

# The Insight



November 12, 2024



## November 10, 2024 Church Council Meeting Minutes

### Property

Comcast equipment install – Comcast sent a contract but discount was not included. Comcast is at fault and working on including that in contract since our part was completed on time.

### Evangelism:

New Members: Discussion to have a new member Sunday evening meal and class learning the operation and volunteer opportunities of our church. The sessions would be every other Sunday after the first of the year. Content would include the different departments of the church, their goals, responsibilities and operation (i.e. Evangelism, Worship, Christian Ed, etc.) The chair of each department plus additional person would prepare to speak to the new member group. Will need nursery and/or childrens' activity at same time.

Church decorated for Christmas on **November 30**.

### Office Management:

New Amplify website to be up soon. Our office using People, Mobile, and Giving modules. Livestream module will be set up once we have new Comcast equipment up and running. The church app is available for download.

### Christian Education/Youth:

Background checks are being done for those who work with the children. Training needs to be scheduled to acquaint these same people with operating guidelines Safe Conduct and Procedures.

### Outreach:

**Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>** Sunday will be shortened to allow time to fill bags for needy kids. Lauren will check with Corky's for food. Lauren/Annette in charge of meal.

Advent – Gold Balls will be for Florence Crittenden Home. In addition, gold balls can be purchased for equipping our church for children activities, specific needs to be available.

Christmas Eve offering to Compassion Center.

### Stewardship

Brad talked to Gene about getting a legacy giving presentation together to present. Department meeting this **Wednesday (13<sup>th</sup>) at 5pm**.

### Worship

Volunteer pianists will play Advent Sundays – Prelude, Postlude, and any Christmas hymns not done by the Praise Band.

(Minutes continued on following page) →

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Youth Director  
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Church Office: 501-225-5656

### Our Mission

To Speak, Teach and Witness to All,  
the Gospel of the Christ.

### Our Message

- ◆ We are committed to bringing all people into God's love.
- ◆ We are Disciples of Christ, which means we overlook lines separating different denominations and beliefs to work with others to accomplish God's Overarching Plan.
- ◆ We are a Community of Believers that has existed for nearly two centuries, and we continue to draw strength from God by following the example of our many spiritual ancestors.
- ◆ We serve our community however we can, opening our doors to ALL of God's Children.
- ◆ We optimistically look forward to what we can accomplish in our next century together as we continue to follow Jesus' teachings and show our love for all of God's children through service to our community.

### Vision & Values

To equip the Saints to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus the Christ in our community and throughout the World.



### Church Events

Tuesday—11/12/24

11:30 DWF Luncheon

6:00—Women’s Bible Study at  
Diana Hopper’s Home

Wednesday—11/13/24

5:00—Stewardship Meeting

6:00—Bells

Thursday—11/14/24

10:00—Crafts

Saturday—11/16/24

10:00— Disciples Men’s Breakfast  
here at FCC

Sunday—11/17/24

9:30—10:15—Sunday School

10:30—Worship Service

Monday—11/18/24

11:00—All Church Bible Study

Tuesday—11/19/24

6:00— No Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday—11/20/24

6:00—Bells

Thursday—11/21/24

10:00—Crafts

Saturday—11/23/24

9:00—Veterans Breakfast  
at the VFW post

Sunday—11/24/24

9:30—10:15—Sunday School

10:30—Worship Service

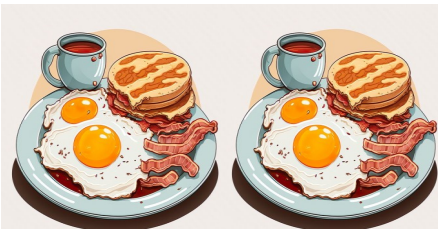
### Disciples Men’s Fellowship Breakfast

November 16th, 2024

@ 10:00 am

Here at the church!

All Are Welcome!



