

FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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The Significance of Pentecost Today

"The significance of Pentecost to the church is something that we need to walk through carefully, and we shouldn't ignore, because Pentecost was a Jewish celebration called "feast of weeks." And in our modern day of the New Testament church, we don't celebrate Pentecost in the way that the Old Testament Hebrews did.

But Pentecost was fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus and was the moment in history after Christ had ascended. He had promised during the gospel narratives, during His earthly ministry, that He would leave, but He would send them the comforter; He would send the Holy Spirit. And it was at that moment at Pentecost in an upper room with windows closed and doors locked when the spirit came, and He empowered the early believers for ministry and service, especially the apostles who were left to carry on the work Jesus had begun. Pentecost became the marker in history that many Christians say, "That's the moment the church was born."

Christianity.com

Pentecost Special Offering, June 8

The <u>Pentecost Offering</u> supports Disciples new church development. Planning, nurturing and sustaining new congregations is 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 <u>New Church Ministry</u>.

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*

Newsletter

Next week's newsletter will be sent out on Wednesday, June 11.

In the Life of the Church

Sunday, June 8, 6:00 pm
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 Monday, June 9, 9:30 am
 Cabinet Meeting

 Ministries Meeting

 Serve at Hope Campus

Tuesday, June 10, 10:00 am
 Tuesday, June 10, 11:30 am
 DWF Group 4
 Lunch Bunch at McAlister's, 7110 Rogers Avenue

Tuesday, June 10, 5:15 pm
 Wednesday, June 11, 8:00 am
 Men's Choir Ensemble Rehearsal
 Ecumenical Men's Bible Study

• Wednesday, June 11 Pastor's Bible Classes (12:00 and 6:00 pm)

Thursday, June 12, 10:00 am
 Thursday, June 12, 1:00 pm
 Sunday, June 15, 9:00 am
 Crazy Crafters
 Disciples of Music
 Father's Day Breakfast

• **Sunday, June 15, 6:00 pm** Board Meeting

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Dianna's Notes

Special Music

June 8 Disciples of Music June 15 Men's Choir Ensemble

Hope Campus News

The FCC Lunch Crew will prepare and serve lunch at Hope Campus Homeless Shelter on **Monday, June 9, from 9:30-12:30**. To sign up, contact Ginger Jefferies at 414-2466 or the church office.

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

Elder for June

Connie Alexander

Deacons for June

Glenda Musset (Foreman), Tim Fleming, Terry Hales, Floyd Hamm, Ginger Jefferies, Barbara Lynch, Nick Oliver, Sabrina Robinson

Greeters for June

Jimmy Hudlow, Audrey Stewart Disciples Hall Entrance: Calvin Reed

Prepare Communion for June

Sabrina Robinson

Steven had a celiac aneurysm repair in Little Rock last Wednesday and returned home on Thursday. On Saturday he was airlifted to Baptist Hospital in Little Rock as his descending aorta had started to dissect. He is in stable condition in the CVICU unit. The best plan for the most successful outcome is to allow the aorta to stabilize by maintaining low blood pressure and to then perform surgery in two weeks to repair the aorta and an additional aneurysm. Thank you all so much for your prayers. We have felt your loving arms around us.

LaBeth Riggs and family

Prayer Concerns

- Callie Anne Cook
- Clyde Gudermuth
- Abby Musset
- Steven Riggs
- David Williamson Family in the loss of his father, John Williamson. Visitation will be Wednesday, June 4, at Edwards Funeral Home from 5:00-7:00 pm. Funeral service will be Thursday at Edwards at 11:00 am.

June Sermon Line-Up The Church and the Holy Spirit

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 June 1, 2025		
Operating Receipts	\$ 6,374.00	
Endowment	260.00	
Pentecost Offering	196.00	
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