



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Those Who Are Sent

“The ministry of proclamation was not limited to the Twelve disciples only. In Luke 9:1-6, they were sent out on a mission to preach the kingdom, but now a larger group of seventy-two is sent. Jesus does not limit ministry to a select few. Disciples are called to preach the hope of the kingdom. Luke 22:35 refers back to these instructions when Jesus is addressing the Twelve at the Last Supper. So, it appears that the Twelve are part of the seventy-two. They travel *two by two* to prepare different towns for Jesus' arrival. It is clear from what Jesus says that the task ahead of them is large. There will be rejection, but they can also anticipate a large harvest. Jesus' concept of ministry does not limit it to a professional level. Everyone is called to represent him.”

IVP New Testament Commentary

Welcome New Members

A belated warm welcome to new members **Amber and Tiffany Kirkendoll**. Amber and Tiffany joined our FCC family in June. They also bring with them two little cuties, **Asher**, who is 4, and **Ashlynn**, who is 4.

Contact information is:

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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.

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, July 27, 11:00 am** Elders' Meeting
- **Tuesday, July 29, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at El Olvido, 2101 Rogers Avenue
- **Wednesday, July 30, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study
- **Wednesday, July 30** Pastor's Bible Classes (12:00 & 6:00 pm)
- **Thursday, July 31, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, July 31, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music

Dianna’s Notes

Special Music

July 27 Solo: DeJon Jordan
August 3 Disciples Bells Trio
August 10 Disciples Bells Duet

Prayer Concerns

- Cliff Carson
- Clyde Gudermuth
- Leslie Kidder
- Ben Maxey
- Glenda Musset in the loss of her nephew
- The family of Steven Riggs

MEMORIALS: We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts:

- In memory of Steven Riggs by Allen & Mary Nelle Hales
- In memory of Zana Willey by Allen & Mary Nelle Hales

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

July Sermon Lineup
The Mission of the Church

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.

To Our Wonderful Church Family,

Thank you very much for all your calls, texts, prayers and visits during this very difficult time. Even though we may have not been able to respond, please know that all of them have been read and appreciated very much. As a family, we have spent time sitting together and reading all your messages and cards and reflecting on the impact Steven had on so many people’s lives, not just our own. Your stories and comments have only proven more so what we already knew, Steven Riggs, our husband and father was a good man.

Also, thank you very much for all food and meals. The meal provided for the family after Steven’s Celebration of Life was delicious. We all know Steven appreciated a good meal and you all have honored him beautifully in providing this for our family. We love you all very much.

All of our love and appreciation, LaBeth Riggs and family

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FOR THE RECORD July 20, 2025	
Operating Receipts To date	\$ 8,527.00 19,428.00
Endowment To date	55.00 1,095.00
Children’s Building Offerings Balance Due	41,370.48 52,629.52
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