### Council Meeting Minutes (continued)

Forever Free Service: Lauren discussed the program and opportunities for our church to serve the community as well as opportunity to grow sponsoring this program. The board will get a presentation this week. A group from the church is going on the 19<sup>th</sup> to visit the service now being done at First North Little Rock.

Fifth Sunday – December 29<sup>th</sup>. We plan a lunch after church based on New Year’s meal of black-eyed peas, ham, greens, etc. and celebrate the new year for our church.

Scouting for Santa set for December 14<sup>th</sup>. Ember working on details. Need info to congregation.

Poinsettias will not be ordered for honorarium/memorials for the church this year. We will buy Poinsettias for the home-bound and give early in the season for them to enjoy. We hope to get a caroling group together to go sing and hand these out.

Gold Balls for the Gold Ball tree will be the honorarium/memorial used for Advent, as described in Outreach.

AV trainees needed to back up Mitch/David!

### First Call For The 8th ANNUAL VETERAN SHOEBOX DRIVE

*Your special gift may be all that they receive.*

Often, our veterans are forgotten and need a little help or an uplifting thought. Many in their later years find themselves in the hospital or nursing home with no family or support system during the holidays. Our community can thank veterans by remembering them at Christmas time with a simple gift.

Help us honor our local men and women. Let’s give our veterans a shoebox full of necessary items and a few little surprises. Add a Christmas card wishing them a happy holiday and thanking them for their service. For many, this will be the only gift they receive for the year!

### Drop your gift(s) off at the church:

14411 Taylor Loop Road, Little Rock, AR during office hours.  
Please wrap your gifts -(new items only) ...or money is accepted and we can shop for you!!

### SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR YOUR SHOEBOX: (MEN’S ITEMS ONLY)

\*PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE ANY ITEMS CONTAINING ALCOHOL SUCH AS MOUTH WASH OR AFTERSHAVE\*

#### WHIMSICAL GIFT

Holiday Figures  
Flamingo Figure  
Sports Trading Cards  
PEZ Dispenser  
Santa Cap  
Holiday Cup or Mug  
Holiday Cards  
Stuffed Animal  
Christmas Ornament

#### PERSONAL CARE

Toothbrush & Toothpaste  
Comb & Brush  
Eye glass cleaner  
Shampoo/3 in 1 Body Wash  
Socks-Long or Short  
Lip Balm, Lotion  
Sugar Free Candy/Gum

#### READING & WRITING

Small Notepad/Notebook  
Ballpoint Pen  
Adhesive Notepad  
Puzzle Book/Small Book  
Playing Cards  
Stamped Postcards/Stamps  
Calendar/Magazine  
Magnifying Glass

NEW ITEMS ONLY + PLEASE WRAP YOUR GIFTS

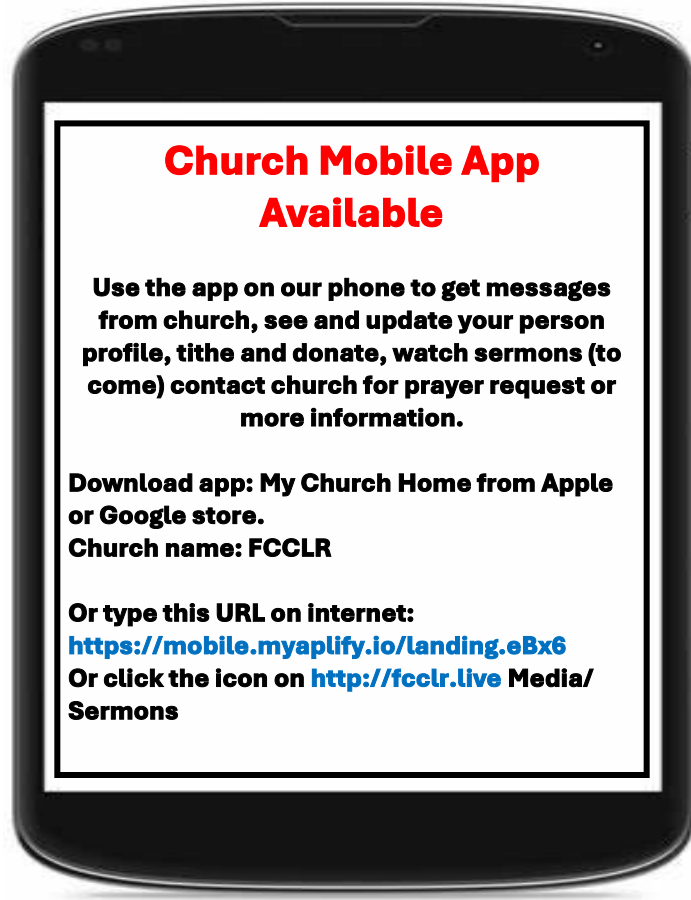
Money is Accepted! We can shop for you!

