

# First

CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
EUREKA SPRINGS

763 Passion Play Rd.  
Eureka Springs, AR 72632  
479-253-8015  
fccsecretary@earthlink.net  
www.firstchristian-es.com

## INSIDE

Mark's Musings	Page 2
Prayer Requests	Page 3
Meditation Corner	Page 3
Treasurer's Report	Page 3
4th of July Picnic	Page 3
Women for Christ	Page 4
Deacon's Doings	Page 5
Mission's Report	Page 5
Local Outreaches	Page 6
Children's Ministry	Page 7
Photos of Veterans	Page 8
Photos of Veterans	Page 9
Calendar	Page 10

## JULY HIGHLIGHTS

4th of July Picnic, L.L., 7/5, 5 pm

July 2025 Issue

## Christian Echoes

First Christian Church



Freedom  
Isn't  
Free

### Sunday Worship Services:

**Sunday School, 9:15 am, Miki's class, Rm. 204,**

**L.L. & Rudy's class, Prayer Rm., upstairs**

**Worship Service, 10:30 am**

**Evening Service, 6:00 pm**

**Every Monday: Art Club, 9:30 am, F.H.**

**Every Tuesday: Work Day at church, 10 pm—2 pm**

**Every Wednesday:**

**Bible Study, 6 pm, F.H.**

**Prayer, 7 pm, F.H.**

**4th of July Picnic, L.L., Sat. , 7/5, 5:00 pm**

**Elder's Meeting, Thursday, 7/3 & 7/17, 10:00 am**

**Missions Meeting, Wednesday, 7/9, 4 pm, Library**

**Deacons Meeting, Wednesday, 7/9, 5 pm, Prayer Rm.**

**Men/WFC's Breakfast, Saturday, 7/14, 8:30 am**

## MARK'S MUSINGS

As I muse on the theme of "Freedom Isn't Free," my mind reaches back to a song from my youth that beautifully captures the message of our unique place in human history as American Christians. We enjoy both political and spiritual freedom. In 1974 Neil Enloe wrote these lyrics, which were sung in nearly every church during our Bicentennial Celebrations across the U.S.A.:

In New York Harbor, stands a lady,  
With a torch raised to the sky;

And all who see her, know she stands for  
Liberty for you and me.

I'm so proud to be called an American,  
To be named with the brave and the free;

I will honor our flag  
and our trust in God,  
And the Statue of Liberty.

On lonely Golgotha, stood a cross,

With my Lord raised to the sky;

And all who kneel there, live forever  
As all the saved can testify.

I'm so glad to be called a Christian,

To be named with the ransomed and whole;  
As the statue liberates the citizen,  
So the cross liberates the soul.

Oh the cross is my Statue of Liberty,  
It was there that my soul was set free;

Unashamed I'll proclaim  
that a rugged cross  
Is my Statue of Liberty!

Celebrate the Fourth with the recognition that, "He whom the son sets free is free indeed," and "It was for freedom that Christ has set us free," and "you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." (Jn. 8:36, Gal. 5:1 & 5:13)

Blessings,

Pastor Mark



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- ♦ Joe Smith, Blossoms in Berryville, Rm..407
- ♦ Our condolences go to Betty Eaton's family in her recent passing. Please keep her family in prayer.
- ♦ Karen Martin, oral surgery recovery, health issues
- ♦ Paul Warren, health issues
- ♦ Dottie Tallon, migraines
- ♦ Bobbie Waggoner, health issues & her friend Barbara, back surgery recovery
- ♦ Jane Williams, surgery recovery
- ♦ Doris McPherson, back in apt., health issues
- ♦ Karen Martin, broken ankle
- ♦ Lee Golaway, fall recovery
- ♦ Jan Toms, stroke rehab
- ♦ Sally McVey's son Eric, salvation & health
- ♦ Miki's father, Sal, surgery recovery, shrinking tumor, dementia
- ♦ Layla Amussen, health
- ♦ Larry Brookbank's, granddaughter Crystal, health,
- ♦ Beverly Wilson's husband Darrell, heart issues
- ♦ Miki's sister Trish, continued recovery
- ♦ Paul & Kathy Warren, health issues
- ♦ Sharon Jacobson, back pain
- ♦ Jeremiah ladies—growth and success



**4th of July Picnic in the Lower Level  
July 5th at 5:00 PM  
Drinks, Burgers & Hot Dogs Provided  
Bring sides & Friends**

## MEDIATION CORNER Lyman Squires

SAUL AND GAMALIEL (Ac 22:3)

Gamaliel was a highly respected Rabbi and teacher. Saul (Paul) was a bright and zealous student. He may have had a promising future as a Jewish religious leader. Neither teacher nor student were aware that God was working with both of them to prepare Paul to play a major role in establishing His church. After getting Paul's attention the hard way God used him to write two thirds of the New Testament and to spread the gospel of Christ to that part of the world.

