



# FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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## *Lessons from the Pig Pen (Part 2)*

What happens to regular church attendees when they stop coming to church? Is anyone curious enough to investigate what may have happened in their lives that causes their continued absence? There are those with whom we worship who suddenly disappear and no one investigates or even picks up the phone to call to make sure they are alright. When the prodigal son left home, did anyone bother to go after him to make sure he was okay? There is a tragedy of doing nothing when members of our faith community drop out. Come and hear Part Two of Lessons from the Pig Pen: "The Tragedy of Doing Nothing!"

*Ellis*

Ten of the children's Sunday School class's "lost sheep" have been found and returned to the "Sheepfold" in the Narthex. Only "John" is still lost! Please continue to search for John in the church or Disciples Hall. Next Sunday the sheep finders will be rewarded!

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

- In Memory of **Dorothy Robertson** by John & Margot Mundy, Steven & LaBeth Riggs

## *In the Life of the Church*

- **Sunday, July 28, 11:00 am** Elders' and Deacons' Meeting
- **Tuesday, July 30, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Western Sizzlin, 5200 Towson
- **Wednesday, July 31, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study (Disciples Hall)
- **Wednesday, July 31, 12:00 pm** Pastor's Bible Class (Disciples Hall)
- **Wednesday, July 31, 6:00 pm** Pastor's Bible Class (Disciples Hall)
- **Thursday, August 1, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters (Parlor)
- **Thursday, August 1, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music
- **Tuesday, August 6, 10:00 am** DWF Board Meeting

**Dianna's Notes**

**Special Music**

**July 28** Disciples of Music  
**August 4** Ruth and Gavin Carson  
 Ben Ammons, Josh Luce  
**August 11** Dianna Jackson

*We're back! Fall rehearsals resume.  
 Please come join our Music Ministries!*

**Sunday, August 11, 11:15 am**  
 Disciples Bells Rehearsal

**Tuesday, August 13, 4:15 pm**  
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**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.

**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**, 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

<b>FOR THE RECORD</b> July 21, 2024	
<b>Operating Receipts To Date</b>	<b>\$11,079.00</b> <b>19,990.00</b>
<b>Endowment To Date</b>	<b>140.00</b> <b>870.00</b>
<b>Monthly Budgeted Needs</b>	<b>\$28,024.83</b>