



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Why We Celebrate Veterans' Day

"Veterans' Day, observed annually on November 11, is a day dedicated to honoring those who have served in the United States Armed Forces. For veterans, Veterans' Day is more than just a holiday; it's a day of recognition and affirmation. Military service often involves experiences that are difficult to fully comprehend for those who haven't served. By setting aside a national day of appreciation, we provide veterans with a moment of collective gratitude, acknowledging the unique challenges they have faced—from long deployments to the physical and emotional toll of service.

Moreover, Veterans' Day serves as a reminder that the contributions of veterans don't end when they leave active duty. Many veterans continue to serve in their communities, bringing leadership, resilience, and commitment to a variety of fields. Veterans are teachers, healthcare providers, business owners, first responders, and community leaders. Honoring their service on Veterans' Day helps highlight this continued dedication to our nation, reinforcing that their value extends far beyond their military careers.

Mission Roll Call

Thanksgiving/Veterans' Luncheon

Everyone is invited to a Thanksgiving/Veterans' lunch after worship on **Sunday, November 9**.
Membership Ministry

Office News

Barbara will be out of the office the week of **November 17**, therefore newsletters for **November 11** and **November 18** will go out next week. If you have an article for either newsletter, please submit it by **Monday, November 10**.
Thank you. *Ellis*

Congregational Meeting

There will be a short congregational meeting following worship service on **Sunday, November 16**. The purpose of the meeting will be to consider approval of recent bylaws changes. Aside from some word clarification, there are two changes that affect board structure and meetings. The current voting board members are all elders, deacons, trustees, and chairs of the men's and women's groups. With 50% representing a quorum, the board is requesting to remove the option for a proxy.

The other change is regarding qualifications for leadership as follows. The bylaws, both current and proposed are available online at <https://www.fccd.org/resources/>.

Leadership Role	Minimum Consecutive Membership	Minimum Total Membership
Officers	2 years	5 years
Trustees	2 years	5 years
Elders	2 years	3 years
Deacons	1 year	N/A

- **Active membership** includes all years a person has participated, even if non-consecutive.
- Both consecutive and total years are counted separately.

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, November 9, 8:30 am** Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Sunday, November 9, 11:00 am** Thanksgiving/Veterans' Meal
- **Sunday, November 9, 5:00 pm** Youth Group
- **Monday, November 10, 9:30 am** Serve at Hope Campus
- **Tuesday, November 11, 10:00 am** DWF Group 4
- **Tuesday, November 11, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Blue Ember, 8000 Phoenix
- **Tuesday, November 11, 5:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, November 11, 6:00 pm** DWF Group 3
- **Wednesday, November 12, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study
- **Wednesday, November 12** Pastor's Bible Classes (12:00 & 6:00 pm)
- **Thursday, November 13, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, November 13, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music

Prayer Concerns

- **Bill Acord** is in Methodist Village, room 127.
- **Lula Hanson**
- **Ben Maxey**

Dianna’s Notes

Special Music

November 9 Chancel Choir
November 16 Chancel Choir; Disciple Bells
November 23 Disciples Bells Quintet

Disciples Bells will meet at 8:30 to rehearse.
The Chancel Choir will meet at 9:20 to rehearse.

Thank You

I want to thank the 14 church members that showed up Saturday for the Work Day. We got a lot done.
Hardie

Hope Campus News

We will prepare and serve lunch at Hope Campus Homeless Shelter on Monday, November 10, from 9:30-12:30.
We are collecting bags or boxes of penne pasta. There are containers in the Administration Building marked Hope Campus.

Meal Bags

Community Outreach is working to help people in our community with food insecurity by providing meal bags with shelf staple food. If you would like to help, please call Elizabeth Vaughn at 479-883-6655 or Nina Abernathy at 479-650-9114 for more information. Thank you!

Bill & Jette Lindsay Scholarship

The trustees will offer scholarship money to any student that will be enrolled in college this coming Spring, 2026 semester. Contact the church office for a form or go to fccdoc.org, click on Resources and Schedules under Get Connected, and return it to the church office by Thursday, December 4.

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

DWF Group 3

Group 3 will meet Tuesday, November 11, in Disciples Hall at 6:00 pm. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. We will make cards for our “special friends”, and we will do a small craft project for them. Bring your creative juices and your favorite drawing pens (if you have some). We hope to see you there.
Terry and Michelle

The Christmas Story Is Coming

Mark your calendars for December 14, at 5:00 pm. Your fellow congregation members in conjunction with the Membership Ministry will provide a dinner theater for you to enjoy.
Under the leadership of John Mundy, sets are being constructed, costumes are being created, the sound system is being checked, the choir has been practicing, and actors have been given their orders.
It is all coming together for the production of The Christmas Story.
Again, mark your calendars and watch for more information in the newsletter.

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FOR THE RECORD November 2, 2025	
Operating Receipts	\$ 6,691.00
Endowment	635.00
Children’s Building Offerings	43,830.48
Balance Due	50,169.52
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