



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Lessons from the Backside of the Desert

God had a plan for His chosen people of Israel when He delivered them from bondage in Egypt after four hundred years. In one night, God took six million people from their home in Goshen and safely located them out in the Sinai wilderness. They were on their way to the "Promised Land." What should have taken a few weeks resulted in forty years of wanderings. The reason for the delay was necessary for God to teach them how to be His people before they arrived at their destination. We don't become the people of God overnight. It takes years for God to develop and grow a congregation into the people He wants them to be. There are lessons we need to learn about sanctified and consecrated living in order to impact our community and the world for God.

Ellis

CHALICE HALL/PARLOR WORK

We anticipate closing the Chalice Hall to functions from **July 10 through July 17**. All the furnishings are to be moved to allow for stripping and waxing of the tile floors. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Property Ministry

Book Club

Book Club will meet on **Thursday, July 18**, to discuss *The Ladies Midnight Swimming Club* by Faith Hogan. If you have any questions, contact Julie Jay.

Upcoming book to read for August is *The Love Story of Missy Carmichael* by Beth Morrey.

In the Life of the Church

- **Monday, July 15, 9:30 am** Disciples Men's Fellowship
- **Tuesday, July 16, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Crawfish and Noodles, 6707 Phoenix
- **Wednesday, July 17, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study (Disciples Hall)
- **Wednesday, July 17, 12:00 pm** Pastor's Bible Class (Disciples Hall)
- **Wednesday, July 17, 6:00 pm** Pastor's Bible Class (Disciples Hall)
- **Thursday, July 18 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters (Parlor)
- **Thursday, July 18, 2:00 pm** Book Club (Administration Building)
- **Sunday, July 21, 6:00 pm** Board Meeting (note date changed from Sunday, July 14)

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

July 14 Bell Duet: Dianna & Jack Jackson
July 21 Solo: Walter Ahart

Elder for July

Randy Alexander

Greeters for July

Audrey Stewart and LaBeth Riggs
 Disciples Hall Entrance: Nick Oliver

Prepare Communion for July

Sabrina Robinson

Hope Campus News

We are collecting cooking oil to take to Hope Campus.

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

- In Memory of **Dorothy Robertson** by Nina Abernathy

Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers.

- **Jack & Joy Jackson**
- **Jim & Linda Creekmore**
- **Abby Musset** is undergoing tests.

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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, Secretary
Pam Shelby, Financial Secretary
Randy Alexander, Custodian
Lesley Fleming, Nursery Attendant
Rev. Howard Marshall, Pastor Emeritus (1990-2022)
Rev. Randy Jay, Pastor Emeritus

FOR THE RECORD July 7, 2024	
Operating Receipts	\$ 5,852.00
Endowment	575.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$28,024.83