



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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What Does It Mean to Grow in Grace?

“In his second letter, Peter shares with his readers that God’s grace makes possible a godly life, and that we are to grow in that grace. By the power of God’s grace being applied to the believer through the indwelling Holy Spirit, growth is possible even when faced with false teachings and other hardships. At the end of the letter, Peter states that ‘according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells’ (2 Peter 3:13), and then spends the last few verses instructing believers on what to do in the meantime. In conclusion, he says: ‘But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ’” (2 Peter 3:18).

Jessica Udall Lovingthestrangerblog.com

Dinner for Eight Sign-up

Sign-up sheets for the new Dinner for Eight will be in the narthex between August 17-31. For those who may not know, Membership Ministry draws the names of four couples and individuals to get together once a month to enjoy a meal and fellowship at a restaurant of their choosing or a group member’s home. This is a fun way to get to know our new members, so we encourage everyone to join in the fun.

Barbara Lynch, Membership Ministry Member

Bill & Jette Lindsay Scholarship

The trustees will offer scholarship money to any student who will be enrolled in college this coming fall semester. Contact the church office for a form or go to fccdoc.org, click on Resources and Schedules under Get Connected, and return it to the church **by Sunday, August 24.**

Pastor’s Bible Class

The topic for the pastor’s Bible class scheduled for August 20 will be *The Parables of Jesus*.

New Adult Sunday School Class

Please sign up in the narthex for the new adult Sunday School class coming in September. Facilitator is Rev. Ann Jordan.

Community Outreach Project

Community Outreach/Church Growth is having a bottled water drive for Next Step Day Room. Bring these donations to the Administration Building through August 31. Thank you.

Tim Fleming, Chairman

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, August 24, 11:15 am** Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, August 26, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Blue Ember, 8000 Phoenix Ave.
- **Tuesday, August 26, 5:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, August 27, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study
- **Wednesday, August 27** Pastor’s Bible Classes (12:00 & 6:00 pm)
- **Thursday, August 28, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, August 28, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music

Dianna's Notes

***We are back!
Rehearsals resume:***

Chancel Choir
**Tuesday, August 19, 5:15 pm
(Music Building)**

Disciples Bells
**Sunday, August 24, 11:15 am
(Music Building)**

*There will be no rehearsal on Sunday,
August 31, because of Labor Day weekend.*

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

Book Club News

Book club will meet **Thursday, August 21, at 2:00 pm** to discuss *The Night in Question* by Susan Fletcher.

Upcoming read for September is:
No Tears in Ireland by Sylvia Couturie'

**August Sermon Lineup
Christian Leadership**

- August 24** Growing in Grace
(2 Peter 3:18)
- August 31** Sufficient Grace to Rise
(2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

Hope Campus News

Hope Campus needs sacks or boxes of penne pasta. There are containers in the Administration Building marked Hope Campus, or you can give it to Ginger Jefferies on Sunday morning.

Prayer Concerns

- **Khonrad Bales' family** in the death of his grandmother, Kathy Rogers
- **Clyde Gudermuth**
- **Ben Maxey**

GRRDWF Fall Retreat

Our GRRDW Fall Retreat will be held September 12-14 at the Eagle Ridge Conference Center in Raymond, MS. Go to <https://grrdisciples.org/disciples-women/>, then scroll down and click the "Register Now" button. You may call the Regional Office at 501-562-6053 to register by phone. The per-person cost is \$400 for a single, \$300 for a double, \$275 for a triple, and \$260 for a quad. The triple and quad will share a bed, as there are two beds in each room. You can apply for the Pickering Scholarship to cover half the retreat cost if you have financial need.

Minister Millie Anderson from Bethel Christian Church will be our keynote speaker.

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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

FOR THE RECORD August 17, 2025	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 5,778.00 16,291.00
Endowment To Date	125.00 885.00
Children's Building Offerings Balance Due	42,300.48 51,699.52
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$30,065.30