



# FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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## Servant Leadership

“Servant leadership remains the model for Christian leadership. The Son of God chose to come to earth as a servant. We tend to think of leaders as those in charge of other people, barking orders and sitting at the head of the table. But consider Jesus washing his disciples’ feet (John 13:1-17). It wasn’t just a lesson in humility; it was a declaration that the leadership ideal it embodied was service.

Any concept of servant leadership that is not a way of life, centered on the belief that ‘the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many’ (Mark 10:45), is ultimately nothing more than an abstraction. Through attentiveness to the needs of others, servant leaders imitate Christ and create spaces for compassion, kindness, and justice to flourish.”

*United Theological Seminary*

## Welcome New Member

A great big disciples welcome to **Catherine Walker**. We are so glad you are here, Catherine. Her contact information is :

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We also updated contact information for new member **Darla Desiderio**:

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## 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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|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| • <b>Sunday, August 10, 6:00 pm</b>    | Cabinet Meeting                                |
| • <b>Sunday, August 10, 6:45 pm</b>    | Ministries Meetings                            |
| • <b>Monday, August 11, 9:30 am</b>    | Serve at Hope Campus                           |
| • <b>Tuesday, August 12, 10:00 am</b>  | DWF Group 4                                    |
| • <b>Tuesday, August 12, 11:30 am</b>  | Lunch Bunch at Fried Rice #2, 3801 Towson Ave. |
| • <b>Wednesday, August 13, 8:00 am</b> | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study                   |
| • <b>Wednesday, August 13</b>          | Pastor’s Bible Classes (12:00 & 6:00 pm)       |
| • <b>Thursday, August 14, 10:00 am</b> | Crazy Crafters                                 |
| • <b>Thursday, August 14, 1:00 pm</b>  | Disciples of Music                             |

Dianna’s Notes

Special Music

August 10 Disciples Bells Duet  
August 17 Dianna Jackson

We are back!  
Rehearsals resume:

Disciples Bells  
Sunday, August 17, 11:20 am  
(Music Building)

Chancel Choir  
Tuesday, 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

Prayer Concerns

- Clyde Gudermuth
- Ben Maxey

MEMORIALS: We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts:  
· In memory of Zana Willey by Hardie & Ginger Jefferies

August Sermon Lineup  
Christian Leadership

- August 10 The Testimony of a Towel  
(John 13:1-5)  
August 17 Doing What Needs to Be Done  
(1 Chronicles 11:22-23)  
August 24 Growing in Grace  
(2 Peter 3:18)  
August 31 Sufficient Grace to Rise  
(2 Corinthians 12:7-1)

Hope Campus News

The FCC Lunch Crew will prepare and serve lunch at Hope Campus Homeless Shelter on **Monday, August 11, from 9:30-12:30.**

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FOR THE RECORD August 3, 2025	
Operating Receipts	\$ 7,457.00
Endowment	585.00
Children’s Building Offerings	42,100.48
Balance Due	51,899.52
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