



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Getting Serious About Service

The Christian journey is one of self-sacrifice and service to others. You have often heard me say, "Service to others is the rent we pay for our room and board on earth!" (Muhammed Ali). As Christians, we are called on and expected to be God's hands, feet, and voice. We are called to serve! Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "Anyone can be great, because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love." This week we will visit the parable of the Good Samaritan and examine what service to others looks like taught by Jesus.

Ellis



Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering October 6

The work of this Ministry is to impact all communities on behalf of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Through our giving, we can support projects or provide grants to each region. This way we strengthen the liberating love of Jesus and combat the sin of racism and exclusion. Please donate generously and "Many Thanks"!

Prayer Concerns

- Abby Musset
- Ashley Meyer

Membership Class

Membership class will meet **Sunday, October 6, in the Chapel at 8:30 am.**

The Artemis Project Fall Festival, Collection, and Blood Drive

On Sunday, October 6, from 12:00-3:00 pm, FCC will host an Artemis Project fall festival/adoption event in our parking lot. The Artemis Project plans to have a number of vendors, as well as some dogs and cats available for adoption. We will be offering grilled hotdogs, chips, lemonade, and cookies for lunch. It's a great time to have lunch and visit.

In preparation for the 6th, we are collecting new and gently used supplies (kennels, pet beds, towels, blankets, etc.). We are also encouraging donations such as dog and cat food, cat litter, puppy pads, etc. Monetary donations can be made directly to the Artemis Project the day of the event.

We will be offering homemade baked goods for donations with the money raised going to the Artemis Project. Please plan to bring your favorite homemade baked items to the kitchen before worship on the 6th.

The **Blood Mobile** will be in the parking lot from 11:00 am-3:00 pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex to sign up for your appointment. Please sign up and donate blood, if you are able.

In the Life of the Church

- Sunday, October 6, 8:30 am
- Sunday, October 6, 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, October 8, 10:00 am
- Tuesday, October 8, 11:30 am
- Tuesday, October 8, 4:15 pm
- Tuesday, October 8, 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, October 9, 8:00 am
- Thursday, October 10, 10:00 am
- Thursday, October 10, 1:00 pm
- Saturday, October 12
- Sunday, October 13, 6:00 pm
- Sunday, October 13, 6:45 pm

- Membership Class (Chapel)
- Youth Group
- DWF Group 4 (Parlor)
- Lunch Bunch at Sam's Southern Eatery, 1813 Grand Avenue
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- DWF Group 3 (Parlor)
- Ecumenical Men's Bible Study
- Crazy Crafters (Parlor)
- Disciples of Music
- Disciples Hall closed for cleaning
- Cabinet Meeting
- Ministry Meetings

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

October 6 Nick & Mary Beth Oliver
October 20 Disciples Bells Quintet
October 27 Youth Sunday
 Walter Ahart

Elder for October
 Judy Trent

Deacons for October
 Terry Hales (Foreman), Stephanie Bailey, Tim Fleming, Allen Hales, Jr., Floyd Hamm, Barbara Lynch, Dewayne Pryor, David Williamson

Greeters for October
 Stephanie Bailey and Dewayne Pryor
 Disciples Hall Entrance: Connie Slater

Prepare Communion for October
 Barbara Lynch

MEMORIALS: We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts:

- In Memory of **Don Oglesby** by Carolyn Haley, Sam & Rebecca Miller

Dinner for Eight

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.

Newsletter Submission

Please email newsletter articles to barbara@fccdoc.org or pick up a submission form from the office or print one from the church website. The printed form needs to be turned in to the office on **Monday before article is published on Tuesday**. Email submission should be in **by 10:00 am Tuesday**.
Barbara Brown, Office Administrator

DWF Group 3

Jennifer Sanchez, Suzanne Karr, and Cathy Burks are hosting the DWF Group 3 meeting **Tuesday, October 8, at 6:00 pm** in the Parlor.

We will furnish potato soup, Zuppa soup, and taco soup.

We request the ladies to bring any of the following: soup or chili, foods that go well with soups like bread/cornbread/crackers/chips, or light snack foods.

Hope Campus News

We will prepare and serve lunch at Hope Campus Homeless Shelter on **Monday, October 14**, from **9:30-12:30**. To sign up, contact Ginger Jefferies at 479-414-2466 or the Church Office.

We are collecting large boxes of breakfast cereal. Hope Campus has told us **not to bring plastic ware at this time**.

The Elder and updated Deacon schedules are now available online. You can find them by going to our website at fccdoc.org and clicking on "Get Connected" then "Resources" or by clicking the link below.
<https://www.fccdoc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Deacons-Schedule-2024-2025-updated.pdf>
David Trent

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FOR THE RECORD September 29, 2024	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 5,464.00 24,974.00
Endowment To Date	320.00 2,665.00
Reconciliation Offering	247.00
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