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Lessons from the Pig Pen (Part 1)

There are times in our lives when we find ourselves in situations that we had never intended to be in and wonder how we got there. Often in a desperate attempt to find our way out, every effort to escape results in our going further and further in the wrong direction. Once we come to grips with reality and face the fact, then we have arrived in a metaphorical place called the "Pig Pen of Life." The next two sermons will focus on the story of the Prodigal Son and the lessons we learn from our mistakes and how to avoid repeating them as we "Come out of the Pig Pen." *Ellis*

Congratulatory acknowledgement and recognition to our office employees who have new titles:

Barbara Brown, Office Administrator
Pam Shelby, Financial Administrator

We appreciate their professionalism and expertise in keeping FCC operating in a smooth and efficient manner!

With Gratitude,
Personnel Committee & Pastor Ellis

Evening Hope Campus

Hope Campus evening group will be serving at Hope Campus on **July 16 at 4:00 pm**. If you are interested in joining us, please call Ginger Hamm at 479-462-8112.

The Sunday School class has been studying the Parable of the Lost Sheep this month. Several of their "sheep" have gone missing in the building. If you find one, please return it to the "sheepfold" found on the table in the narthex. Record your name along with your "sheep's" name and you will be praised and rewarded.

In the Life of the Church

- **Thursday, July 18, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music (Disciples Hall)
- **Thursday, July 18, 2:00 pm** Book Club
- **Sunday, July 21, 6:00 pm** Board Meeting
- **Tuesday, July 23, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at La Mesa, 1217 S. Waldron Rd
- **Wednesday, July 24, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study (Disciples Hall)
- **Wednesday, July 24, 12:00 pm** Pastor's Bible Class (Disciples Hall)
- **Wednesday, July 24, 6:00 pm** Pastor's Bible Class (Disciples Hall)
- **Thursday, July 25, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters (Parlor)
- **Sunday, July 28, 6:00 pm** Elders Meeting

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

July 21 Solo: Walter Ahart

July 28 Disciples of Music

*Disciples Bells resume August 11.
Chancel Choir resumes August 13.*

Elder for July

Randy Alexander

Greeters for July

Audrey Stewart and LaBeth Riggs
Disciples Hall Entrance: Nick Oliver

Prepare Communion for July

Sabrina Robinson

Thank You Note

Thank you so much for the generous graduation gift. I was very touched by it.

Lindsey Friday

Thank You Note

Thank you for the scholarship money. It will help me get a new laptop for use in my classes at college. I appreciate my church family.

Grayson Vaughn

Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers.

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

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

- In Memory of **Dorothy Robertson** by Connie Payne, David & Judy Trent

Hope Campus News

We are collecting cooking oil to take to Hope Campus.

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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, Office Administrator

Pam Shelby, Financial Administrator

Randy Alexander, Custodian

Lesley Fleming, Nursery Attendant

Rev. Howard Marshall, Pastor Emeritus (1990-2022)

Rev. Randy Jay, Pastor Emeritus

**FOR THE RECORD
July 14, 2024**

Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 3,059.00 8,911.00
Endowment To Date	155.00 730.00
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