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Christian Fathers

“God uses the Christian father as an instrument for instruction and discipline in which God commands and administers. Ephesians 6:4 is a summary of instructions to fathers. “Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4). A wise father seeks to make obedience desirable and attainable by love and gentleness. We know from history that the father was to be diligent in instructing children in the ways and words of the Lord for their own spiritual development and well-being. The father who was obedient to the commands of Scripture did just that. Proverbs 22:6 says, “Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” To “train” indicates the first teaching that a father and mother give a child. This training is created in a way to make clear to children the life they are intended for, a life of great importance.

The truth is, it isn’t easy to be a good father. However, there are a few principles that can help. A successful Christian father finds that he and his family benefit when he follows the wisdom found in the Bible.”

Lesli White

Join us for a Youth-sponsored Father’s Day Breakfast this Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Come and enjoy the wonderful breakfast prepared by head cook John, the youth and our helpers. A great way to start Father’s Day!

Welcome New Members

A warm welcome to **John and Kaitlin Shackelford**, and their daughter, **Stella Jo**. This family certainly isn’t a stranger to our church family, as John attended First Christian Church when he was younger. John works for Pepsi. Kaitlin volunteers with the Sack Lunch program, but her most important job is being full-time mom to Stella! Their address is 113945 South 4753 Road, Muldrow, OK 74948. Phone numbers are 479-279-3556 (J) and 479-279-3555 (K). Welcome to the Shackelfords!

In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, June 15, 9:00 am | Father’s Day Breakfast |
| • Sunday, June 15, 6:00 pm | Board Meeting |
| • Monday, June 16, 6:30 pm | Disciples Men’s Fellowship |
| • Tuesday, June 17, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at McAlister’s, Whippoorwill, 509 Garrison |
| • Tuesday, June 17, 4:00 pm | Serve at Hope Campus |
| • Wednesday, June 18, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study |
| • Wednesday, June 18 | NO Pastor’s Bible Classes |
| • Thursday, June 19, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters |
| • Thursday, June 19, 1:00 pm | Disciples of Music |
| • Thursday, June 19, 2:00 pm | Book Club |
| • Sunday, June 29, 11:00 am | Congregational Meeting |

Dianna’s Notes

Special Music

June 15 Men’s Choir Ensemble
June 22 Chancel Choir Ensemble
June 29 Solo: DeJon Jordan
July 6 Bell Solo: Brad Kidder

Book Club News

Book club will meet **Thursday, June 19, at 2:00 pm** to discuss *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robyn Wall Kimmerer.

Upcoming read will be:
July *All Creatures Great and Small*
by James Herriot

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

Hope Campus News

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

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.

We will also be celebrating Ellis and Sabrina’s 25th wedding anniversary that day! Please join us.

Membership Ministry

MEMORIALS: We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts:

• In memory of **John Williamson**, by Allen & Terry Hales, Hardie & Ginger Jefferies, Glenda Musset, Connie Slater

June Sermon Line-Up

The Church and the Holy Spirit

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)

Prayer Concerns

- Callie Anne Cook
- Clyde Gudermuth
- Ginger Hamm
- Abby Musset
- Steven Riggs
- Everett Whaley
- David Williamson

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FOR THE RECORD June 8, 2025	
Operating Receipts To date	\$ 2,722.00 9,096.00
Endowment To date	330.00 490.00
Pentecost Offering Total	588.00
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