Just as and Paul and Gamaliel weren't aware that God was doing a work in them, we are often unaware when God is preparing us.

**So what to do if God hasn't given us our marching orders yet. We prepare! For what? Follow your heart.**

## TREASURER'S REPORT 2025

### JUNE 2025

Income	\$24,382
Expenses	<u>\$14,648</u>
	+ \$ 9,734

### YEAR TO DATE

Income	\$116,153
Expenses	<u>\$106,528</u>
	+ \$ 9,625







## WOMEN FOR CHRIST



**Homophone: a word that is pronounced the same but differs in spelling and meaning.**

**Prays** is a verb meaning to communicate with God. It is the “talking” to God in which we reveal our feelings and thoughts; make supplications for our needs and for those of others; and honor our God through the expression of our hearts. Praying does not require a time limit, a particular stance, nor a specific place. Prayers can be quietly spoken heart to heart. Prayers can be a song. Prayers can be shouted from the roof tops. Prayers can be spoken by whole congregations or just a one-on-one experience with God. Our God is always listening...always ready to join us in conversation. His desire to draw close to His children is evident in Scripture and deeply felt in our spirits. God has not made His desire for us to come into His presence a secret. Rather, God is very vocal on how He longs for us to be with Him...to call out to Him...to rely on Him. We pray and we seek that which only a loving and faithful God gave give.

**Praise** is a verb meaning to express warm approval or admiration, respect, and gratitude as in an act of worship. It is the honoring of God for all that He is.... for all that He has done, is doing, and will do. It is how we honor the Most High God from the depths of our being. We can praise quietly in the solemnness of alone time with God. We can praise at the top of our lungs while driving in the car. We can praise in Church, at a concert, around the campfire, on holidays and every day. We can praise as we call out for His help. We praise when we acknowledge His goodness, mercy, and grace. We can sing our praise to Him with or without music. Our God is always listening...always ready to hear His sons and daughters tell of His greatness. God has not made His desire for us to worship and praise Him a secret. Rather, He expects praise. He is worthy of praise. God awaits the praises of His people.

**I think** Prays and Praise are more than homophones. Are they not also mirror images of our relationships to our Eternal Father? When we pray, we are recognizing that God is greater than ourselves and holds the key to all we need. When we praise, we are recognizing that we are loved, and we celebrate the wonder and holiness of our God. There is power when we pray and there is power when we praise. That power is the glory of the one true God!

**The one who prays to God will praise God.** Our prayers and our praise are connected to God for that is what He requires of His children.

Sheridan



## DEACON'S DOINGS

One half of the year is over. So many things have been happening and so many things are set to happen. As you know we are in the middle of addressing the leaks in the lower level. This means that the bathrooms will not be the prettiest for a time, but they work, and we'll do our best to make them comfortable. Thanks to Fred W. for getting the issues in the women's restroom upstairs fixed. We are missing not having a plumber in our midst.

Larry is still working hard on the grounds and welcomes any help that is offered. As you've noticed, in the back there were trees trimmed, and dead wood removed.

*Happy Independence Day*

Speaking of the grounds we have an extra lawnmower that needs to be sold. If interested, please contact a deacon.

Upcoming are many opportunities to be involved with the fellowship. 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic, Yard Sale, Fish Fry, Barbecue Competition and more. Church is more than setting in the pews. Church is being a family, and you never feel more like a part of the family than when you are together.



## MISSION'S REPORT—JULY 2025

We often think of the Mission Field as somewhere out there. We think of our pastors as serving the congregations that have called them. But there is another side. Church bodies exist in cities, towns, and areas where they have great influence without realizing it. The members of the body meet people everyday who they expose to what it means to be a Christian, loving and caring, or they feed the stereotype of being hypocritical and judgmental. The institution itself stands as a beacon of hope or a finger of condemnation. The pastor shepherds his people and reaches out into the community to represent the love and grace of Jesus while still being a man dealing with the mundane things of life.

