



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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A Faith That Leaves a Legacy

“Paul’s final words in 2 Timothy 4 is a powerful conclusion to his life’s journey and his ministry. Paul is reflecting on his own faith and dedication to spreading the message of God in this verse. Through his words, he is encouraging others to live a life of faith, perseverance, and commitment, just as he did. Paul is emphasizing the importance of staying true to one’s beliefs and values, even in the face of challenges and obstacles, by saying he fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith.

Imagine the image of a runner giving their all to cross the finish line, putting in every ounce of energy and determination. That is the kind of dedication and steadfastness that Paul is urging us to have in our own spiritual journey. He is reminding us that life is a race, and we must keep our eyes fixed on the finish line, never wavering in our faith, no matter what trials may come our way. Paul’s words serve as a poignant reminder to stay strong in our beliefs and continue to walk in faith, even when the path ahead seems difficult or uncertain.”

God’s Blessing

To FCC congregation:
Thank you for Pastor Appreciation Week.
We love you and appreciate you.
Ellis & Sabrina

Updated Office Hours

Wednesday, October 21	12:00-3:00 pm
Thursday, October 22	9:00 am-12:00 pm

Thanksgiving and Veterans Lunch

Join us for our Thanksgiving and Veterans Luncheon on **Sunday, November 8**, immediately following the service. Together, we will give thanks for our blessings, honor our veterans, and enjoy a meal.

We are still looking for one or two more volunteers to cook turkeys. If you are able to help, please let me know.

Sign-up sheets for desserts will be available in the narthex over the next few weeks. Please consider bringing a favorite sweet treat to share!

Thank you to everyone helping to make this a special time of gratitude and fellowship.

David Pulliam, Membership Chair

In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, October 25, 9:00 am | Sunday School Classes |
| • Sunday, October 25, 11:00 am | Elders’ Meeting |
| • Sunday, October 25, 4:00 pm | Disciples Bells Rehearsal |
| • Tuesday, October 27, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at The Vault, 624 Main Street, Van Buren |
| • Tuesday, October 27, 5:15 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| • Wednesday, October 28, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study (Disciples Hall) |
| • Wednesday, October 28 | Pastor’s Bible Study (12:00 and 6:00 pm) |
| • Thursday, October 29, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters (Chalice Hall) |
| • Thursday, October 29, 1:00 pm | Disciples of Music |

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

- October 25Chancel Choir
- Disciples Bells Quintet
- November 1Vocal Solo, Dianna Jackson
- November 8Disciples Men's Vocal Ensemble
- November 15Disciples Bells, Chancel Choir
- November 22Chancel Choir
- Vocal Solo, DeJon Jordan

Disciples Bells Quintet will rehearse in the Sanctuary at 8:30 am Sunday.

Chancel Choir will rehearse in the Sanctuary at 9:20 am Sunday.

Wear green stoles.

Elder for October

Jack Jackson

Deacons for October

Todd Friday (**Foreman**),
Calvin Reed, Walter Ahart, Max File,
*Amber Kirkendoll, *Paula Friday

Greeters for October

Calvin Reed, Amber Kirkendoll
Disciples Hall Entrance: Todd Friday

Prepare Communion for October

Paula Friday

***Serving middle section**

Honoring Kaden's Life

In loving memory of Kaden, the beloved grandson of Rev. Ellis and Sabrina, we invite you to join us in supporting the Reward Room at Raymond F. Orr Learning Academy in Fort Smith. This special room celebrates students for making positive choices and demonstrating good behavior.

Through this gift, we honor Kaden's life by sharing encouragement, kindness, and hope with other young people in our community.

Monetary donations will be collected on **October 25, November 1, and November 8**. Our Outreach Ministry will use these contributions to purchase items for the Reward Room.

Please designate your gift "Kaden Reward Room" so your donation can be directed toward this special purpose.

Thank you for helping us honor Kaden's life through this meaningful act of love and generosity.

Stacey Hodge, Community Outreach Chair

Hope Campus News

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

Prayer Concerns

- **Walter Ahart**
- **Ruth Carson**
- **Joe Henson**, Mary Nelle Hales' brother
- **Marta Jones**, Dr. Greg Jones' wife

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FOR THE RECORD
October 18, 2026

Operating Receipts To date	\$ 6,130.13 17,685.13
Endowment To date	25.00 355.00
Children's Building Offerings Balance Due	52,437.00 41,563.00
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)