



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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The Weeping Prophet

“Jeremiah’s lament in this verse reflects his deep emotional and spiritual turmoil as he witnesses the suffering of his people. He demonstrates his empathy and compassion for those affected by God’s judgment by acknowledging the pain and devastation around him. Through his words, Jeremiah not only expresses his own grief but also serves as a voice for the collective anguish of his community.

Let’s dive into Jeremiah 8:18-22 and feel the weight of brokenness in today’s chaotic world. As believers, it’s our calling to be beacons of hope in this darkness – to mend what is shattered with kindness and grace. Let’s not just witness the pain around us but be the healers in our fractured society. Reach out your hand, offer your heart, and make a difference in someone’s life. How will you choose to sow seeds of love and peace today?”

God’s Blessing

2025 Reconciliation Ministry - Special Offering



Beyond Brokenness - Building Beloved Community
Sunday, September 28th - Sunday, October 5th

The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering is received each year in congregations on **the first Sunday in October** (in solidarity with World Communion Sunday). Funds generated by this special emphasis are used throughout the year to provide grants to ministries and congregations actively developing and implementing programs that promote our Church’s Pro-Reconciliation and Anti-Racist identity. These

programs and efforts seek to reveal, re-educate, and remove systemic and structural barriers in our communities that serve to deny the image of God and human thriving based on race.

Your gifts to Reconciliation Ministry strengthen our church’s witness to God’s unending love for all of humanity. With your generosity, leaders, communities, and our congregations are being equipped to witness to God’s love and justice in all times and in every season. The time is always ripe to stand up for justice to ensure that all of God’s children are treated equitably. Thank you for joining us on this journey through your generosity.

FCC’s Fourth Annual Day of Giving for the Artemis Project Animal Rescue

On **October 5, from 11:00 am-3:00 pm**, FCC will host a fall festival/adoption event in our parking lot. The Artemis Project plans to have a number of vendors, as well as some dogs and cats available for adoption. We will offer grilled hotdogs, chips, lemonade, and cookies to the congregation for lunch after worship service. The public is invited to stop by at 12 noon.

In preparation for the 5th, we are collecting new and gently used pet supplies, such as kennels, towels, and blankets. We are also encouraging donations of dog and cat food, cat litter, and puppy pads as part of an Artemis “Stuff the Van” donation drive. Monetary donations can be made directly to the Artemis Project the day of the event.

We will offer homemade baked goods for donations, which will go to the Artemis Project. Please bring your favorite homemade baked items to the kitchen before worship on the 5th.

We will have some silent auction items this year, with the money raised split between FCC and the

Community Outreach Ministry

In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, October 5, 11:00 am | Artemis Day of Giving |
| • Sunday, October 5, 4:00 pm | Disciples Bells Rehearsal |
| • Sunday, October 5, 5:00 pm | Youth Group |
| • Tuesday, October 7, 10:00 am | DWF Board Meeting |
| • Tuesday, October 7, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at Sam’s Southern Eatery, 1615 Phoenix |
| • Tuesday, October 7, 5:15 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| • Wednesday, October 8, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study |
| • Wednesday, October 8 | No Pastor’s Bible Classes (12:00 & 6:00 pm) |
| • Thursday, October 9, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters |
| • Thursday, October 9, 1:00 pm | Disciples of Music |

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

October 5

October 12

Chancel Choir

Solo: DeJon Jordan

Chancel Choir, Disciples Bells

Chancel Choir will meet Sunday at 9:20 am.

Disciples Bells rehearsal is Sunday at 4:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Elder for October

Judy Trent

Deacons for October

David Williamson (Foreman), Max File, Terry Hales, Becki Hanson, Ginger Jefferies, Calvin Reed, Sabrina Robinson, Jennifer Sanchez

Greeters for October

Ginger Jefferies, Sabrina Robinson

Disciples Hall Entrance: Terry Hales

Prepare Communion for October

Jennifer Sanchez

Pam's Office Schedule

Pam will work Monday, October 6, and Wednesday, October 15.

She will not be in the office on Tuesday of either week.

Pastor's Bible Study

The topic for Pastor's Bible Study in October is Women of the Bible.

Class will not meet October 8.

Hope Campus News

We will prepare and serve lunch at Hope Campus Homeless Shelter on Monday, October 13, from 9:30-12:30.

We are collecting bags or boxes of penne pasta. There are containers in the Administration Building marked Hope Campus. Chef Terry has been very appreciative of the pasta that we have taken to Hope Campus. Thank you to all of you who have contributed.

October Sermon Lineup

Lessons from the Book of Jeremiah

October 5

The Testimony of a Weeping Prophet

Jeremiah 8:18-22

October 12

Down At the Potter's House

Jeremiah 18:1-6

October 19

Making the Most of a Bad Situation

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

October 26

Is There a Word from the Lord

Jeremiah 37:11-17

Prayer Concerns

• Cliff Carson

• Mike Cowne

• Mickie Matthews

• Ben Maxey

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FOR THE RECORD	
September 28, 2025	
Operating Receipts To date	\$ 2,077.00 18,737.93
Endowment To date	325.00 1,060.00
Children's Building Offerings Balance Due	42,685.48 51,314.52
Reconciliation Offering	348.00
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