



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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A Man on the Run

“This powerful account in Mark 5 showcases Jesus’ authority over evil forces and his compassion for those who are suffering. The demon-possessed man in this story represents the depths of human brokenness and the spiritual warfare that we face in our lives. Jesus demonstrates his miraculous power and desire to bring wholeness and restoration to those tormented by darkness, by healing this man. Let’s reflect on the significance of Jesus’ act of healing in the region of the Gerasenes as we ponder this verse. What does it tell us about Jesus’ character and mission? How does this story challenge us to confront the spiritual battles that we may be facing in our own lives? We can draw inspiration from Jesus’ example of compassion and authority, knowing that through him, we can overcome any demon that threatens to hold us captive. Jesus offers us the same freedom and redemption today, just as he brought liberation to the demon-possessed man. Approach him with faith and surrender, trusting in his power to heal and transform us.”

God’s Blessing

Below are the nominations for the 2026-27 board members:

Trustees

- Michelle Moran - 1-year term
- LaBeth Riggs

Elders

- Jack Jackson
- Ann Jordan - 2-year term

Deacons

- Jesse Bailey
- Stephanie Bailey
- James Chinn
- Becky Eggers
- Patsy Hendrickson
- Stacey Hodge
- DeJon Jordan
- Amber Kirkendoll
- Tiffany Kirkendoll
- Keri Martin
- Glenda Musset
- Nick Oliver
- Audrey Stewart

Church Directory

I am in the process of updating the church directory. If any of your information needs to be changed for the new book, please send that information to Barbara at barbara@fccdoc.org.

Office News

The office will close at noon on **Wednesday, July 1, and Thursday, July 2.**

June Sermon Line Up

June 28 The Case of a Man on the Run Mark 5:1-13

In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, June 28, 9:00 am | Intergenerational Sunday School Class |
| • Sunday, June 28, 11:00 am | Congregational Meeting |
| • Sunday, June 28, 11:15 am | Elders’ Meeting |
| • Tuesday, June 30, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at George’s, 2120 Grand Avenue |
| • Wednesday, July 1, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study |
| • Wednesday, July 1 | Pastor’s Bible Study (12:00 and 6:00 pm) |
| • Thursday, July 2, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters |
| • Thursday, July 2, 1:00 pm | Disciples of Music |

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

- June 28** DeJon Jordan
- July 5** Vocal Duet: Linda Creekmore and Amber Kirkendoll
- July 12** Solo: Dianna Jackson
- July 19** Bell Duet: Amber Kirkendoll and Brad Kidder
- July 26** Solo: Mary Beth Oliver

Elder for June

Kristi Williamson

Deacons for June

Terry Hales (Foreman), Tim Fleming, Paula Friday, Todd Friday, Floyd Hamm, Becki Hanson, Ginger Jefferies, Sabrina Robinson

Greeters for June

Paula Friday and Todd Friday
Disciples Hall Entrance: James Chinn

Prepare Communion for June

Barbara Lynch

MEMORIAL: We gratefully acknowledge the following gift, given as a thoughtful expression of sympathy and of care...

- **Kim Trusty**, John Warren's sister, by David & Judy Trent
- **Regina Foley** by Leslie Gudermuth
- **Marilyn Maxey** by Leslie Gudermuth
- **Sam Miller** by Leslie Gudermuth
- **Chris Creekmore** by Leslie Gudermuth

Prayer Concerns

- **Walter Ahart**
- **Norene Bellah** is at Methodist Village, Room 146.
- **Ruth Carson**
- **Betty Cashin**
- **Joy Jackson**

Hope Campus News

We are collecting large boxes of breakfast cereal. Unused plasticware from takeout food is also appreciated.

DWF Yearbook

Disciples Women are updating their yearbook. If any of your information needs to be changed for the new book, please send that information to Lula Hanson at 479-646-5852 or lulajane@cox.net.

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FOR THE RECORD June 21, 2026	
Operating Receipts To date	\$ 4,391.00 15,609.00
Endowment To date	270.00 470.00
Children's Building Offerings Balance Due	48,727.00 45,273.00
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