



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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The Parable of the Talents

“The Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25, reminds us of the importance of using our God-given gifts and abilities wisely. Just like the servants in the parable were entrusted with talents by their master, we too have been given unique skills and talents by God. It is crucial for us to recognize and develop these gifts, and not to bury them out of fear or neglect. Instead, we are called to use them purposefully and diligently to serve God’s kingdom and others.

Think about it this way: What talents has God given you? How are you using them to make a positive impact in the world around you? Are you actively investing in and developing your gifts, or are you holding back? This verse challenges us to reflect on our actions and choices, encouraging us to be good stewards of the talents we have been blessed with. We can contribute to the greater good and bring glory to His name by using our gifts wisely for God’s kingdom. So, let us be intentional in how we utilize our talents, always seeking to honor God through our actions and choices.”

God’s Blessing

Christian Education Workshop

There will be a Christian Education Workshop on **Saturday, August 15, from 9:00 am-12:00 pm**. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

Ann Jordan, Christian Education Chair

Office News

Barbara will be out of the office **Thursday, August 6, and Thursday, August 13**. The office will close at noon both days.

Pam will be out of the office **Tuesday, August 18**. Please be mindful that offerings made on August 16 and August 23 **will not be deposited until August 25**.

Website Update

Our church website (<http://fccdoc.org>) has been updated with the new lists and schedules for the 2026–2027 year. This includes deacon and elder schedules as well as ministry and board information.

You can find our Resources page on our website by a link just below the weekly service video or by clicking here <https://www.fccdoc.org/resources/>

The Parables of Jesus

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

• Sunday, August 9, 9:00 am	Intergenerational Sunday School Class
• Sunday, August 9, 6:00 pm	Cabinet Meeting
• Sunday, August 9, 6:45 pm	Ministries Meetings
• Monday, August 10, 9:30 am	Serve lunch at Hope Campus
• Tuesday, August 11, 10:00 am	DWF Group 4
• Tuesday, August 11, 11:30 am	Lunch Bunch at Fried Rice #2, 3801 Towson
• Tuesday, August 11, 5:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
• Wednesday, August 12, 8:00 am	Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study
• Wednesday, August 12	Pastor’s Bible Study (12:00 and 6:00 pm)
• Thursday, August 13, 10:00 am	Crazy Crafters
• Thursday, August 13, 1:00 pm	Disciples of Music
• Saturday, August 15, 9:00 am	Christian Education Workshop
• Saturday, August 22, 11:00 am	Memorial Service for Bill Acord

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

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

Prayer Concerns

- Bill Acord family
- Ruth Carson
- Betty Cashin
- The family of Michael Choate in his passing
- Judy Duncan, sister-in-law of Ginger Hamm
- Joy Jackson

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

- Bill Acord by Pat & Betty Cashin, John Foster, Allen & Terry Hales, David & Judy Trent
- Kaden Watson by Joann Acord, Pat & Betty Cashin, John Foster, Allen & Terry Hales, David & Judy Trent
- Michael Choate by Joann Acord, Allen & Terry Hales

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

Thank You Notes

Thank you for providing me the
Bill and Jette Lindsay Scholarship to
help with my schooling at Southwest
Baptist University. Your kindness and
continuing prayers are greatly
appreciated.

Trey Hudlow

Thank you for your continued
support. I greatly appreciate it.

Grayson Vaughn

Hope Campus News

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

First Christian Church

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FOR THE RECORD August 2, 2026	
Operating Receipts	\$ 15,643.00
Endowment	420.00
Children's Building Offerings	51,382.00
Balance Due	42,618.00
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