



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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To Have the Joy of Jesus

The happiest people we know seem to be those who live life to the fullest, who are always laughing and smiling, and who seem to enjoy embracing the goodness all around them. They see the good in others and have contentment in everything they do. There are far too many unhappy people these days who are agents of doom and gloom. Life is too short to be unhappy. Everyone has a right to be joyous and fun to be around. Jesus was and still is a happy Savior. Jesus taught us that there should be joy in every area of our lives and in everything we do. We should be happy at home, happy at work, and most certainly happy where we worship. The words joy and rejoice appear all over the Bible. This week we explore what it means to have the joy of Jesus!

Ellis

Board Meeting

There will be a Board meeting on **Sunday, September 15, at 6:00 pm**. If you cannot attend, please have a proxy at the meeting.

The Worship Ministry will present a proposal to change the way we take communion.

Ice Cream Sundae Social Sunday, September 15, at 5:00 pm

Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex or you may text LaBeth Riggs (479-285-3041) if you would love to bring home-made ice cream (store bought is great also) or cookies/sweets. This is a great time to visit with each other and celebrate the end of summer! **Membership Ministry**

Book Club News

Book Club will meet **Thursday, September 19**, at 2:00 pm. We will read *Upstairs at the White House - My Life with the First Ladies* by J. B. West. All are welcome! Any questions, contact Julie Jay.

Welcome New Members

Richard & Alice Lewis
2304 Rannoch Lane
Fort Smith, AR 72908
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dial1@att.net

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, September 15, 11:30 am**
 - **Sunday, September 15, 5:00 pm**
 - **Sunday, September 15, 5:00 pm**
 - **Sunday, September 15, 6:00 pm**
 - **Monday, September 16, 6:30 pm**
 - **Tuesday, September 17, 11:30 am**
 - **Tuesday, September 17, 4:00 pm**
 - **Wednesday, September 18, 8:00 am**
 - **Wednesday, September 18, 12:00 pm**
 - **Wednesday, September 18, 6:00 pm**
 - **Thursday, September 19, 10:00 am**
 - **Thursday, September 19, 1:00 pm**
 - **Thursday, September 20, 2:00 pm**
 - **Thursday, September 20, 6:00 am**
- Disciples Bells Rehearsal
Youth
Ice Cream Social
Board Meeting
Disciples Men's Fellowship
Lunch Bunch at Zapata's
7308 Rogers Avenue
Serve at Hope Campus
Ecumenical Men's Bible Study
Pastor's Bible Class
Pastor's Bible Class
Crazy Crafters (Parlor)
Disciples of Music
Book Club
Pancake Supper

Evening Hope Campus

Hope Campus Evening Group will cook and serve on **Tuesday, September 17, at 4:00 pm**. If you would like to serve contact Ginger Hamm at 479-462-8112.

Calvin's Birthday Reception

On **Sunday, September 15**, there will be a birthday reception for Calvin Reed in the Parlor immediately following the worship service.

Hope Campus News

Items currently needed for Hope Campus are large boxes of breakfast cereal. The location for collection of the Hope Campus items has changed from the Narthex to the Administration Building. You can bring items needed during office hours and on Sunday. The Administration Building will be open before and after church. You can also donate money for Hope Campus. We will buy food items that are needed. If you would like to donate, please make the check out to the church and indicate that it is for Hope Campus.

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

September 22 Disciples Bells
Chancel Choir

**Church Women United
Celebrate Human Rights Day**

**Trinity Episcopal Church, 918 North 9th St.
Van Buren, AR, Friday, September 20**

Refreshments at 9:30 am. Meeting at 10:00 am.

Please bring fruit, sweet breads, or a casserole to share.

Elder for September

Kristi Williamson

Greeters for September

Max File and Connie Slater
Disciples Hall Entrance: Audrey Stewart

Prepare Communion for September

Margot Mundy

Prayer Concerns

- **The family of Jack Jackson, Sr.**
- **Abby Musset**
- **The family of Don Oglesby**
- **The Kidders** in the loss of their niece, Melissa Choate Mitch

**Disciples of Music
Pancake Supper and Music Revival
Friday, September 20**

Supper in Disciples Hall at 6:30 pm
Music Revival at 7:30 pm Free T-shirts

All proceeds go to First Christian Church. Come all and bring a friend. We need donations of pancake mix (water only) and syrup.

MEMORIALS: We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts:

- In Memory of **Lucille Pulliam** by Bill & JoAnn Acord, Maurine Moyle
- In Memory of **Jack Jackson, Sr.** by Bill & JoAnn Acord, Allen & Terry Hales, Connie Payne
- In Memory of **Don Oglesby** by Clyde & Leslie Gudermuth, Allen & Terry Hales, Hardie & Ginger Jefferies, Maurine Moyle, Dewayne & Greta Pryor, Suzanne Karr, Connie Slater, 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
September 8, 2024**

Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 1,596.00 10,320.00
Endowment To Date	500.00 1,045.00
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