



# FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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## Our Marching Orders

“In [Matthew 28:19-20](#), we find the ‘marching orders’ from Jesus that we know as the Great Commission. There are two things we should remember about it. First, these words are a command. That is why we call it the Great Commission and not the Great Suggestion. Jesus did not say, ‘Look, if you are in the mood, if it works into your busy schedule, as a personal favor to me, would you consider going into the world and making disciples?’ No. In the original language, this is a command.

Jesus said, ‘All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’” ([Matthew 28:18-20](#))

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## Thank You

Sabrina and I wish to thank our First Christian Church family for helping us celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We love you all and pray that God will continue to bless our ministry together.

*Ellis & Sabrina Robinson*

## Change with Communion

Beginning **Sunday, July 6**, Communion will be served on two separate trays, as we have done in the past. The wafers will no longer be in cups; they will be on a smaller tray.

For our deacons serving, the juice tray will be on top of the wafer tray on the Communion table.

*Terry Hales, Worship Chair*

## Board Meeting – Sunday, July 13, at 6:00 pm

All deacons, elders, trustees and presidents of constituency groups need to plan and attend this most important meeting of the year. This is our organizational meeting so attendance is highly recommended.

After considering new and old business etc., I am going to ask the deacons and elders to meet for just ten minutes or less and elect a chair who can work on making out the schedule for August and the coming year.

At the beginning of the meeting, we will have sign-up sheets so that you can pick which ministry you prefer. If you are not sure what each ministry actually does according to our bylaws, click here <https://www.fccd.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/FCC-Bylaws-June-2023.docx>. Our bylaws call for ministry member assignment to be done by the officers, so your lack of input may put you on a non-preferred ministry.

Per the bylaws, the new ministry chairs are to be selected by the officers of the board, so we will have ten minutes or less for each ministry to meet and make nominations for the officers to consider as ministry chair. Then, officers will meet for three minutes or less to approve ministry chairs.

After the meeting is adjourned, ministries should continue to meet at least briefly to plan their next meeting.

*David Trent, Board Chairman*

## In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, July 6, 8:30 am** Membership Class
- **Tuesday, July 8, 10:00 am** DWF Group 4
- **Tuesday, July 8, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at George’s, 2120 Grand
- **Wednesday, July 9, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study
- **Wednesday, July 9** **NO** Pastor’s Bible Classes
- **Thursday, July 10, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, July 10, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music

## Office News

The office will close at noon on **Thursday, July 3**.

Dianna’s Notes

Special Music

- July 6
- July 13
- July 20
- Bell Solo: Brad Kidder
- Disciples of Music
- Solo: Dianna Jackson

July Sermon Lineup  
The Mission of the Church

- July 6
- July 13
- July 20
- July 27
- Our Marching Orders  
Matthew 28:18-20
- Who is My Neighbor?  
Luke 10:25-40
- The Least of These  
Matthew 25:31-40
- Those Who are Sent  
Luke 10:1-11

Hope Campus News

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

Membership Class

Membership Class will meet in the Chapel on **Sunday, July 6, at 8:30 am**. This class is for anyone who wants to learn more about Disciples history and principles.

Elder for July

David Pulliam

Deacons for July

Allen Hales, Jr. (Foreman), Stephanie Bailey, Tim Fleming, Terry Hales, Barbara Lynch, Margot Mundy, Dewayne Pryor, Calvin Reed

Greeters for July

Dewayne Pryor, Audrey Stewart  
Disciples Hall Entrance: Nick Oliver

Prepare Communion for July

Terry Hales

Prayer Concerns

- Callie Anne Cook
- Mike Cowne
- Clyde Gudermuth
- Ginger Hamm
- Ben Maxey
- The family of Steven Riggs
- Zana Willey is at Ashton Place on hospice care.

**MEMORIALS:** We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts:

- In memory of **Steven Riggs**, by Bill & Joann Acord, John Foster, Mickie Matthews, Glenda Musset, Nick & Mary Beth Oliver, Dewayne & Greta Pryor, Jennifer Sanchez
- In memory of **John Williamson** by Jennifer Sanchez

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FOR THE RECORD June 29, 2025	
Operating Receipts To date	\$ 1,925.00 20,506.00
Endowment To date	495.00 1,260.00
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