



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Making the Most of the Things We Cannot Change

“Imagine for a moment being in a period of uncertainty or difficulty. Jeremiah 29:1-14 serves as a powerful reminder that even in the midst of challenges, we are encouraged to seek God wholeheartedly. This passage highlights the significance of turning to God in times of need by emphasizing the importance of seeking Him with all your heart, finding comfort, guidance, and hope in His presence. Students struggle with assignments or face personal obstacles. Just like in the verse, we guide them to seek help and support with all their effort. We remind them that through seeking God or seeking assistance, they can find the strength and solutions needed to overcome their challenges. This biblical teaching not only provides comfort and reassurance, but also encourages us to trust in God’s plans for our lives and to hold onto hope, knowing that He has a purpose and a future for each one of us.”

God’s Blessing

Thank You

Thank you, First Christian Church Family and especially our youth, for a beautiful Minister Appreciation Sunday. We love you and are blessed to be members of this great congregation. We both feel very appreciated, and we appreciate you. God Bless you all!

Ellis & Sabrina

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

Christmas Tree Offering

Oh Christmas tree, oh Christmas tree, how droopy are your branches. Wait – – that’s not how the song goes! But that’s definitely how it went with the FCC Christmas tree. For the last few years, the limbs of our sanctuary Christmas tree have been held in place with twine, zip ties, and prayers. Contributions for a new tree are appreciated and can be placed in the offering plate or given in the church office. Please make sure to note “Christmas Tree Offering” on your gift. Thank you very much.

Worship Committee

In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, October 19, 11:15 am | Disciples Bells Rehearsal |
| • Sunday, October 19, 6:00 pm | Board/Cabinet Meetings (Chapel) |
| • Sunday, October 19, 6:45 pm | Ministries Meetings |
| • Monday, October 20, 6:30 am | Disciples Men’s Fellowship |
| • Tuesday, October 21, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at El Zarape, 8909 Rogers Avenue |
| • Tuesday, October 21, 4:00 pm | Serve at Hope Campus |
| • Tuesday, October 21, 5:15 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| • Wednesday, October 22, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study |
| • Wednesday, October 22 | Pastor’s Bible Classes (12:00 & 6:00 pm) |
| • Thursday, October 23, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters |
| • Thursday, October 23, 1:00 pm | Disciples of Music |

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

October 19

Soloists: Linda Creekmore and Walter Ahart
Chancel Choir

October 26

Chancel Choir

November 2

Solo, Dianna Jackson

**Chancel Choir will meet
Sunday at 9:20 am to rehearse.**

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

Book Club News

Book club will meet this **Thursday, October 16**, at 2:00 pm to discuss *The Girl Behind the Gates* by Brenda Davies.

Book for November is *The Last of the Mohicans* by James Fenimore Cooper.

We will take the month of December off.

We meet the third Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm in the Administration Building. All are welcome.

Pam's Office Schedule

Pam will work **Wednesday, October 15**. instead of today.

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

Hope Campus News

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

Prayer Concerns

- Carolyn Haley
- Lula Hanson
- Mickie Matthews
- Ben Maxey

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FOR THE RECORD October 12, 2025	
Operating Receipts	Available next week
Endowment	
Children's Building Offerings Balance Due	
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