



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Getting Back to Basics

When Barton Stone and Thomas and Alexander Campbell founded the movement now known as the Disciples of Christ, it was an effort to get back to biblical basics. The reformation period was a time of discovery for our new nation and the Christian faith in America. With many Christian denominations going in different directions, our founders saw the need to get back to the basic principles of the New Testament church that made them successful, resulting in exponential growth. Although the culture has changed since 1st century AD, the basic foundations of the church have remained the same. This week we examine the building blocks found in the book of Acts, chapter two, that are foundational and enable the church to be healthy, grow spiritually, and impact the community. *Ellis*

Thank You

On behalf of Sabrina and me, we would like to thank you for your heartfelt appreciation, the many acts of love, and continued support. We feel so blessed to be members of this great Christian family. There is so much unity and caring that is apparent each time we come together. God has given this congregation the gift of stepping up and stepping out whenever it is needed. God bless and keep you. *Ellis & Sabrina*

Newsletter Submission

If you want to submit a newsletter article, please email it to barbara@fccdoc.org, 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*

New Church Directories

I am in the process of printing new church directories. Some have given me updated information or let me know their information is correct. There will be several directories on the table in the Narthex. Please stop by and check to be sure your information is correct or to be sure your name is in the directory. Mark ok by your name if it's correct. Thank you.

Barbara Brown, Office Administrator

Prayer Concerns

- Abby Musset
- Doug, Eve, Connor, and Duncan Smith in NC

Office Closed

Due to a death in Barbara's family, the office will close at 12:00 pm on **Thursday, October 10**.

In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, October 13, 11:30 am | Disciples Bells Rehearsal |
| • Sunday, October 13, 6:00 pm | Cabinet Meeting |
| • Sunday, October 13, 6:45 pm | Ministry Meetings |
| • Monday, October 14, 9:30 am | Serve at Hope Campus |
| • Tuesday, October 15, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at Del Sol, 9709 Rogers Avenue |
| • Tuesday, October 15, 4:00 pm | Serve at Hope Campus |
| • Tuesday, October 15, 4:15 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| • Wednesday, October 16, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men's Bible Study |
| • Thursday, October 17, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters (Parlor) |
| • Thursday, October 17, 1:00 pm | Disciples of Music |
| • Thursday, October 17, 2:00 pm | Book Club |

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

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

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.**

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.

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.

Book Club News

We will be discussing *The Women* by Kristin Hannah on **Thursday, October 17**. We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm. All are welcome. Any questions, contact Julie Jay.

Future reads include:

- November *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge
- December no book this month
- January *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz

Thank You

Thank you, thank you so very much to everyone who made the Artemis event Sunday a huge success. It will be a week or so before we have final updates on adoptions and donations, and the final numbers will be in the newsletter at a later date. The blood drive resulted in eight people donating blood! That's an increase from the last two years.

Community Outreach Ministry

First Christian Church

3501 Rogers Avenue
 Fort Smith, Arkansas 72903
 Phone: 479.783.1139

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 October 6, 2024	
Operating Receipts To Date	Not available this week
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