



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Great River Region Interim Regional Minister - Rev. Alison Robuck



Rev. Alison Robuck is a life-long Disciple from Enid, Oklahoma. She earned her M.Div. from Christian Theological Seminar (Indianapolis) in 1996 and was ordained at First Christian Church in Edmond, OK. Throughout Alison's 28 years in ministry, she has served congregations in Colorado, Missouri, Minnesota, Iowa, and Arkansas.

Alison has lived in the Little Rock for the past 11 years, where she has enjoyed supply preaching, serving on the Regional Board, and serving as a member of the Youth Task Force and the Bailey Institute Leadership Team, as well as representing the GRR on the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). She most recently completed a two-year Interim Minister position with First Christian Church, Sherwood, AR, prior to being called as our Interim Regional Minister. Rev. Robuck has a passion for preaching, pastoral care and strategic planning. She brings a working knowledge of the region's vision, mission, values, and organizational structures. She is enjoying her time of service with the GRR and has approached this interim period with a commitment to team building and celebrating all the gifts which gather around the Table of Christ. Alison is thrilled to be joining us in celebrating Rev. Robinson's transfer of ordination service this coming Sunday!

Luncheon This Coming Sunday

A potluck luncheon will be held immediately following the ordination service on **Sunday, March 23**. Membership Ministry will be providing rolls and salad. We are asking the congregation to bring meat or vegetable dishes.

Suggested:

A-L vegetable dish

M-Z meat dish

Let's bring our favorite dishes and give thanks and rejoice as a congregation for Pastor Ellis Robinson. **Membership Ministry**

Pastor's Bible Class

The will be no Pastor's Bible Classes on **Wednesday, March 19**.

Office Hours

The office will close at 12:00 pm on **Thursday, March 20**.

Ordination Service for Rev. Dr. Ellis Robinson

The ordination service for Pastor Ellis Robinson will be on **Sunday, March 23**, during the morning service. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Alison Robuck, Interim Minister for the Great River Region. There will be a meal in Disciples Hall immediately following the service. **Hardie Jefferies, Board Chairman**

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, March 23, 11:00 am** Potluck luncheon following worship service
- **Tuesday, March 25, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Sam's Southern Eatery, 1813 Grand Avenue
- **Tuesday, March 25, 5:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, March 26, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study
- **Wednesday, March 26** Pastor's Bible Classes (12:00 pm & 6:00 pm)
- **Thursday, March 27, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, March 27, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

March 23 Bell Duet: Kim & Brad Kidder
March 30 Bell Solo: Brad Kidder
April 6 Disciples Bells; Chancel Choir

Book Club

Book Club meets **Thursday, March 20, at 2:00 pm.** We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm. All are welcome. Any questions, contact Julie Jay.

March *Maggie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz
 April *The Great Divide* by Cristina Henriquez

Arkansas Disciples Women's Gathering

Saturday, April 12
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
First Christian Church
304 White Hall Avenue
White Hall, AR 71602

We will gather to encourage and motivate Disciples Women from across AR. We will share information, fellowship, a keynote, a meal, and a craft. We hope everyone can join us!

Prayer Concerns

- Carolyn Heyroth's family
- Abby Musset
- Clayton Carson
- Clyde Gudermuth
- Khonrad Bales
- Allen Hales, Jr.
- Suzanne Karr
- Keith Oglesby
- Phyllis Willis

Elder for March

Brad Kidder

Deacons for March

Stephanie Bailey (Foreman), Jimmy Hudlow, Ginger Jefferies, Barbara Lynch, Margot Mundy, Glenda Musset, Dewayne Pryor, Calvin Reed

Greeters for March

Glenda Musset, Sabrina Robinson
 Disciples Hall Entrance: Margot Mundy

Prepare Communion for March

Sabrina Robinson

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, visits, calls, cards, texts, and food after Allen broke his leg. We have certainly felt much love from Reverend Ellis and all the wonderful people in our church. *Allen and Terry Hales*

Candy Donations Needed

Please mark your calendar for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 19, at 11:00 am.** (More details later.) Candy donations are being accepted in the Narthex and downstairs. Please donate non-chocolate candy since chocolate melts when the filled eggs are hidden outside. Thank you for your support. *FCC Youth*

MEMORIAL: We gratefully acknowledge the following gift:

- In Memory of **Don White** by Steven & LaBeth Riggs

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FOR THE RECORD March 16, 2025	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 7,349.00 19,984.00
Endowment To Date	155.00 570.00
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