How do we at FCC impact Eureka Springs, Berryville, Carroll County and northwest Arkansas? We live in a huge mission field, and it is only through the grace of God and the love of Jesus that we can make the difference God desires. So, pray for those divine appointments, pray for the Holy Spirit to guide your interactions. Pray for the body of FCC that we may truly represent Jesus to this fallen world. And finally pray for our pastor that God might give him strength and peace to face the challenges and the joys that are particular to the position he has been called.

## Yards and Yards Sale

It's coming up on us fast. So if you have anything you want to donate, now is the time. We are trying to price as it comes in. Any clothes you donate will be taken to Flint Street for their free closet. All of the furniture is priced and ready to sale now. If you see something you would like to buy see Evelyn or Kathy. Shelves are not for sale, we will be using them for the sale. Just leave what you have for the sale on or around the pool table and we will take it from there. The sale is July 31st, August 1st and 2nd.



## COAT MINISTRY

We still need new or gently used coats for this winter. We collect all year and distribute in the winter to those in need. There should be good sales on coats since it's so hot outside. Not many people buy coats in summer so they tend to be on sale.



## Hygiene Kits

We delivered another 100 kits to Cup of Love on Tuesday. Ivory went with me to meet Chuck and Patty and take a tour of Cup of Love. She not only got to see the place but also some of the people that receive the kits. Be sure to thank the kids for putting the kits together for the homeless. The kits make a big difference to people. Our next filling will be in October. The list of needs will be in next months newsletter. Thank you for all of the donations to this ministry.





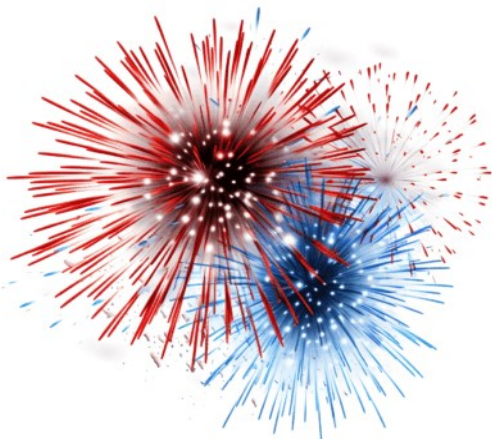
## **Flint Street News**

The “Just One Thing” for July is toothpaste. You can just put it in the large tub by the WFC table. I check it weekly and take it to Fling Street. They are also in need of volunteers. We have had some move, and illness and aging out. They are open on Monday and Wednesday from 10-2. If you are interested call Kathy Barnes at 253-9491. They are also taking summer clothes.

**Cup of Love** still needs volunteers, mostly for serving on the food line. They are open Monday thru Friday from 10-2. If you are interested call Chuck or Patty, 244-5574. They are still having their monthly spaghetti dinners, bingo, and Christian music. They meet on the last Friday of each month. There is a \$10 donation that goes to pay off the mortgage.



shutterstock.com - 2277486303



## **Starting in July 2025 Children's Sunday School**

Children's Ministry will be expanding to include Children's Sunday School, while keeping our normal times for Children's Church. Sunday school will start at 9:15 am and end at 10:15 am, this is the same time as our adult Sunday School allowing time for parents to attend adult Sunday School.

The plan is from 9:15 am to 9:45 we will offer music, right after the worship team, then from 9:45 to 10:15 Art and Crafts in the Fellowship Hall. The children will then join their parents for church, then be dismissed after communion for Children Church downstairs.

To make this happen we are calling on all who Love Music and/or Art to consider being a rotating volunteer teacher. Once we have established interested people who would like to learn more about participating and volunteering, we will have a meeting to define the overall plan.

For more information, please contact Sandy Mills at (316)312-4348 or [havahrt3@gmail.com](mailto:havahrt3@gmail.com).

May is here and gone.... Another school year here and gone, so be sure and congratulate the children in their celebration of moving up another grade. But wait.... let's also congratulate them on a successful year in the New Testament. During this school year the Angel Warriors spent their time learning the order of the 27 books, how to find them and the stories within the pages. We are now moving onto the Old Testament...I can't wait to see what we discover!







