



# FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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## Sufficient Grace to Rise

“We have the opportunity to grow in grace whenever we experience the pain of hurt. Obviously, it is not the most pleasant experience when we get hurt, but Jesus can take it and redeem it. He can help us heal from the hurt and give us the strength to extend grace to others. The more we let him into our hurt, the more he can help us grow in grace.

Our everyday life is where we grow in grace the most; it's not just a one-time event. It takes time, effort, and the strength of God to continue to grow in it. If we walk with Jesus each day, it will be something that will come out of our relationship with him.”

*Crosswalk*

## Church Cleaning Plan

We all have an opportunity to use our talents by helping to keep our church clean and presentable. Last year the Property Ministry hired a janitorial service to clean the entire interior of the church buildings. They did a great job, but the cost was high, and in the last round of budgeting, the plan was reduced. Only high traffic areas were included in the budget for the janitorial service in the coming year. A plan was developed to ask church members to select areas to clean on a regular basis. This Sunday you will see and hear more about the plan. Thank you.

*Hardie Jefferies, Property Ministry Chairman*

## New Links on Our Web Page

There are two new links on our home page ([fccdoc.org](http://fccdoc.org)). These are located just below this week's service video for easy future navigation. Barbara updates the calendar routinely so you can always be up to date.

[Elder/Deacon Schedules - Ministry list - Bylaws - MORE](#)

[CALENDAR](#)

## Office News

Barbara will not be in the office **Wednesday, August 27, and Thursday, August 28**. The office will be open until **noon** both days.

## Membership Class

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you plan to attend the Membership Class on **Sunday, September 7, at 8:30 am**.

## 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.

## In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, August 31, 11:00 am** Elders' Meeting
- **Monday, September 1** Office Closed for Labor Day
- **Tuesday, September 2, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Calico County, 2401 S. 56<sup>th</sup> St.
- **Tuesday, September 2, 5:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, September 3, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study
- **Wednesday, September 3** Pastor's Bible Classes (12:00 & 6:00 pm)
- **Thursday, September 4, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, September 4, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music

**Dianna's Notes**

**Special Music**

**September 7** Chancel Choir  
Disciples Bells  
**September 14** Chancel Choir  
Disciples Bells  
**September 28** Disciples Bells Quintet

*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

**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*

**August Sermon Lineup  
Christian Leadership**

**August 31** Sufficient Grace to Rise  
(2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

**Prayer Concerns**

- **Clyde Gudermuth** is on hospice.
- **Ben Maxey**
- **Calvin Reed**

**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.

**MEMORIALS:** We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts:

- In memory of Kathy Rogers (Khonrad's grandmother) by John & Margot Mundy, Dewayne & Greta Pryor

**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. 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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FOR THE RECORD August 24, 2025	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 1,035.00 17,326.00
Endowment To Date	75.00 960.00
Children's Building Offerings Balance Due	42,325.48 51,674.52
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