



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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The Shepherd

“When we meditate on the verses of Psalm 23, we are reminded of God’s constant presence and guidance in our lives. He leads us on the right path, guiding us through the challenges and uncertainties we face. The image of walking through the valley of the shadow of death reassures us that even in our darkest moments, God is with us, providing comfort and protection. This Psalm paints a picture of a faithful God who provides, guides, and protects His flock with unwavering love and care. So, let’s take solace in the promises of Psalm 23 and trust in our Shepherd to lead us through every step of our journey.”

God’s Blessing

Office News

The office will close at noon on **Thursday, September 3**.
We will also be closed **Monday, September 7**, in observance of Labor Day.

New Church Directories

I am in the process of printing new church directories. There will be two directories on the table in the narthex this Sunday. Please stop by and check to be sure your information is correct or to be sure your name is in the directory. Mark ok by your name if it’s correct. If not, please make corrections. You only need to make changes in one of the directories. Thank you.

Barbara Brown, Office Administrator

Messages from the Psalms

September 6	“Our Divine Shepherd”	Psalm 23:1-6
September 13	“Where is God When Trouble Comes?”	Psalm 46:1-11
September 20	“Waiting on Things to Get Better”	Psalm 137:1-4
September 27	“God’s Keeping Power”	Psalm 121:1-8

In the Life of the Church

• Sunday, September 6, 9:00 am	Intergenerational Sunday School Class
• Sunday, September 6, 9:00 am	Friendship Sunday School Class
• Monday, September 7	Labor Day (Office closed)
• Tuesday, September 8, 10:00 am	DWF Group 4
• Tuesday, September 8, 11:30 am	Lunch Bunch at El Mariachi, 2700 South Zero
• Tuesday, September 8, 5:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
• Tuesday, September 8, 6:00 pm	DWF Group 3
• Wednesday, September 9, 8:00 am	Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study
• Wednesday, September 9	Pastor’s Bible Study (12:00 and 6:00 pm)
• Thursday, September 10, 10:00 am	Crazy Crafters
• Thursday, September 10, 1:00 pm	Disciples of Music

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

- September 6 Chancel Choir
- September 13 Disciples Bells
Chancel Choir
- September 20 Disciples Bell Quintet
Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir will meet at
9:20 am Sunday to rehearse.

No Disciples Bells rehearsal
on Sunday, September 6,
(Labor Day weekend).

Elder for September

Randy Alexander

Deacons for September

DeJon Jordan (Foreman), James Chinn,
Stacey Hodge, Tiffany Kirkendoll,
*Keri Martin, *Nick Oliver

Greeters for September

Keri Martin, Nick Oliver
Disciples Hall Entrance: James Chinn

Prepare Communion for September

Tiffany Kirkendoll
*Serving middle section

Prayer Concerns

- Ruth Carson
- Betty Cashin
- Mickie Matthews
- Lee Russell, Max File's
father-in-law

Hope Campus News

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

New Address

Jimmy Lee Hudlow III
Landon Hall
520 West Aldrich Road
Bolivar, MO 65613-2305

Thank You

A special thank you to FCC from the Sack Lunch Program for the generous donation of
bottled water. Everyone was grateful for a cold bottle of water in this unbearable heat.

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FOR THE RECORD August 30, 2026	
Operating Receipts To date	\$ 2,177.45 30,037.45
Endowment To date	155.00 970.00
Children's Building Offerings Balance Due	51,742.00 42,258.00
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