



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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The Sower, the Seed, and the Soil

“What is Matthew 13:1-23 about?

Isn’t it fascinating how Jesus used agricultural imagery to convey spiritual truths in the Parable of the Sower? Just like various types of soil receive seeds differently, our hearts can also respond in different ways to God’s Word. Some hearts are like the hard-packed soil, where the Word can’t take root and is easily snatched away by distractions and doubts. Other hearts may resemble rocky ground, where initial enthusiasm fades quickly due to shallow understanding or lack of commitment. Then there are hearts like thorny soil, where worries and worldly pursuits choke out the Word’s influence. But the most impactful response comes from hearts like fertile soil, where the Word thrives, producing abundant fruit of faith, love, and obedience.” *God’s Blessing*

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

Thank You

Thank you to the First Christian Church congregation for your acts of love and support to our family. Sabrina and I love and appreciate you. *The Robinson family*

Scholarship Recognition

We are pleased to recognize the recipients of the Bill and Jette Lindsay Scholarship Fund for the upcoming semester on **August 2**. Through the generosity and lasting legacy of Bill and Jette Lindsay, this fund continues to support students in their pursuit of higher education. This semester, we are honored to award scholarships to six deserving students. We congratulate each recipient and ask our church family to keep them in prayer as they begin the new semester.

The Parables of Jesus

August 2	The Sower, the Seed and the Soil	Matthew 13:1-9
August 9	The Parable of the Talents	Matthew 25:14-30
August 16	The Prodigal Son, Life in the Pig Pen	Luke 15:11-24
August 23	The Good Samaritan, Looking the Other Way	Luke 10:25-37
August 30	The Tragedy of Being Unprepared	Matthew 25:1-13

In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, August 2, 9:00 am | Intergenerational Sunday School Class |
| • Tuesday, August 4, 10:00 am | DWF Board Meeting |
| • Tuesday, August 4, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at Larry’s Pizza, 6400 Hwy 271 South |
| • Wednesday, August 5, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study |
| • Wednesday, August 5 | NO Pastor’s Bible Study |
| • Thursday, August 6, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters |
| • Thursday, August 6, 1:00 pm | Disciples of Music |
| • Saturday, August 22, 11:00 am | Memorial Service for Bill Acord |

Dianna’s Notes

Special Music

August 2 Amber Kirkendoll
August 9 Amber Kirkendoll and
 DeJon Jordan
August 16 Chancel Choir

Rehearsals Resume!

Chancel Choir

Tuesday, August 11, 5:15 pm
(Music Building)

Disciples Bells

Sunday, August 16, 11:15 am
(Music Building)

Please come and join
our Music Ministry!

Elder for August

Joann Acord

Deacons for August

Jesse Bailey (Foreman),
Stephanie Bailey, Becky Eggers,
Patsy Hendrickson, Glenda Musset,
Audrey Stewart

Greeters for August

Stephanie Bailey, Patsy Hendrickson
Disciples Hall Entrance: Jesse Bailey

Prepare Communion for August

Glenda Musset

Hope Campus News

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

Prayer Concerns

- Bill Acord family
- Walter Ahart
- Ruth Carson
- Betty Cashin
- Michael Choate
- Linda Creekmore
- Joy Jackson
- The Robinson family

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

- Kaden Watson by LaBeth Riggs,
Jennifer Sanchez, Catherine Walker
- Bill Acord by Mickie Matthews,
LaBeth Riggs, Jennifer Sanchez
- Barbara Jacob by LaBeth Riggs
- Kim Trusty by LaBeth Riggs

Baby Shower

Join us for a baby shower honoring
Kaitlin Shackelford.

Sunday, August 9
1:30 pm

First Christian Church Parlor
RSVP 479-414-0568
Registered at Amazon and Walmart
Hostesses: Linda Creekmore
Lesley Fleming
Connie Alexander

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FOR THE RECORD July 26, 2026	
Operating Receipts To date	\$ 2,462.00 22,624.00
Endowment To date	300.00 2,125.00
Children’s Building Offerings Balance Due	51,242.00 42,758.00
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