



# FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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### Servant Leadership

“Reflecting on Matthew 20:20-28 delves us into the essence of true leadership. Jesus, known for His humility and selfless service, imparted a valuable lesson on the importance of servanthood. Jesus reminds us that the true mark of a leader lies in serving others with love and compassion in a world that often glorifies power and authority. Instead of striving for positions of influence and dominance, Jesus calls us to embrace humility and prioritize the well-being of others. Meditating on this verse prompts us to question our own motives and aspirations. Do we seek recognition and power, or are we willing to humbly serve others without expecting anything in return? Jesus set an example of servant leadership that challenges us to reassess our understanding of success and greatness. We can cultivate a spirit of compassion and selflessness that uplifts and empowers those around us by embodying servanthood and humility. Let us strive to emulate Jesus’ profound teachings and lead with a heart full of love and service.”

*God’s Blessing*

### Bill & Jette Lindsay Scholarship

The trustees will offer scholarship money to any student who will be enrolled in college this coming fall 2026 semester. Contact the church office for a form or go to [fccdoc.org](http://fccdoc.org), click on Resources and Schedules under Get Connected, and return it to the church office **by Thursday, July 23.**

### Disciples Men’s Fellowship

Disciples Men’s Fellowship will have a meal and fellowship **Monday, July 20, at 6:30 pm.**  
*Hardie Jefferies*

### Christian Education Workshop

There will be a Christian Education Workshop on **Saturday, August 15, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm.**  
*Ann Jordan, Christian Education Chair*

### 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](mailto:barbara@fccdoc.org).

### In the Life of the Church

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|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| • <b>Sunday, July 19, 9:00 am</b>    | Intergenerational Sunday School Class                    |
| • <b>Monday, July 20, 6:30 pm</b>    | Disciples Men’s Fellowship                               |
| • <b>Tuesday, July 21, 11:30 am</b>  | Lunch Bunch at Sam’s Southern Eatery, 1615 Phoenix Ave.  |
| • <b>Tuesday, July 21, 4:00 pm</b>   | Serve at Hope Campus                                     |
| • <b>Wednesday, July 22, 8:00 am</b> | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study                             |
| • <b>Wednesday, July 22</b>          | Pastor’s Bible Study (12:00 and 6:00 pm)                 |
| • <b>Thursday, July 23, 10:00 am</b> | Crazy Crafters                                           |
| • <b>Thursday, July 23, 1:00 pm</b>  | Disciples of Music                                       |
| • <b>Saturday, July 25, 11:00 am</b> | Funeral service for Kaden Watson, First Christian Church |

Dianna’s Notes

Special Music

July 19 Bell Duet: Amber Kirkendoll and Brad Kidder  
July 26 Solo: Mary Beth Oliver

Prayer Concerns

- Ruth Carson
- Betty Cashin
- Linda Creekmore
- Joy Jackson
- The Robinson family

Hope Campus News

We are collecting ground coffee. Unused plasticware from takeout food is also appreciated.

Elder for July

Connie Alexander

Deacons for July

Paula Friday (Foreman), Walter Ahart, Max File, Terry Hales, Barbara Lynch, Calvin Reed, Jennifer Sanchez, David Williamson

Greeters for July

Walter Ahart, Calvin Reed  
Disciples Hall Entrance: Max File

Prepare Communion for July

Jennifer Sanchez

**MEMORIALS:** We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts, given as a thoughtful expression of sympathy and of care...

- **Bill Acord** by Becky Eggers, Leslie Gudermuth, John & Margot Mundy, Elizabeth Vaughn
- **Kaden Watson** by Becky Eggers, Leslie Gudermuth, John & Margot Mundy, Elizabeth Vaughn

Book Club News

Book Club meets the **third Thursday** of the month at **2:00 pm** in the Administration Building. We will discuss *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger at our **July 16** gathering. All are welcome!  
**August 20**    *The Correspondent* by Virginia Evans

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](mailto:lulajane@cox.net).

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| FOR THE RECORD<br>July 12, 2026              |                          |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Operating Receipts<br>To date                | \$ 8,294.00<br>13,895.00 |
| Endowment<br>To date                         | 395.00<br>1,490.00       |
| Children’s Building Offerings<br>Balance Due | 51,042.00<br>42,958.00   |
| Monthly Budgeted Needs                       | \$ 29,990.00             |

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