



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Getting Serious About Talent

"The parable of the talents is often interpreted as a lesson about the importance of wisely using one's God-given talents and resources and not squandering them out of fear of complacency. Jesus has made Christians participants in His ministry. They are also stewards of the things Christ values most. It's like a parent handing his kid the keys to the car or a boss entrusting the management of his company to his valued employee.

Jesus has entrusted His followers with His greatest treasures, making them caretakers of His ministry and commissioned ambassadors of His mission. A wise and faithful steward will be faithful to his master's resources and take care of what he's been given, because he knows the master will eventually return. For Christians, this can apply to their time, talent, and treasure. A believer who sees these things as a borrowed investment belonging to God and needing to be returned will be motivated to be faithful of the few things God has entrusted to them!"

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Prayers for Callie Anne

Callie Anne Cook, granddaughter of Jim and Linda Creekmore, was born with Apert Syndrome. At age 12, she has had five major surgeries, but the "big one" is May 20. It's a life-changing surgery, drastically changing her appearance, allowing her to breathe safely for the first time, and improving her respiratory health to decrease the intensity of illnesses she gets. It's exciting...and scary...for her, her parents, and all of the extended family. Please keep them all in your prayers. Thank you.

Linda Creekmore

Prayer Concerns

- Callie Anne Cook
- Angelo Dodroe
- Clyde Gudermuth
- Abby Musset
- First Centennial Christian Church (DOC), St. Louis, MO

Mr. and Mrs. Steven D. Riggs invite you to the wedding of Stacey Riggs and Trevor Hodge, **Saturday, May 24, 2025, at 5 o'clock in the evening**, First Christian Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, May 25, 11:00 am | Elders' Meeting |
| • Monday, May 26 | Office closed in observance of Memorial Day |
| • Tuesday, May 27, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at The Vault, 624 Main St., Van Buren |
| • Wednesday, May 28, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men's Bible Study |
| • Wednesday, May 28 | Pastor's Bible Classes (12:00 and 6:00 pm) |
| • Thursday, May 29, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters |
| • Thursday, May 29, 1:00 pm | Disciples of Music |

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

May 25

Piano and Organ Duet
Dianna Jackson and
Mary Beth Oliver

June 1

DeJon Jordan, Solo

June 8

Disciples of Music

June 15

Men's Choir Ensemble

Elder for May

Danny Lynch

Deacons for May

Kim Kidder (Foreman), Stephanie
Bailey, Max File, Jimmy Hudlow, Ginger
Jefferies, Calvin Reed, Sabrina Robinson,
Audrey Stewart

Greeters for May

Terry Hales, Nick Oliver
Disciples Hall Entrance: Connie Slater

Prepare Communion for May

Glenda Musset

Hope Campus News

We are collecting Little Debbie Snacks to take to Hope Campus.

Friendship Class Party

The Friendship class is having a party at the home of David and Judy Trent on **May 31 at 6:30 pm**. Hamburgers and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with everyone. All past, present, and future class members are invited.

- June Sermon Line-Up
- The Church and the Holy Spirit
- June 1

The Holy Spirit and the Church (Acts 1:6-11)
- June 8

The Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-8)
- June 15

The Importance of Strong Christian Fathers (Eph. 6:1-4)
- June 22

The Work of the Holy Spirit in Us (John 14:25-26)
- June 29

When the Church is the Church (Acts 2:41-47)

First Christian Church

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FOR THE RECORD

May 18, 2025

Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 4,957.00 15,273.00
Endowment To Date	55.00 300.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$27,571.00

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, Office Administrator
Pam Shelby, Financial Administrator
Lesley Fleming, Nursery Attendant
Rev. Howard Marshall, Pastor Emeritus (1990-2022)
Rev. Randy Jay, Pastor Emeritus