



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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What Is All Saints' Day?

All Saints' Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, is a Christian holiday that is observed on November 1 in Western Christianity. All Saints' Day is a Christian memorial day celebrating the honor of all church saints, whether known or unknown. It is a day set aside to honor all the saints who have lived righteous and holy lives in accordance with Christian teachings. All Saints' Day is part of a broader tradition that includes All Hallows' Eve (Halloween) on October 31 and All Souls' Day on November 2.

This holiday is a yearly reminder of our connectedness as Christians to the church. Perhaps you were taught to think of saints as statues in a church building, but the Bible teaches something completely different. Who is a saint? You are. That is if you're a follower of Jesus. God calls a "saint" those who trust in Christ alone for salvation.

Christianity.com

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



Thanksgiving/Veterans' Luncheon

Everyone is invited to a Thanksgiving/Veterans' lunch after worship on **Sunday, November 9**. There are signup sheets in the narthex if you would like to provide and cook a turkey or bake a dessert. All other side dishes and drinks will be provided.

Membership Ministry

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

In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, November 2, 11:15 am | Disciples Bells Rehearsal |
| • Sunday, November 2, 5:00 pm | Youth Group |
| • Tuesday, November 4, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at Cici's Pizza
8323 Rogers Avenue |
| • Tuesday, November 4, 5:15 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| • Wednesday, November 5, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men's Bible Study |
| • Wednesday, November 5 | Pastor's Bible Classes
(12:00 & 6:00 pm) |
| • Thursday, November 6, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters |
| • Thursday, November 6, 1:00 pm | Disciples of Music |

Office News

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

Dianna’s Notes

Special Music

November 2 Solo, Dianna Jackson
November 9 Chancel Choir
November 16 Chancel Choir; Disciple Bells
November 23 Disciples Bells Quintet

Hope Campus News

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

Elder for November

Danny Lynch

Deacons for November

Floyd Hamm (Foreman), Walter Ahart, Tim Fleming, Paula Friday, Becki Hanson, Barbara Lynch, Calvin Reed, David Williamson

Greeters for November

Becki Hanson, David Williamson
Disciples Hall Entrance: Barbara Lynch

Prepare Communion for November

Sabrina Robinson

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

Prayer Concerns

- Bill Acord
- Lula Hanson
- Ben Maxey

MEMORIAL: We gratefully acknowledge the following gift:

- In memory of Clyde Gudermuth by David & Judy Trent

November 2025 Sermon Line Up

- November 2 It’s a Heart Thing (Psalm 51:1-4)
- November 9 The Testimony of a Faithful Christian Soldier (1Timothy 4:6-8)
- November 16 Count Your Blessings (Psalm 103:1-8)
- November 23 What it Means to be Grateful (1Thessalonians 5:18)
- November 30 First Sunday of Advent
The Mystery of Christmas (1Timothy 3:16)

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FOR THE RECORD October 26, 2025	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 779.00 18,706.00
Endowment To Date	75.00 645.00
Children’s Building Offerings Balance Due	43,195.48 50,804.52
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