



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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When Trouble Comes

“Psalms 46 reminds us that God is our safe haven and source of strength in times of trouble. When we face challenges, whether they are physical, emotional, or spiritual, we can find comfort in knowing that God is with us, ready to provide assistance and support. Imagine having a place where you can always turn to for refuge, a place where you can find peace and solace in the midst of life’s storms. That is the kind of relationship this chapter describes – a deep, unwavering connection to a divine presence that is always there for us.

Reflect on the times in your life when you have felt overwhelmed or afraid. How would it have felt to have God’s unwavering support and presence during those moments? Take a moment to appreciate the strength and comfort that comes from knowing that you are not alone in facing life’s challenges. Let these verses serve as a reminder that no matter what trials come your way, you can find refuge and strength in God, who is always there to help you through any difficulty.” *God’s Blessing*

New Church Directories

I am in the process of printing new church directories. There will be two directories on the table in the narthex one more 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

Community Outreach Project

Please join us at the Community Outreach Services Clearinghouse, 4420 Wheeler Avenue, **Monday, September 21, at 10:30 am**. We will fill bags for the Backpack Program which benefits school children with food insecurities. Thank you.

Community Outreach

Office News

Pam will not be in the office **Tuesday, September 15**.

Messages from the Psalms

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

In the Life of the Church

• Sunday, September 13, 9:00 am	Sunday School Classes
• Sunday, September 13, 11:15 am	Disciples Bells Rehearsal
• Monday, September 14, 9:30 am	Serve breakfast at Hope Campus
• Tuesday, September 15, 11:30 am	Lunch Bunch at Cheddar’s, 3907 Phoenix Ave.
• Tuesday, September 15, 4:00 pm	Serve supper at Hope Campus
• Tuesday, September 15, 5:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
• Wednesday, September 16, 8:00 am	Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study
• Wednesday, September 16	NO Pastor’s Bible Study
• Thursday, September 17, 10:00 am	Crazy Crafters
• Thursday, September 17, 1:00 pm	Disciples of Music
• Thursday, September 17, 2:00 pm	Book Club

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

September 13

Disciples Bells
Chancel Choir

September 20

Disciples Bell Quintet
Chancel Choir

*Disciples Bells will meet
Sunday at 8:30 am to rehearse.*

*Chancel Choir will meet Sunday at
9:20 am to rehearse. No robes.*

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**

Hope Campus News

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

Book Club News

Book Club will meet **Thursday, September 17**, to discuss *The Friend of the Family* by Dean Koontz. We meet the third Thursday at **2:00 pm** in the Administration Building. All are welcome!

October 15 *The Yellow Tail Moth* by Margot Shepherd

Prayer Concerns

- **Walter Ahart**
- **Ruth Carson**
- **Betty Cashin**
- **Mickie Matthews**
- **The Musset family** in the passing of Tije
- **Lee Russell**, Max File's father-in-law
- **Shackelford family**

Church Women United

Friday, September 18
9:30 am: Refreshments
10:00 am: Meeting
Trinity Episcopal Church, Van Buren
If the day is sunny and seasonably cool, we can walk their beautiful labyrinth after the meeting!

First Christian Church

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FOR THE RECORD September 6, 2026	
Operating Receipts	\$ 9,784.00
Endowment	235.00
Children's Building Offerings	51,927.00
Balance Due	42,073.00
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