



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Our Hiding Place

“Life is full of uncertainties. At times, fear grips our hearts, and we feel vulnerable. Psalm 46:1 reminds us that God is not distant, but our refuge—a safe place where we find shelter. He is also our strength, empowering us when we are weak. No trouble is too great for Him, and no situation is beyond His control. When we lean on God, we find peace that the world cannot provide. He invites us to trust Him completely, knowing that He will never fail.

God’s presence is constant. Unlike human help, which can be unreliable, His help is always available. When challenges arise, we can turn to Him with confidence. He stands as a fortress, protecting us from the storms of life. But finding refuge in Him requires an intentional choice—we must run to Him instead of relying on our own strength. When we do, we experience the security and peace that only He can give.”

Devotionals for Today

Church Cleaning Plan

We all have an opportunity to use our talents by helping to keep our church clean and presentable. A plan was developed to ask church members to select areas to clean on a regular basis. Please stop by the church office, fill out the sign-up sheet, and turn it in to Barbara.

Hardie Jefferies, Property Ministry Chairman

New Adult Sunday School Class

Beginning this **Sunday, September 14**, at **9:00 am**, the new adult Sunday School class will meet in Disciples Hall. Facilitator is Rev. Ann Jordan.

Cabinet & Ministries Meetings

Sunday, September 14

6 pm: Cabinet (in Disciples Hall)

6:45 pm: Ministries (in various rooms)

Chairs: Please contact your people and let them know where /when your ministry will meet.

Community Outreach Project

Please join us at the Community Services Clearinghouse, 4420 Wheeler Avenue, on **Monday, September 15, at 10:30 am**. We will fill bags for the Backpack Program, which benefits school children with food insecurities. Thank you.

Tim Fleming, Community Outreach Chair

In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, September 14, 11:15 am | Disciples Bells Rehearsal |
| • Sunday, September 14, 5:00 pm | Ice Cream Social |
| • Sunday, September 14, 6:00 pm | Cabinet Meeting |
| • Sunday, September 14, 6:45 pm | Ministries Meetings |
| • Monday, September 15, 6:30 pm | Disciples Men’s Fellowship |
| • Tuesday, September 16, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at Las Americas, 1806 South Zero St. |
| • Tuesday, September 16, 4:00 pm | Serve at Hope Campus |
| • Tuesday, September 16, 5:15 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| • Wednesday, September 17, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study |
| • Wednesday, September 17 | NO Pastor’s Bible Classes (12:00 & 6:00 pm) |
| • Thursday, September 18, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters |
| • Thursday, September 18, 1:00 pm | Disciples of Music |
| • Thursday, September 18, 2:00 pm | Book Club |

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

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!

Disciples Men's Fellowship

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

Book Club News

Book club will meet **Thursday, September 18, at 2:00 pm** to discuss *No Tears in Ireland* by Sylvia Couturie'.
October's book will be: *The Girl Behind the Gates* by Brenda Davies.
All are welcome the third Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm in the Administration Building.

Thank You

Dear church family, Thank you so much for my scholarship, love, and support. It will really help me as I go through my nursing journey at the University of Arkansas, Fort Smith. Love you all!
Meredith Taliaferro

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

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 held on **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**

MEMORIALS: We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts:

- In memory of **Clyde Gudermuth** by Nina Abernathy, Bill & Joann Acord, Hardie & Ginger Jefferies, Nick & Mary Beth Oliver
- In memory of **Kathy Rogers** by Nina Abernathy

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FOR THE RECORD September 7, 2025	
Operating Receipts	\$ 7,449.00
Endowment	255.00
Children's Building Offerings	42,535.48
Balance Due	51,464.52
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