



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Meaning of the Good Samaritan Parable

“The meaning of the Good Samaritan parable from Jesus is very simple: ‘[Love your neighbor as yourself](#).’ Before telling the story of the Samaritan, Jesus is asked what is the greatest commandment of all. He answered, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

The parable of the Good Samaritan is a story to illustrate how we ‘love our neighbors as ourselves.’ When other people need our help the most, like the man on the road, is when our love for neighbor is truly tested. Jesus tells us to be like the Good Samaritan, helping others in times of need, and not the Priest and Levite who ignored their neighbor.” *Christianity.com*

ALL CHURCH MEMBERS Consider Signing up for a Ministry

There are many ways you can become more active in our church and make it even better; whether it is Community Outreach, Church Growth, Education or one of eight different permanent ministries in our church. Please consider joining the elders, deacons, and trustees in signing up for one of the ministries listed on the signup sheets in the narthex or just email Barbara at barbara@fccdoc.org, and she will add your name to the list. Working together, we can accomplish great things. *David Trent, Board Chair*

- Christian Education
- Church Growth/Community Outreach
- Membership
- Property
- Stewardship
- World Outreach
- Worship

Board Meeting Sunday, July 13, 6:00 pm

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

Welcome New Member

Welcome new member, **Ann Jordan**, who is a graduate of Phillips Seminary. Contact information:

Rev. Marvia “Ann” Jordan
314 NW 2nd St. , Spiro OK 74959
revann.jordan48@gmail.com
(479) 285-4016

Regional Assembly

Ellis and Sabrina will be at Disciples of Christ Regional Assembly from **July 11-July 16.**

In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, July 13, 6:00 pm | Board Meeting |
| • Monday, July 14, 9:30 am | Serve at Hope Campus |
| • Tuesday, July 15, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at Larry’s Pizza, 6400 Hwy 71 S |
| • Tuesday, July 15, 4:00 pm | Serve at Hope Campus |
| • Wednesday, July 16, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study |
| • Wednesday, July 16 | NO Pastor’s Bible Classes |
| • Thursday, July 17, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters |
| • Thursday, July 17, 1:00 pm | Disciples of Music |
| • Thursday, July 17, 2:00 pm | Book Club |

Dianna’s Notes

Special Music

July 13 Disciples of Music
July 20 Solo: Dianna Jackson
July 27 Solo: DeJon Jordan

Prayer Concerns

- Cliff Carson
- Callie Anne Cook
- Linda Creekmore
- Clyde Gudermuth
- Ginger Hamm
- Ben Maxey
- The family of Steven Riggs
- Jeanne Stebner
- The family of Zana Willey. Visitation will be at Edwards Funeral Home on **Saturday, July 12, from 3:00-5:00 pm.** A private family service will be held to honor her life.

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

Hope Campus News

The FCC Lunch Crew will prepare and serve lunch at Hope Campus Homeless Shelter on **Monday, July 14, from 9:30 -12:30.**
We are collecting large boxes of breakfast cereal to take to Hope Campus.

July Sermon Lineup
The Mission of the Church

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

Book Club News

Book club will meet **Thursday, July 17, at 2:00 pm** to discuss *All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot.
Upcoming read for August is:
The Night in Question by Susan Fletcher

MEMORIALS: We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts:

- In memory of **Steven Riggs**, by Mae Harris, Hardie & Ginger Jefferies, Danny & Barbara Lynch, John & Margot Mundy, Connie Slater, Elizabeth Vaughn, Carl & Evelyn Warrington
- In memory of **Zana Willey** by Bill & Joann Acord, Dewayne & Greta Pryor, Janice Wade

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FOR THE RECORD July 6, 2025	
Operating Receipts	\$ 7,318.00
Endowment	695.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$30,065.30

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