes and goes weeks without thanking Him. Don't forget that.

Our Stewardship

Dear Church Family,

The Lord has brought many blessings to us during the year. Many of you have continued to tithe of your time, talent and money and this has allowed us to keep the doors of the church open and to feed hungry families. We have continued to send a percentage of the monthly giving to Disciples Mission Fund to help others in need but we have used a larger percentage to keep the Food Pantry open and feed families in our own community.

Your giving has also enabled us to pay salaries of our staff, utility bills, building maintenance and routine bills. We appreciate that you have been very dedicated and have given generously. God will show us where we are needed in His work and we will respond to his bidding.

All of you are invited to reflect upon the many ways God has shared his abundance. As you pray ask God what He wants you to do with what He has given you. It is in this spirit of community that we ask you to consider your estimate of giving to support our church ministries for the year 2023. By joyfully offering our gifts, we affirm our faith as we gratefully receive the blessings of Christ.

Attached is an estimate of giving card for 2023. Please give your next year's giving estimate prayerful consideration. This is not a contract or pledge. It is simply an estimate. If you see that you can give more or have to give less during the coming year that is ok. We will proceed based on what you think you might be able to give. You can put your card in the offering box, mail it to the church office, or drop it off at the office, Monday – Friday between 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Peace in Christ,
Stewardship Committee

PS. Consider the last line on the card: "Year End Gifts". A last minute gift over and above your regular giving year will help us meet our expenses for the year.

ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARD

In appreciation of god's gifts and as an expression of My/Our Christian Stewardship,

I/We make this Commitment to the First Christian Church of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

My/Our commitment for the year 2023 is:

\$_____per week or \$_____per month

Name_____Date_____

Year End Gift_____

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	3	4  Mike Woolery	5  Margie Cash	6	7	8
9	10 Finance & Board Meeting	11	12	13	14	15  Donna Rice
16	17	18	19	20	21  Shaun Jackson	22
23	24	25	26  Elizabeth Davis Linda James	27	28 Regional Assembly	29
30 	31					