



# FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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## Psalm for this Sunday

With what should I approach the Lord and bow down before God on high?  
 Should I come before him with entirely burned offerings, with year-old calves?  
 Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with many torrents of oil?  
 Should I give my oldest child for my crime; the fruit of my body for the sin of my spirit?  
 He has told you, human one, what is good and what the Lord requires from you: to do justice,  
 embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God. **Micah 6:6-8**

Though not technically a Psalm, Micah 6 and especially Micah 6:8 dive into what it really means to be a person of faith in a beautifully poetic way. We do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. Unfortunately, we won't be preaching on this scripture on Sunday. Fortunately, the Lectionary has also handed us Jesus' Beatitudes. We'll be looking at Mathew 5:1-12 and seeing anew as Christ sees us.

Nick

## Bailey Institute Evangelism Workshops

Join the Great River Region in a three-part workshop to re-acquaint congregations with the spiritual roots of evangelism. We will explore ways to engage members and seekers in our communities regarding spiritual needs, faith, and sharing the Good News. Register and learn more:

<https://grrdisciples.org/evangelism/>

Nick is planning to attend. Contact the office if you would like to attend in person or register for the Zoom meetings at their website.

## Blanket the World with God's Love!



Our Disciple Women's groups are again sponsoring a **Blankets of Love** Offering. There will be a table in the narthex after worship on **Sunday, February 5 and 12** to receive your donations.

A donation of \$5 will provide a blanket for someone desperately in need of comfort and warmth. Why not honor a loved one by donating one or more blankets in their name? For each \$5 donation, you will get one (1) gift card to send to the person you honor.

Thank you for your generous support of **Blankets of Love**.

## Baptism Class

Church, we are once again offering a baptism class. It will begin on **February 19** during our regular Sunday school hour, and culminate on Palm Sunday (April 2) where we will be baptizing into Christ those who have come forward. As this time comes, please be mindful of those in your life whom you can encourage to take this vital step in their faith journey. Those interested (or their parents) should reach out to the office ahead of February 19 so we can prepare for this transformative time together.

## In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, January 29, 11:00 am** Elders' Meeting
- **Sunday, January 29, after worship** Library open (enter E side of Admin Bldg.)
- **Sunday, January 29, 4:00 pm** Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, January 31, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Anthony's Italian Restaurant, 3115 Cavanaugh Rd.
- **Tuesday, January 31, 6:00 pm** Personnel Meeting (Parlor)
- **Wednesday, February 1, 10:00 am** Prime Time Bells Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, February 1, 12:00 & 6:00 pm** Small Groups
- **Wednesday, February 1, 7:00 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Dianna's Notes**

**Special Music**

**January 29** Solo: Dianna Jackson  
**February 12** Chancel Choir; Prime Time Bells  
**February 26** Disciples Bells

**Elder for January**

Randy Alexander—479-462-3199

**Greeters for January**

Darlene Brees and Marilyn Maxey  
 Disciples Hall Entrance—Connie Slater

**Mission Possible Room**

Supplies are running very low in the Mission Possible Room. The items we need are: Crock-pots, blankets, bath towels, cookie sheets, flatware, large mixing bowls, cooking utensils, cake pans, plastic pitchers, manual can openers, casserole size dishes, measuring cups, and measuring spoons. Items do not need to be new. Savers gives 30% off on Tuesday for seniors. The Dollar Tree is also a good place to find good deals.

**Snoasis Registration**

Our weekend youth camp, Snoasis, is **February 24-26** this year. Be sure to get with John or Kira to register!

**Hope Campus News**

We will be collecting dry pasta and table salt to take to Hope Campus. Unused plastic ware from take-out food is also appreciated.

**MEMORIALS:** We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts, given as a thoughtful expression of sympathy and of care...

In Memory of **Mattie (Boo) Robinson** by John & Vickie Warren

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**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. Nick Koontz**, Senior Minister  
**Dianna Jackson**, Director of Music Ministry  
**Mary Beth Oliver**, Organist  
**Barbara Brown**, Secretary  
**Pam Shelby**, Financial Secretary  
**Randy Alexander**, Custodian  
**Lesley Fleming**, Nursery Attendant  
**Rev. Howard Marshall**, Pastor Emeritus (1990-2022)  
**Rev. Randy Jay**, Pastor Emeritus

FOR THE RECORD January 22, 2022	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 3,647.00 15,430.64
Endowment To Date	140.00 375.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	26,932.46