



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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When Money Gets in Our Way

Most people we know are reluctant to have a conversation about personal finances. Money is a subject we shy away from simply because the discussion can be divisive. The Bible has much to say about our treasures and never suggests that having money is wrong. However, the Bible does tell us that the love of money is the root of evil, not money itself. Money only becomes an issue when it gets in the way of making itself our main priority or putting it in the way of how we serve God. This week we will focus on a young rich man who came to Jesus to offer his service, but money got in his way.

Ellis

Custodian Position Open

First, we want to thank Randy Alexander for his many years of service as custodian. It is reported that he took the position temporarily in 1997, and "temporary" just hung on. Randy has decided that it's time to retire from custodial duties, and we are beginning the search for someone to fill the position. He indicated he is willing to train and/or assist whoever is hired, as long as necessary.

If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, come by the office and pick up the job description. Please contact a member of the Personnel Ministry: Tim Randolph, Stacey Riggs, or John Mundy, if you want additional information.

Pledge Card Reminder

This is a reminder that if you have not turned in your pledge card for the upcoming fiscal year, we ask that you do so as soon as possible. Work is set to begin soon on preparing the upcoming year's budget. Our thanks to all those who have turned in pledge cards and support the church with monetary contributions, time, and talents to continue the church's ministry and mission.

Nick Oliver, Stewardship Chair

New Member Orientation

New Member Orientation will be in the Chapel on **Sunday, June 2, from 8:30-9:30 am.**

Let's Celebrate Our Graduates!

On **Sunday, May 26**, we will celebrate our 2024 graduates! Call the church office with your name and school/program by **Wednesday, May 22.**

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, May 26, 11:00 am** Elders' Meeting
- **Tuesday, May 28, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Las Americas, 7209 Chad Colley Blvd., Barling
- **Wednesday, May 29, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study (Disciples Hall)
- **Thursday, May 30, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Sunday, June 9, 6:00 pm** Board Meeting

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

May 26 Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir meets at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary to rehearse. Summer dress (no robes).

If you would like to sign up for summer solos, duets, and ensembles, please let me know. We can rehearse with you after worship. We have started our summer schedule.

Thanks for your ministry.

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

Prayer Concerns

- Keep **Jack & Joy Jackson** in your prayers.
- **Sloan Fargo, grandson of Todd & Paula Friday**, has improved, but keep him in your prayers.
- **Jim & Linda Creekmore** need prayer. Jim is in the hospital.
- Former member, **Cherry Rains**, fell and broke her hip. If you would like to send a card, her address is 910 South Franklin Drive, Ardmore, OK 73401.
- **The family of Marion Mussett**, aunt of Elizabeth Vaughn and Carolyn Haley, in her passing

Board Nominating Committee

The Board Nominating Committee will meet to build the 2024-2025 slate of elders and deacons at **6:00 pm on Tuesday, May 21**, in Disciples Hall. Please call or text Zena Marshall at 479-651-0870 if you have any questions about this process or suggestions.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Khonrad Bales** who has been selected to serve as a 2024-2025 Youth Commissioner for the Great River Region. We are proud of you!

Pastor's Wednesday Bible Class

Class begins **June 5 in the Chapel**. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

12:00 –1:00 pm
6:00—7:00 pm

Hope Campus

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 19, 2024	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 5,342.00 19,797.00
Endowment To Date	65.00 405.00
Pentecost Sunday Offering Total	105.00 430.00
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