**CH(Major) Mark Golaway**  
AR ARNG 1994-2014  
OIF 06-08



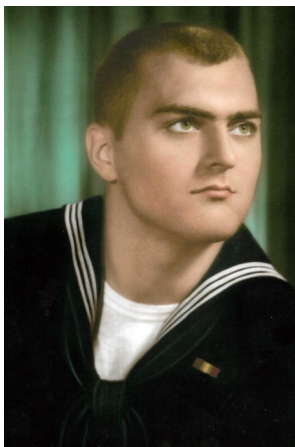
**Fred Taylor**  
40th Armor—Berlin  
1969—1971



**Joe Smith**  
Air Force—1960-1964



**John Fuller Cross**  
U.S. Army & Reserve  
1957—1965



**Bob McVey**  
US Navy  
1965-1971



**Larry Brookbank**  
Marines  
1959-1963



**Fred Widger**  
Army  
1964-1967





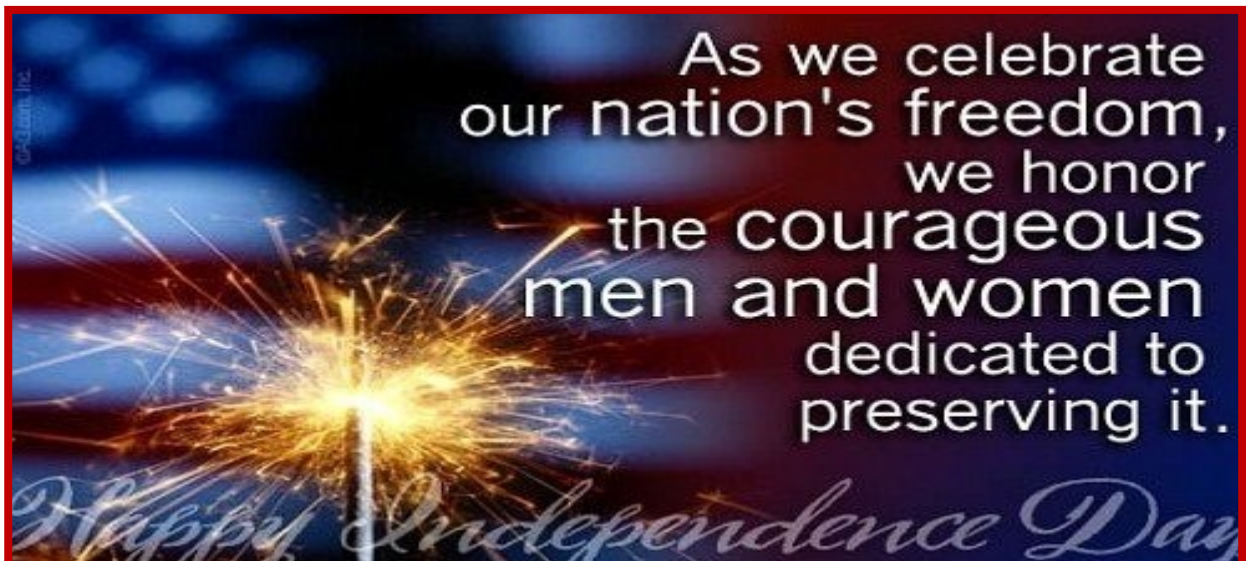
Rudy Behrens  
Navy 1958—1964  
USS Roosevelt



Leon Boshier  
U.S.M.C.  
1955—1961



Lyman Squires  
936 FABn, Arkansas National Guard  
1947-1971






# First Christian Church, Eureka Springs, AR

## JULY 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2  6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Prayer	3	4	5  4th of July Picnic, Lower Level, 5 pm
6 9:15 am, Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service  6 pm Service	7 9:30 am, Art Club, F.H.	8	9 4 pm Missions, Library 5 pm Deacons meeting, Prayer Rm. 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Prayer	10	11	12 8:30 am, Men & WFC's, Breakfast, F.H, meetings at 9:30 am
13 9:15 am, Sunday School. 10:30 am Worship Service  6 pm Service	14 9:30 am Art Club, F.H.	15	16  6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Prayer	17 10 am Elders Meeting	18	19
22 9:15 am, Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service  6 pm Service	23 9:30 am Art Club, F.H.	24	25  6 pm Bible Study 7 pm Prayer	26	27	28
29 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service  6 pm Service	30 9:30 am Art Club, F.H.				 <i>God Bless America</i>	

Ania Golaway 02  
Reta Behrens 06  
Sandy Mills 08  
Jan Toms 08  
Joseph Smith 09



Erica Ton 21  
Fred Taylor 23  
Kathie Loring 25  
Sheryl Baker 27  
Alex Haynes 29