



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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The Least of These

The phrase “the least of these” appears in the Bible, specifically in Matthew 25:40, as part of Jesus’ discourse about the final judgment. In this passage, Jesus speaks of how acts of kindness and mercy toward those who are considered “the least” in society are seen as acts done unto Him. The phrase carries deep theological and ethical significance, highlighting the importance of caring for the marginalized and vulnerable in the community. It reflects Christ’s teaching that loving and serving others, especially those in need, is an essential part of genuine Christian discipleship.

BibleAsk

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

Children’s Building Capital Campaign

Just a reminder that the church is still accepting pledges for the Children’s Building Capital Campaign. If you have pledged and are making your offerings, thank you so much! If you have pledged and have fallen behind, please consider catching up your commitment. For those in the congregation that were not members when the campaign began, if you would like to contribute to the Children’s Building Capital Campaign, the church would be very grateful. The renovations were completed in August, 2024. The newsletter will begin listing the total received and the amount still due every week.

Deacons’ Meeting

There will be a short Deacons’ meeting immediately after the service on **Sunday, July 20**.

In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, July 20, following service | Deacons’ Meeting |
| • Tuesday, July 22, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at Art’s BBQ, 8203 Rogers Avenue |
| • Wednesday, July 23, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study |
| • Wednesday, July 23 | Pastor’s Bible Classes (12:00 & 6:00 pm) |
| • Thursday, July 24, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters |
| • Thursday, July 24, 1:00 pm | Disciples of Music |
| • Sunday, July 27, 11:00 am | Elders’ Meeting |

Dianna’s Notes

Special Music

July 20 Solo: Dianna Jackson
July 27 Solo: DeJon Jordan

Prayer Concerns

- **Cliff Carson**
- **Linda Creekmore**
- **Clyde Gudermuth**
- **Ben Maxey**
- **Glenda Musset** in the passing of her nephew, Bryant Clifton
- **The family of Steven Riggs**

July Sermon Lineup
The Mission of the Church

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

Hope Campus News

We are collecting large boxes of breakfast cereal to take to Hope Campus.

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

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

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Jo Miller** on her first great-grandchild, Knox David Hays, 9 lbs., 9 oz., born July 9 at Baptist Hospital in Little Rock to parents Rachel and Dylan Hays, and grandparents, Brenda and Terry Browning of Little Rock.

MEMORIALS: We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts:

- In memory of **Steven Riggs** by Nina Abernathy, Allen & Terry Hales, Joy Jackson, David & Judy Trent
- In memory of **Zana Willey** by Nina Abernathy and Allen & Terry Hales

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FOR THE RECORD July 13, 2025	
Operating Receipts To date	\$ 3,583.00 10,901.00
Endowment To date	345.00 1,040.00
Children’s Building Offerings Balance Due	41,315.48 52,684.52
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