



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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When Everything Seems to Fall Apart

“Fear is a natural response when everything around us feels unstable. In Psalm 46, the psalmist describes a scene of chaos—earthquakes, roaring waters, and trembling mountains. Yet, he declares that because God is our refuge and strength, we will not fear. This is a powerful statement of trust. Even when everything seems to be falling apart, God remains unshaken. He is the foundation that holds us steady in life’s worst storms.

Trusting in God’s strength requires us to shift our focus from our circumstances to His power. The world changes, but He does not. When life feels overwhelming, we must remind ourselves that God is greater than any trial. He is not merely watching from a distance—He is “very present” in our troubles. His strength is sufficient to carry us through, no matter how difficult the situation. In Him, we find courage to face each day without fear.”

Devotionals for Today

Church Cleaning Plan

This is to remind everyone that your choices for areas to clean are due to the church office by **Wednesday, September 10**. I will be in the Barton Stone room on Wednesday morning from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm to answer questions. *Hardie Jefferies, Property Ministry Chairman*

Bill & Jette Lindsay Scholarship Recipients

This Sunday, four scholarships will be awarded from the Lindsay Scholarship Fund. Recipients are **Meridith Taliaferro** (granddaughter of Floyd & Ginger Hamm), **Grayson Vaughn** (grandson of Elizabeth Vaughn), **Skye Randolph-Francis** and **Addie Littleton** (daughter and granddaughter of Tim & Susan Randolph). Congratulations!

Bill & Jette were church members who, in 1994, left their house to the church in their estate to be used to establish scholarship funds for qualifying church members and extended family of church members.

Thanks to Bill & Jette’s beneficence, thousands of dollars of scholarships have been given to candidates over the last 31 years. The scholarship was established as a permanent named fund and should continue to benefit qualified individuals for years to come.

Please consider remembering First Christian Church in your estate planning.

Trustees - Randy Jay, Dewayne Pryor, and John Warren

In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, September 7, 11:15 am | Disciples Bells Rehearsal |
| • Sunday, September 7, 5:00 pm | Youth Group |
| • Monday, September 8, 9:30 am | Serve at Hope Campus |
| • Tuesday, September 9, 10:00 am | DWF Group 4 |
| • Tuesday, September 9, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at Pasta Grill, 810 Main St., Van Buren |
| • Tuesday, September 9, 5:15 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| • Tuesday, September 9, 6:00 pm | DWF Group 3 |
| • Wednesday, September 10, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study |
| • Wednesday, September 10 | Pastor’s Bible Classes (12:00 & 6:00 pm) |
| • Thursday, September 11, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters |
| • Thursday, September 11, 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

DWF Group 3

DWF Group 3 will resume meeting on **Tuesday September 9 at 6:00 pm** in Disciples Hall. Hannah & Julie Jay will present the program, "Finding Calm Within: An introduction to Breathwork, Sound, and Healing Energy." Bring your own dinner. Dessert will be provided. Hope to see everyone there!

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.

Disciples Men's Fellowship

The Disciples Men's Fellowship will meet **Monday, September 15, at 6:30 pm.**

Elder for September

John Mundy

Deacons for September

Ginger Jefferies (Foreman), Walter Ahart,
Tim Fleming, Max File, Terry Hales,
Floyd Hamm, Barbara Lynch,
Sabrina Robinson

Greeters for September

Walter Ahart, Barbara Lynch
Disciples Hall Entrance: Floyd Hamm

Prepare Communion for September

Terry Hales

Hope Campus News

The day crew will prepare and serve lunch at Hope Campus Homeless Shelter on Monday, **September 8, from 9:30-12:30.**

We are collecting sacks or boxes of penne pasta. There are containers in the Administration Building marked Hope Campus.

Prayer Concerns

- A memorial service for **Clyde Gudermuth** will be **Friday, September 12, at 11:00 am**, at First Christian Church, followed by a meal for the family. Burial will be at 2:00 pm at the National Cemetery, Fort Smith.
- **Ben Maxey**

New Links on Our Web Page

There are two new links on our home page (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](#)

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FOR THE RECORD August 31, 2025	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 1,811.25 19,137.25
Endowment To Date	150.00 1,110.00
Children's Building Offerings Balance Due	42,450.48 51,549.52
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