



The Church and the Holy Spirit

Of all the gifts to mankind from God, there is none greater than the gift of His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus came to sacrifice Himself so that we can receive eternal life at the end of our journey here on earth.

Then Jesus gave us two additional gifts, the church and the presence of the Holy Spirit. The church cannot function or live out its intended potential without the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit has many functions, roles, and activities. The Holy Spirit works in the hearts of all believers who have accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior.

In Acts 1:8, Jesus told the disciples that He would send them His Spirit who is also called the Comforter to empower the church for service. He was letting them know that they had been equipped by his teaching and preaching, equipped as a result of being witnesses to his miracles; however, being equipped would not be enough to impact the world. They would need empowerment that could only be provided by the Holy Spirit! Can a church without the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit really be called a church?

Ellis

Pentecost Special Offering

The Pentecost Special Day Offering will be received on **June 1 and June 8**. This offering supports the development and growth of new churches both regionally and nationally.

Half of the gifts made to this Special Day Offering remains in the region in which they are collected to support its new church movement. The other half goes to support the efforts of [New Church Ministry](#) which trains, equips, and assists emerging and affiliating communities of faith and their leaders across the U.S. and Canada so that they can become movement initiators. Make a gift on June 1 and June 8 to ensure that new places of worship are created, and God’s word is spread far and wide.

Membership Class

Membership Class will meet in the Chapel on **Sunday, June 1, at 8:30 am** for those who are interested. Please call the church office if you want to attend. This class is for anyone who wants to learn more about Disciples history and principles.

Friendship Class Party

The Friendship class is having a party at the home of David and Judy Trent on **Saturday, 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.

In the Life of the Church

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| • Wednesday, May 28 | Pastor’s Bible Classes: <i>How to Pray</i> (12:00 and 6:00 pm) |
| • Sunday, June 1, 8:30 am | Membership Class |
| • Tuesday, June 3, 10:00 am | DWF Board Meeting |
| • Tuesday, June 3, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at Sam’s Southern Eatery, 1813 Grand Ave. |
| • Tuesday, June 3, 5:15 pm | Men’s Choir Ensemble Rehearsal |
| • Wednesday, June 4, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study |
| • Wednesday, June 4 | Pastor’s Bible Classes: <i>How to Pray</i> (12:00 and 6:00 pm) |
| • Thursday, June 5, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters |
| • Thursday, June 5, 1:00 pm | Disciples of Music |

Dianna’s Notes

Special Music

June 1 DeJon Jordan, Solo
June 8 Disciples of Music
June 15 Men’s Choir Ensemble

Hope Campus News

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

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

Church Cookout

There will be an all-church cookout immediately following the Congregational meeting on **Sunday, June 29**. Membership Ministry will be providing the hamburgers, hot dogs and trimmings. We would love the congregation to bring their favorite side dishes. Dessert will also be provided. *Membership Ministry*

Thank You

Thank you all for the texts, calls and prayers. My sister suffered an allergic reaction at the wedding reception and passed out trying to leave for the ER. After being examined at the hospital, it was determined that she only suffered a broken nose. She is back home and in very good spirits but disappointed she didn’t get to wear her dancing shoes!

LaBeth Riggs

Prayer Concerns

- Callie Anne Cook
- Clyde Gudermuth
- Abby Musset
- Janet Warren
- Steven Riggs

MEMORIAL: We gratefully acknowledge the following gift:

- In memory of **Terry Hilbert**, Jeanne Stebner’s daughter, by John & Margot Mundy

June Sermon Line-Up
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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)

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FOR THE RECORD May 25, 2025	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 2,076.00 17,349.00
Endowment To Date	160.00 460.00
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