



# FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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## Down at the Potter's House

“In Jeremiah chapter 18, we find the prophet Jeremiah receiving a divine message from the Lord. The scene is set in a potter’s house, where Jeremiah is instructed to go and witness a visual demonstration of God’s message. As Jeremiah enters the potter’s house, he sees the potter working at his wheel, shaping a vessel out of clay.

The potter represents God, and the clay symbolizes His people. As Jeremiah watches, he sees the potter reshape the vessel when it becomes marred or flawed, illustrating God’s power to mold and shape His people according to His will. This powerful visual metaphor serves as a reminder to the people of Israel that God is the ultimate authority and can bring about change and transformation in their lives.”

*God’s Blessing*

## Community Outreach Clothing Drive

Community Outreach is having a warm clothing drive. Please bring new and used tennis shoes, pants, warm shirts, sweaters, coats, socks, gloves, and knitted caps. There will be a donation box in the Administration Building.

*Tim Fleming, Community Outreach Chair*

## 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.

## Special Thanks

Thanks to the following members who signed up to help keep the church looking great. Each month they will inspect their respective areas and clean as needed.

Nina Abernathy, Randy Alexander, Darlene Brees, James Chinn & Keri Martin, Becky Eggers, Ginger & Hardie Jefferies, DeJon Jordan, Alice & Dick Lewis, Sabrina Robinson, Janice Wade, Bernitha Whaley

*Hardie Jefferies, Property Ministry Chairman*

## In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, October 12, 11:15 am   | Disciples Bells Rehearsal                           |
| • Monday, October 13, 9:30 am    | Serve at Hope Campus                                |
| • Tuesday, October 14, 10:00 am  | DWF Group 4                                         |
| • Tuesday, October 14, 11:30 am  | Lunch Bunch at Whippoorwill Café, 509 Garrison Ave. |
| • Tuesday, October 14, 5:15 pm   | Chancel Choir Rehearsal                             |
| • Tuesday, October 14, 6:00 pm   | DWF Group 3                                         |
| • Wednesday, October 15, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study                        |
| • Wednesday, October 15          | Pastor’s Bible Classes (12:00 & 6:00 pm)            |
| • Thursday, October 16, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters                                      |
| • Thursday, October 16, 1:00 pm  | Disciples of Music                                  |
| • Thursday, October 16, 2:00 pm  | Book Club                                           |

**Dianna's Notes**  
**Special Music**

**October 12**

Solo: DeJon Jordan  
Chancel Choir, Disciples Bells

**October 19**

Soloists: Linda Creekmore and  
Walter Ahart  
Chancel Choir

**Chancel Choir and Disciples Bells  
will meet Sunday at 9:30 am to rehearse.  
Choir robes, green stoles  
Thanks for your ministry.**

**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 **Wednesday, October 15.**  
**She will not be in the office on Tuesday.**

**Pastor's Bible Study**  
  
The topic for Pastor's Bible Study in October  
is *Women of the Bible*.  
  
Class will **not meet Wednesday, October 8.**

**Book Club News**  
  
Book club will meet **Thursday, October 16, at  
2:00 pm** to discuss *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.

**MEMORIAL:** We gratefully acknowledge  
the following gift:

- In memory of **Digby West** by John &  
Margot Mundy

**October Sermon Lineup**  
**Lessons from the Book of Jeremiah**  
  
**October 19**  
Making the Most of the Things We Cannot Change  
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14  
  
**October 26**  
Is There a Word from the Lord?  
Jeremiah 37:11-17

**Prayer Concerns**

- Mike Cowne**
- Carolyn Haley** fell and fractured her back.  
She is home.
- Mickie Matthews**
- Ben Maxey**
- Jeanne Stebner**

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FOR THE RECORD October 5, 2025	
Operating Receipts	\$ 7,094.00
Endowment	270.00
Children's Building Offerings	42,870.48
Balance Due	51,129.52
Reconciliation Offering To date	207.00 555.00
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