



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Is There a Word from God?

“This passage serves as a profound lesson about seeking guidance from God. Like Zedekiah, we often find ourselves facing decisions where we desperately seek clarity and direction. We learn the importance of approaching God in prayer and opening our hearts to receive His wisdom. Whether through quiet reflection, reading the Bible, or seeking counsel from wise friends, pursuing God’s guidance is essential.

The truth can often be uncomfortable; however, we are reminded through this verse that receiving God’s truth is a gift. It helps us realign our thoughts and actions towards His will. Understanding that God’s message might not always bring us comfort encourages us to be courageous in our faith. The truth is a guiding light in a world that can sometimes feel chaotic and unclear.”

Christianity Path

All Saints Sunday

If you would like to have an immediate family member who passed away this year recognized in the All Saints Sunday service, please submit their name by **Monday, October 27**.

Office News

Barbara will be out of the office on **Thursday, October 30**. Someone will be in the office until noon.

FCC Fall Yard Cleanup Day

The Property Ministry is asking for volunteers to help clean up the church grounds on **Saturday, November 1**. We plan to start around 8:00 am. Bring your tools, and help clean up the property for the upcoming holidays.

Hardie Jefferies, Property Chairman

Prayer Concerns

- Carolyn Haley
- Lula Hanson
- Ben Maxey

Tribute to Veterans

Once again, we are reviving our “Tribute to Veterans” slide show to be shown at the Veterans/Thanksgiving lunch in Disciples Hall on **Sunday, November 9**.

The tribute is to veterans who have a connection to our church. This might be a family member, ancestor, or someone that has meaning for you. If you are a veteran, this message is especially for you.

If your photos were included in the version two years ago, no need to resubmit. Please send photos of veterans in uniform if possible to spirodt@yahoo.com, or barbara@fccdoc.org.

Please include name, any facts, and relationship to you, and submit by **Sunday, November 2**.

EXAMPLE:

Clyde Gudermuth

U.S. Army helicopter pilot - deployed in October 1965 to Bien Hoa, Vietnam advancing to commander of the “Scorpions” and “Thunderbirds” assault and flight groups

During the summer of 1966, he was shot down twice in a 24-hour period.

Flew celebrities for USO tours in Vietnam, including Ann-Margret and Bob Hope.

In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, October 26, 11:00 am | Elders’ Meeting |
| • Sunday, October 26, 11:00 am | Deacons’ Meeting |
| • Sunday, October 26, 6:00 pm | Youth Group |
| • Tuesday, October 28, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at The Vault, 624 Main, Van Buren |
| • Tuesday, October 28, 5:15 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| • Wednesday, October 29, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study |
| • Wednesday, October 29 | Pastor’s Bible Classes (12:00 & 6:00 pm) |
| • Thursday, October 30, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters |
| • Thursday, October 30, 1:00 pm | Disciples of Music |
| • Saturday, November 1, 8:00 am | Fall Yard Cleanup |

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

October 26

November 2

November 9

November 16

November 23

Chancel Choir

Solo, Dianna Jackson

Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir; Disciple Bells

Disciples Bells Quintet

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

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

Hope Campus News

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

Deacons' Meeting

There will be a brief Deacons’ meeting after service on **Sunday, October 26, at 11:00 am.**

Thank You from The Artemis Project and FCC's Community Outreach Program

A huge “Thank You” to everyone who had a part in the fourth Annual Giving Festival to benefit The Artemis Project! The FCC congregation is amazing, and we had a successful day.

The total amount raised in support of The Artemis Project was \$1,956. This amount does not include the dog food and other supplies that were donated to The Artemis Project as part of their “Stuff the Van” drive. In addition, the amount raised by the silent auction (\$480) was shared 50/50 with FCC. The church received \$240. We hope to grow this activity next year.

Thanks again from Community Outreach and The Artemis Project for everything you all did to make this event successful.

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FOR THE RECORD
October 12 and 19, 2025

Operating Receipts To Date	\$10,833.00 17,927.00
Endowment To Date	300.00 570.00
Children's Building Offerings Balance Due	43,120.48 50,879.52
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