



# FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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## Learning to Trust the Lord

If your life depended on how much you trust God, what would you be willing to do? How far would you be willing to go? If faced with a situation that did not make sense to you, but forced you to trust the outcome based on how much faith you have in Jesus, what would happen? We walk by faith and not by sight. There are times in our lives when we are faced with a choice of faith in God versus reason and logic. There are times when we question God and wonder if we should take a leap of faith or just go with what seems to be the easy way out! This week we will look at what it means to trust in God.

*Ellis*

## Spaghetti Lunch

On **February 11**, we will celebrate our youth-sponsored spaghetti lunch immediately after the Sunday worship service. There will be a love offering available that will go to the youth program to help them in projects they would like to do. They will also be assisting during the meal. Please come and invite a friend.

*Randy Alexander, Ministry Chairman*

## 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 11**, 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**.

## Book Club News

Book Club will be reading the following books:

- Feb 15 *Where the Wind Leads* by Vinh Chung
- March 21 *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendon Slocumb
- April 18 *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann

All are welcome. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 2:00 pm in the Administration Building. If you have any questions, contact Julie Jay.

## Prayer Concerns

- **Alan Maxey** is on hospice and is asking for prayer.
- **Jo Miller** will have surgery on **Monday, February 12**.
- Keep **Jack & Joy Jackson** in your prayers.
- **Steve Riggs and his family** desire our prayers.

## In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, February 11, following worship** Spaghetti Luncheon
- **Sunday, February 11, 11:50 am** Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Monday, February 12, 9:30 am** Serve at Hope Campus
- **Tuesday, February 13, 10:00 am** DWF Group 4 (Parlor)
- **Tuesday, February 13, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at George's, 2120 Grand Avenue
- **Tuesday, February 13, 4:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, February 13, 6:00 pm** DWF Group 3 (Las Americas, Chaffee Crossing)
- **Wednesday, February 14, 6:00 pm** Ash Wednesday Service
- **Thursday, February 15, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Saturday, February 17, 11:00 am** DWF Potluck Luncheon
- **Sunday, February 18, 5:00 pm** Board Meeting
- **Monday, February 19, 10:30 am** Meet at the Clearinghouse to fill backpacks.
- **Monday, February 19, 6:30 pm** Disciples Men's Fellowship

**Dianna's Notes**

**Special Music**

**February 11** Chancel Choir  
Disciples Bells

Disciples Bells meet at **8:30 am** to rehearse.  
Chancel Choir meets at **9:20 am** to rehearse. Wear robes (green stoles).

*Disciples Bells Rehearsal will be at 11:50 am in the Sanctuary (following the Luncheon).*

**DWF Group 3 Annual Valentine's Dinner**

**February 13, 6:00 pm**  
**Las Americas Mexican Restaurant/Chaffee Crossing, 7209 Chad Colley Blvd.**

We have a private room booked. Terry and Julie are hosting. Please text Terry at 479-459-1236, or call the church office by February 12 so we know how many to expect. Please bring CASA gift cards from last month. Hope you all can make it! **Terry Hales**

**Filling Backpacks**

On **February 19, at 10:30 am**, we will meet at the Clearinghouse to fill backpacks. Please call Elizabeth Vaughn if you would like to participate in this mission opportunity.

**Elder for February**

Randy Alexander—479-462-3199

**Greeters for February**

Ginger Jefferies, LaBeth Riggs  
Disciples Hall Entrance: Allen Hales, Jr.

**Hope Campus**

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

We will be collecting large boxes of breakfast cereal. Unused plasticware from take-out food is also appreciated.

**DWF Potluck Luncheon**

DWF is sponsoring a potluck luncheon on **Saturday, February 17, at 11:00 am**. Sabrina Robinson will be presenting a program on skincare and aging. Bring a friend and your favorite potluck dish. Call Becki Hanson at 479-883-3874 if you have any questions.

**Candy for Easter Egg Hunt**

The youth is collecting wrapped Easter egg candy (not chocolate) until **March 17** for the Easter Egg hunt on March 30. There will be a basket in the narthex and one downstairs for the bags of candy. Thank you.

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

- In Memory of **Debbie Foster** by Glenda Musset, John & Vicki Warren
- In Memory of **D. C. Smith, Sabrina Robinson's father**, by Allen & Mary Nelle Hales, Glenda Musset
- In Memory of **Brooxine Kidder** by Allen & Mary Nelle Hales, Allen & Terry Hales, Carolyn Haley, Hardie & Ginger Jefferies, Glenda Musset, Steve Parke, John & Vicki Warren, Carl & Evelyn Warrington, David & Kristi Williamson

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FOR THE RECORD February 4, 2024	
Operating Receipts	\$ 7,245.62
Endowment	955.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$28,024.83

**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**, Interim 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