



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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A Tribute to Godly Women

There are many prominent women mentioned in the Bible who made significant contributions to the salvation story. There is Deborah who led her nation against their enemies. We remember Ruth and Naomi who were two godly women loyal to God and each other after both lost their husbands. There is Hannah, the mother of Samuel, who gave her son back to God after he was born. Who can forget Esther who said "If I perish, I perish," when called to serve God at a very crucial time in Israel's history? In the New Testament it was the women who were always there for Jesus and followed him to the cross. The women were the first to be told, "He is risen; go tell the men." There are scores of women in and out of the Bible who have influenced our lives. This week we will focus on a few women who followed Jesus!

Ellis

Pentecost Special Offering May 12 and 19



The Pentecost Offering supports Disciples in new church development. Planning, nurturing, and sustaining new congregations are part of the Disciples' vision. This offering supports the specialized ministry of new church development through both regional and general programs. Gifts for this offering are divided equally between the region in which they're given and the New Church Ministry.

Pam's Schedule

Pam will work on Monday, May 13, instead of Tuesday, May 14.

Prayer Concerns

- Keep **Jack & Joy Jackson** in your prayers.
- Keep **Bob Pulliam** in your prayers.
- The surgery for **Skye Francis, Tim Randolph's daughter**, scheduled for this week has been cancelled due to improved condition.
- **Jeanne Stebner** will have surgery on May 14. Please keep her in prayer.
- **Sloan Fargo, grandson of Todd & Paula Friday**, is in critical condition at Children's Hospital in Little Rock.
- **Karen Napier's dad** passed away. Keep the family in prayer.

In the Life of the Church

- **Tuesday, May 14, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Bricktown Brewery, 318 Garrison
- **Tuesday, May 14, 4:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, May 14, 6:00 pm** DWF Group 3 Meeting
- **Wednesday, May 15, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study (Disciples Hall)
- **Thursday, May 16, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, May 16, 2:00 pm** Book Club

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

May 12 Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir meets Sunday at 9:20 am in the Sanctuary to rehearse.

Elder for May

John Mundy—479-222-3401

Greeters for May

Allen Hales, Jr. and Nick Oliver
Disciples Hall Entrance: Connie Slater

Prepare Communion for May

Glenda Musset

Eclipse Glasses

We are collecting eclipse glasses to send to Latin America so the children can enjoy the October, 2024 eclipse safely. If you have some, please put them in the box in the narthex.

DWF Group 3

DWF Group 3 will meet **Tuesday, May 14, at 6:00 pm** in Disciples Hall. Bring a sack lunch. Sabrina will have some fun things for us to do.

Book Club News

Book club will meet on **Thursday, May 16**, to discuss *Bluebird, Bluebird* by Attica Locke. Upcoming books to read are:

- June *The Pork Pie Pandemonium* (book#1) by Steve Higgs
- July *The Ladies Midnight Swimming Club* by Faith Hogan
- August *The Love Story of Missy Carmichael* by Beth Morrey

All are welcome, so join us on the **third Thursday at 2:00 pm** in the Administration Building. Any questions, contact Julie Jay.

Hope Campus

The Day Group will work at Hope Campus Homeless Shelter on **Monday, May 13, 9:30-12:30**. A new Evening Group will start working at Hope Campus Homeless Shelter on **Tuesday, May 21, from 4:00-6:30 pm**.

We are collecting ground coffee to take to Hope Campus. Unused plasticware from take-out food is also appreciated.

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FOR THE RECORD May 5, 2024	
Operating Receipts	\$ 8,722.00
Endowment	210.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$28,024.83

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 am-3:00 pm - Monday-Thursday

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday School at 9:00 am; Worship at 10:00 am

CHURCH STAFF

- Rev. Dr. Ellis Robinson**, Senior Pastor, 479-651-0456
- Dianna Jackson**, Director of Music Ministry
- Mary Beth Oliver**, Organist
- Barbara Brown**, Secretary
- Pam Shelby**, Financial Secretary
- Randy Alexander**, Custodian
- Lesley Fleming**, Nursery Attendant
- Rev. Howard Marshall**, Pastor Emeritus (1990-2022)
- Rev. Randy Jay**, Pastor Emeritus