



# FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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## God's Got This

It would be easy in 2024 to question our faith and give up on the future, given the division we are now experiencing. Many of the things, in the few leaders we have depended on and put our faith and trust in, have come up lacking. Who or what can we trust in these times of division, confusion and separation? For those of us who trust in Jesus, we have a peace that passes all understanding; an assurance that He will never leave us or forsake us. Isn't it comforting to know that no matter what happens in our lives God's got the situation well in hand, even when we can't see it and can't understand it? When our faith is stronger than our fear, we can be confident during our moments of doubt. Even when everything seems to be falling down around us, we can still have a peace that passes all understanding in Christ Jesus, because we know "God's Got This!" God is concerned about every aspect of our lives. 2024 will pass and 2025 will still find God on His throne in Heaven and in charge of this world! God's got this!

*Ellis*

## 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**.

## 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.

## Book Club News

Book Club will meet this **Thursday, August 15, at 2:00 pm** in the Administration Building to discuss: *The Love Story of Missy Carmichael* by Beth Morrey.

We will read *Upstairs at the White House - My Life with the First Ladies* by J. B. West for September. All are welcome! Any questions, contact Julie Jay.

## In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, August 18, 11:00 am** Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Monday, August 19, 9:30 am** Disciples Men's Fellowship
- **Tuesday, August 20, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at George's, 2120 Grand
- **Tuesday, August 20, 4:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, August 21, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study (Disciples Hall)
- **Thursday, August 22, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters (Parlor)
- **Thursday, August 22, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music (Disciples Hall)

**Dianna's Notes**

**Special Music**

**August 18** Walter Ahart  
**August 25** Chancel Choir

*We're back! Fall rehearsals resume.*

**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**

Margot Mundy

**Prayer Concerns**

Please keep the following in your prayers.

- **Jack & Joy Jackson**
- **Abby Musset**
- The family of **Dorothy Robertson**
- The family of **Lucille Pulliam** on her passing  
 The service will be at FCC on **Saturday, August 17, at 11:00 am.** Everyone is invited to a reception following the service.

**Hope Campus News**

We are collecting dipping sauces and table salt to take to Hope Campus.

**Thank You**

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the generous graduation gift you sent to me. Your thoughtfulness and kindness mean a great deal to me, especially during this exciting time of celebration.

Your gift will not only be cherished but will also serve as a reminder of your support and encouragement as I embark on the next chapter of my life. I am incredibly fortunate to have such wonderful people like you cheering me on.

*Wyatt Gudermuth*

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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

| <b>FOR THE RECORD</b><br>August 11, 2024 |  |
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| <b>Operating Receipts To Date</b>        | <b>\$ 3,099.00</b><br><b>11,415.45</b> |
| <b>Endowment To Date</b>                 | <b>85.00</b><br><b>2,64500</b>         |
| <b>Monthly Budgeted Needs</b>            | <b>\$27,571.00</b>                     |