*“Nothing is more honorable than a grateful heart.”*



**FCCLR Mass Contact:**

The church office will soon be able to send mass communication to groups within the church or the whole congregation, friends, and visitors. This will be email, text, and voice. The texts will come from “22383”, which is our church code. To keep from confusing this message with spam, please add a contact to your phone for **22383** and use name FCCLR Text or whatever you prefer for name. **Thank you!**



Please join us for a

# FRIENDS GIVING MEAL



**28 NOVEMBER**

Start at 1PM

At First Christian Church  
14411 Taylor Loop Road

**LET'S BE THANKFUL TOGETHER!**

**Please RSVP By November 22**

**Lauren 501-508-9922**

If you would like to donate there will be a donation box in the parlor before and after Sunday School and Worship!! Thank you!

**DONUT DOLLARS**

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**FIRST CHRISTIAN Church**  
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

*Adult Sunday School Class*

*Every Sunday Morning at 9:30 a.m.*

*We are doing a Study on the Gospel of Mark — you don't want to miss out!*

*All are Welcome!!!*





*“Thankfulness is the quickest path to joy.”*



# Sunday School

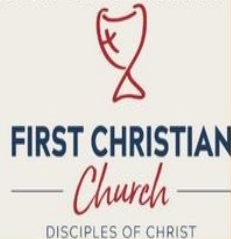
JOIN US BEFORE WORSHIP  
EVERY SUNDAY

9:30 - 10:15 AM

K-4TH GRADE IN YOUTH ROOM

5TH-12TH GRADE IN CHURCH OFFICE

ADULTS IN SANCTUARY



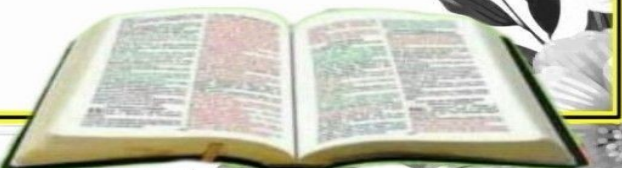
## Happy November Birthdays!

Erin Baughtman	11/1
Joyce Simmons	11/1
Mary Hall	11/2
Madeline Cox	11/3
Dustin Moffitt	11/8
Jim Hawkins	11/12
Mike Spinks	11/14
Annette Hawkins	11/24
Sue Halderman	11/27

### *Rev. Vanessa's Sermon Series for November 2024*

11/17: “A Time to Pray” -  
Matthew 6: 13, Luke 4:1-13

11/24: “Who Has A Complaint” ...  
Philippians 4:1-3, Colossians 3:12-17



## Congregational Meeting Sunday, December 1st Details to Come!

Join us for a morning of  
fellowship as we decorate  
our church for the  
Holiday Season -  
***Saturday, November 30th  
at 10:00 a.m.***



### PRAYER REQUEST

#### **Prayer Requests**

Luetta Danforth  
Fred Danforth  
Bill Godfrey  
Lynne Haubenreich

#### **FYI—**

Fred & Luetta Danforth  
have moved to:

Pleasant Valley Nursing  
12111 Hinson Rd., Rm.#105  
Little Rock, AR 72212

Visits and cards are  
welcomed!

