



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Imitating Jesus

In Acts 11:26, we read that the believers in Antioch were first called Christian because they were imitators of Christ. This was not intended to be a compliment but rather a criticism. The Antioch followers of Jesus were so committed to being like Him, that others took notice and labeled them "Jesus Imitators." As disciples of Christ, we are called to follow the example of our Savior and be like Him. One of the lessons we learn from Jesus is humility, which is a difficult lesson for most of us to learn. In Matthew 11:28, Jesus describes Himself as being meek and lowly in heart; which means that He was humble. Our text in Philippians describes what true humility looks like as we grow closer to Him and imitate His character.

Ellis

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.

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.

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.

Pam's Vacation

Pam will be on vacation **October 8 and 15**. A deposit will be made **October 1 and October 21**. Please see her for business needs by October 1.

Directory Information and Updates

We are currently updating the church directory. Please contact the office if there have been changes in the current information we have on file for you: address, phone number, and Email address. The deadline for submitting your information is September 30.

Barbara Brown, Office Administrator

Membership News

Thank you to all who brought ice cream and/or sweets to the Ice Cream Sundae Social. A great time was held by all.

Sign-up sheets for Dinner for Eight can be found in the Narthex and on the table by the Sanctuary door to downstairs. It is a great way to enjoy a meal and become more acquainted with our church family. You can also text LaBeth (479-285-3041) to be added to the list.

In the Life of the Church

- **Friday, September 20, 6:30 pm** Pancake Supper
- **Sunday, September 22, 11:30 am** Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, September 24, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Art's BBQ, 8203 Rogers Avenue
- **Tuesday, September 24, 4:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, September 25, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study
- **Wednesday, September 25** Pastor's Bible Classes
- **Thursday, September 26, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters (Parlor)
- **Thursday, September 26, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music
- **Sunday, September 29, 11:00 am** Elders' Meeting
- **Sunday, September 29, 4:00 pm** Disciples Bells Rehearsal

Prayer Concerns

- **The family of Jack Jackson, Sr.**
- **Abby Musset**
- **The family of Don Oglesby**
- **Carolyn Heyroth**

Dianna's Notes

Disciples Bells will meet this Sunday morning at 8:30 am to rehearse *Breathe* before Sunday School for the Prelude for worship. (No robes)

Chancel Choir will meet in the Sanctuary around 9:20 am this Sunday morning to warm up anthem *For Eternity* for worship. (No robes)

Special Music

- September 29** Chancel Choir
- October 6** Mary Beth Oliver
- October 20** Disciples Bells Quintet
- October 27** Youth Sunday; Walter Ahart

Elder for September

Kristi Williamson

Greeters for September

Max File and Connie Slater
Disciples Hall Entrance: Audrey Stewart

Prepare Communion for September

Margot Mundy

**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. Also, bring feminine hygiene supplies for women and teens.

MEMORIALS: We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts:

- In Memory of Lucille Pulliam by Allen & Mary Nelle Hales
- In Memory of Jack Jackson, Sr. by Allen & Mary Nelle Hales, John & Vicki Warren
- In Memory of Don Oglesby by Nina Abernathy, Clyde & Leslie Gudermuth, Allen & Mary Nelle Hales, Glenda Musset, John & Margot Mundy, Steven & LaBeth Riggs, Carl & Evelyn Warrington
- In Memory of Dorothy Robertson by John & Vicki Warren

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.

First Christian Church

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FOR THE RECORD September 15, 2024	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 4,721.00 15,041.00
Endowment To Date	600.00 1,645.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$27,571.00

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