



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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God at Work in Us

There is a popular gospel hymn that says, "Please be patient with me, God, is not through with me yet!" From the day we become Christians and accept Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior, we are always a work in progress. God is doing a work in us every day of our lives. We do not come ready-made for service. The truth of the matter is, we will never be a completed work of God in this life. There is always something in our character and in our walk that God is improving. No one possesses all the spiritual gifts given by the Holy Spirit, but we should always want to do better in Christ and never be satisfied with just being average. Although, just being average can still be used by God. Every one of us is a building block in this spiritual structure we call the church. We are living stones!

Ellis

Potluck Lunch

Immediately following the service on Youth Sunday, October 27, there will be a potluck lunch. Membership Ministry will provide rolls, salad, and dessert. We are asking the congregation to bring meat or vegetable dishes.

Suggested:

A-L Meat dish

M-Z Vegetable dish

Let's bring our favorites to share and rejoice with our youth for a service well done.

Membership Ministry

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

In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, October 20, 11:30 am | Disciples Bells Rehearsal |
| • Sunday, October 20, 5:00 pm | Youth Group |
| • Monday, October 21, 6:30 pm | Disciples Men's Fellowship |
| • Tuesday, October 22, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at Anthony's Italian, 3115 Cavanaugh |
| • Tuesday, October 22, 4:15 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| • Wednesday, October 23, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men's Bible Study |
| • Thursday, October 24, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters (Parlor) |
| • Thursday, October 24, 1:00 pm | Disciples of Music |
| • Sunday, October 27, after worship | Potluck Lunch |

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

October 20 Disciples Bells Quintet
October 27 Youth Sunday
 Solo: Walter Ahart
November 3 Solo: Dianna Jackson
November 10 Chancel Choir
 Disciples Bells

Disciples Bells Quintet will meet at 8:30 am to rehearse.

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

Prayer Concerns

- **Abby Musset**
- **Linda Creekmore**
- **Jeanne Stebner**

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.

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

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FOR THE RECORD October 113 2024	
Operating Receipts To Date	Not available this week
Endowment To Date	
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