



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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God's Keeping Power

"This powerful chapter from Psalm 121 reminds us that we are never alone, for God is always with us, watching over us like a loving protector. Think about it – when we face challenges, uncertainties, or dangers, we can find comfort in knowing that God is constantly by our side, guarding and guiding us through every moment of our lives. God never sleeps or slumbers in His care for us, just as a watchman keeps a vigilant eye through the night.

Have you ever felt scared, worried, or in need of protection? This verse is a powerful reminder that we have a divine safeguard in God, who is always present and active in our lives. It offers a sense of reassurance and peace, knowing that we are under the watchful eye of a loving and powerful protector. So, the next time you feel overwhelmed or afraid, remember this verse and trust in God's unfailing protection." *God's Blessing*

Reconciliation Offering

2026 Reconciliation Ministry - Special Offering



Restoration - Hope in Action

Sunday, September 27th - Sunday, October 4th

The Reconciliation Special Offering will be taken on September 27 and October 4. This offering is an invitation to move beyond restoration and help build a more just, faithful, and hopeful community. Your advocacy and financial support are much appreciated.

This year's Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering invites us to move beyond restoration to hope in action.

Psalm 85:6-11 reminds us that God's vision is more than repairing what is broken. It is creating a future where love and faithfulness meet, righteousness and peace flourish, and communities experience new life.

World Outreach Ministry

FCC's Fifth Annual Day of Giving for the Artemis Project Animal Rescue

On **October 4, from 11:00 am-3:00 pm**, FCC will host a fall festival/adoption event in our parking lot. The Artemis Project plans to have a number of vendors, as well as some dogs and cats available for adoption. We will offer grilled hotdogs, chips, lemonade, and cookies to the congregation for lunch after worship service. The public is invited to stop by at 12 noon.

In preparation for the 4th, we are collecting new and gently used pet supplies, such as kennels, towels, and blankets. We are also encouraging donations of dog and cat food, cat litter, and puppy pads as part of an Artemis "Stuff the Van" donation drive. Monetary donations can be made directly to the Artemis Project the day of the event.

We will offer homemade baked goods for donations, which will go to the Artemis Project. Please bring your favorite homemade baked items to the kitchen before worship on the 4th.

We will have some silent auction items this year, with the money raised split between FCC and the Artemis Project.

This QR code links directly to the Artemis Project blood donation sign-up. Community members can schedule a blood donation using this specific link at least 24 hours prior to October 4. Once a minimum of 12 donations are completed through the link, a monetary contribution will be directed to the Artemis Project.

Community Outreach Ministry



In the Life of the Church

- Sunday, September 27, 9:00 am
- Sunday, September 27, 11:00 am
- Sunday, September 27, 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, September 29, 11:30 am
- Tuesday, September 29, 5:15 pm
- Wednesday, September 30, 8:00 am
- Wednesday, September 30
- Thursday, October 1, 10:00 am
- Thursday, October 1, 1:00 pm

Sunday School Classes
Elders' Meeting
Board Meeting
Lunch Bunch at Diamond Head, 1901 Midland Blvd.
Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Ecumenical Men's Bible Study
Pastor's Bible Study (12:00 and 6:00 pm)
Crazy Crafters
Disciples of Music

Dianna’s Notes

Special Music

September 27 Chancel Choir
October 4 Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir will rehearse in the Sanctuary at 9:20 am Sunday. No robes.

Family Photos

Family photos will be taken in Disciples Hall immediately following worship service on **Sunday, September 27, and Sunday, October 4.** Direct any questions to Dave Pulliam.

Hope Campus News

We are collecting bulk salt and pepper. Unused plasticware from takeout food is also appreciated.

Prayer Concerns

- Ruth Carson
- Jim Creekmore
- Lee Russell, Max File’s father-in-law
- Shackelford family

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

Board Meeting

There will be a board meeting **Sunday, September 27, at 6:00 pm.** Property Ministry will propose a revision to the church property insurance. Also, we will discuss selecting a new elder.

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

- **Tije Musset** by Joann Acord, Allen & Terry Hales, Hardie & Ginger Jefferies

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FOR THE RECORD September 20, 2026	
Operating Receipts To date	\$ 6,377.00 18,275.55
Endowment To date	395.00 730.00
Children’s Building Offerings Balance Due	52,077.00 41,923.00
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