



# FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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### Christian Leadership

“Christian leadership emphasizes serving others, inspiring change, and reflecting the teachings of Jesus Christ. It aims to glorify God by guiding others in faith and service, and it is characterized by qualities such as humility, integrity, and love. Furthermore, Christian leadership is seen as a relational process influenced by the Holy Spirit, where leaders partner with others to achieve common goals. Ultimately, it is about being a steward of the authority given by God, whether in the church, business, or other areas of life.”

*United Theological Seminary*

### Welcome New Member

A great big disciples welcome to Darla Desiderio, who comes to us by transfer of membership from First Christian Church in Little Rock. We’re so glad you’re here, Darla!

Darla’s contact information is:

704-560-3632

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### Dedication of Church Leaders

There will be a brief dedication for all of our church leaders during the worship service next Sunday. This includes board members, elders, trustees, deacons, and cabinet heads. Please be present! *Ellis*

### Pastor’s Wednesday Bible Class

The Pastor’s Wednesday Bible classes this week will focus on The History of the Disciples of Christ. Everyone is invited. *Ellis*

### 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

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| • Tuesday, August 5, 10:00 am  | DWF Board                                    |
| • Tuesday, August 5, 11:30 am  | Lunch Bunch at Ed Walker’s, 1500 Towson Ave. |
| • Wednesday, August 6, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study                 |
| • Wednesday, August 6          | Pastor’s Bible Classes (12:00 & 6:00 pm)     |
| • Thursday, August 7, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters                               |
| • Thursday, August 7, 1:00 pm  | Disciples of Music                           |

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

August 3

August 10

August 17

Disciples Bells Trio

Disciples Bells Duet

Dianna Jackson

We are back!

Rehearsals resume:

Disciples Bells

Sunday, August 17, 11:20 am

(Music Building)

Chancel Choir

Wednesday, August 19, 5:15 pm

(Music Building)

Please come and join our Music Ministry!

Elder for August

Joann Acord

Deacons for August

Barbara Lynch (Foreman), Tim Fleming,

Paula Friday, Floyd Hamm,

Becki Hanson, Calvin Reed,

Jennifer Sanchez, David Williamson

Greeters for August

Becki Hanson, Jennifer Sanchez

Disciples Hall Entrance: David Williamson

Prepare Communion for August

Paula Friday

August Sermon Lineup

Christian Leadership

August 3

August 10

August 17

August 24

August 31

Leadership Worth Following

The Testimony of a Towel

Doing What Needs to Be Done

Growing in Grace

Sufficient Grace to Rise

(Hebrew 13:7)

(John 13:1-5)

(1 Chronicles 11:22-23)

(2 Peter 3:18)

(2 Corinthians 12:7-1)

Prayer Concerns

• Cliff Carson

• Clyde Gudermuth

• Ben Maxey

• The family of Steven Riggs

Hope Campus News

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

Congratulations!

Congratulations to DeJon Jordan, who was recently named the new director of the Trio Stem program at the University of Arkansas, Fort Smith. The program recently received a \$2.7 million renewal grant to assist students.

We are proud of you, DeJon!

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FOR THE RECORD

July 27, 2025

Operating Receipts To date	\$ 2,282.00 21,710.00
Endowment To date	225.00 610.00
Children's Building Offerings Balance Due	41,615.48 52,384.52
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