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God Works the Night Shift

There is never a time when God is not at work on our behalf, according to the Bible. Psalm 121:4 declares that God neither sleeps nor slumbers. God is our guardian even when we are not aware of His presence or His divine activity in our lives. When exiting Egypt after 400 years of bondage, the Hebrew people found themselves trapped at the Red Sea with mountains on both sides and Pharaoh's chariots and horsemen in hot pursuit. According to Scripture, it was then that God was at work all night holding back the rushing waters of the Red Sea allowing the Children of Israel to walk across on dry land while holding their enemies at bay. It is evident that God works the night shift in the lives of His children. We may never know what God is preparing for us or protecting us from when we sleep and slumber, unaware of unseen circumstances waiting to meet us tomorrow. When God is planning our future, let us have faith that God is at work even at night! Allow our faith to be stronger than our fears! God Works the Night Shift!

Ellis

Community Outreach Project

Community Outreach is collecting items for the **Monarch 61 Project** located in Van Buren. They are a non-profit which gives emotional support to women who have been through trauma in their lives. They spoke at our DWF luncheon a couple of years ago. They offer a variety of classes for these ladies, including yoga, arts and crafts, cooking, etc. Some items on their wish list are: **hot glue sticks (large and small), 9x12 sketch pads, watercolor paper, coloring books (for 14 years and up), paint pens, scrapbooking supplies, hand soap, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dishwashing pods, toilet paper, paper towels, make-up, and shampoo.** There will be a box in the Narthex for donations.

Disciples Membership Class

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

Pastor's Bible Class

Pastor's Bible Class **will not meet during August**. Class will resume **September 4**.

Children's Building Open House Sunday, September 8, 11:00 am

On **September 8 after service**, please stop by the Children's Building to check out the new renovations and enjoy some light refreshments with the youth. The kids are looking forward to showing you their new space.

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, August 25, 11:00 am** Elders' Meeting
- **Sunday, August 25, 4:00 pm** Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, August 27, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Larry's Pizza, 6400 Highway 71 South
- **Tuesday, August 27, 4:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, August 28, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study (Disciples Hall)
- **Thursday, August 29, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters (Parlor)
- **Thursday, August 29, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music (Disciples Hall)
- **Sunday, September 1, 8:30 am** Membership Class
- **Monday, September 2** Labor Day (Office closed)

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

August 25 Chancel Choir
September 22 Disciples Bells

No Chancel Choir rehearsal on September 3

Elder for August

David Trent

Greeters for August

Stephanie Bailey & Tim Fleming
 Disciples Hall Entrance: Nick Oliver

Prepare Communion for August

Margot Mundy

Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following in your prayers.

- **Jack & Joy Jackson**
- **Abby Musset**
- The family of **Lucille Pulliam**
- **Cliff Carson**
- **Don Oglesby**
- **Carrie Miller**, daughter of Nick and Mary Beth Oliver, is having surgery on August 26.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone at First Christian for the cards, calls and memorial gifts given in memory of our mother, Dorothy Robertson. The whole family enjoyed the meal following the memorial service and are so appreciative. First Christian will be forever in our hearts. Thank you.

Marion, Patsy and Toni

Thank You

The youth of First Christian Church would like to thank **Brenda Browning** for donating to the Youth Activity Room the ping-pong table. Brenda is the daughter of **Jo Miller** and is a FCC Youth Alumni.

Thank you again Brenda, and we truly appreciate your kindness and love for our church. *FCC Youth*

Hope Campus News

We are collecting dipping sauces and table salt 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 **Lucille Pulliam** by Nina Abernathy, Clyde & Leslie Gudermuth, Allen and Mary Nelle Hales, Allen & Terry Hales, Hardie & Ginger Jefferies, Connie Payne, Dewayne & Greta Pryor, David & Kristi Williamson

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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
Lesley Fleming, Nursery Attendant
Rev. Howard Marshall, Pastor Emeritus (1990-2022)
Rev. Randy Jay, Pastor Emeritus

FOR THE RECORD
August 18, 2024

Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 6,525.00 17,940.45
Endowment To Date	625.00 3,270.00
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