



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Faith Over Fear

Sometimes the headlines and current events try to distract us from this vitally important fact: "God is with us! He will never leave us nor forsake us!" There is something very interesting that happens when we allow fear - rather than faith to rule our lives. We tend to say things that are hurtful. I just want to remind us all - me included - that when tensions rise in society, the eyes of non-believers start looking our way wondering how we will respond...what we will say ...how we will treat those who think differently than we do. My friends...if ever we needed to shine the light of Christ into the world, that time is NOW!

I encourage us all to watch the news...but then not allow our thoughts to be controlled by what we see or hear! Let's limit our "catching up on the news" time and balance our spirits with just as much "God-time"...either in prayer or by simply opening God's Word. It is not only in our best interest - but the WORLD'S best interest - that as followers of Jesus, we choose not to live in fear! Let us live our - lives in both smooth and difficult chapters - with a bold, yet gentle spirit of faith!

Alison Robuck
Interim Regional Minister
Great River Region

Hope Campus News

We will prepare and serve lunch at Hope Campus Homeless Shelter on **Monday, August 12**, from 9:30-12:30. To sign up, contact Ginger Jefferies at 414-2466 or the church office.

We are collecting cooking oil to take to Hope Campus.

In the Life of the Church

- **Tuesday, August 6, 10:00 am** DWF Board Meeting
- **Tuesday, August 6, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Sam's Southern Eatery, 1813 Grand Ave.
- **Wednesday, August 7, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study (Disciples Hall)
- **Thursday, August 8, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters (Parlor)
- **Thursday, August 8, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music
- **Sunday, August 11, 11:00 am** Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Sunday, August 11, 6:00 pm** Board Meeting
- **Sunday, August 11, 6:45 pm** Ministries Meeting

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

August 4 Ruth Carson, Gavin Carson,
Ben Ammons, and Josh Luce
August 11 Dianna Jackson

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

Sunday, August 11, 11:15 Disciples Bells
Tuesday, August 13, 4:15 Chancel Choir

Elder for August

David Trent

Greeters for August

Stephanie Bailey & Tim Fleming
Disciples Hall Entrance: Nick Oliver

Prepare Communion for August

Glenda Musset

Pastor's Bible Class

Pastor's Bible Class **will not meet on Wednesday, August 7 and 14**, but will resume on August 21.

Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers.

- **Jack & Joy Jackson**
- **Jim & Linda Creekmore**
- **Abby Musset** is undergoing tests.
- **Lucille Pulliam and family**

Disciples Membership Class

Please pre-register for the Disciples Membership Class, which will be **September 1 at 8:30 am**. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

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

- In Memory of **Dorothy Robertson** by Bill & Joann Acord, Allen & Mary Nelle Hales, Sam & Rebecca Miller

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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 28, 2024	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 1,180.00 21,170.00
Endowment To Date	175.00 1,045.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$27,571.00