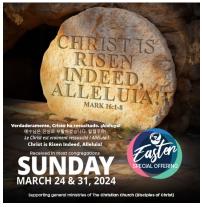
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The Sunday Side of the Cross

Things could not have looked worse for Jesus on that awful Friday. He had been betrayed by his followers, falsely arrested, and unmercifully beaten. He had been found guilty and sentenced to die on a cross for crimes he had not committed. Yet we call this day "Good" Friday." What a paradox! At first glance, nothing about it looked good. If only they had known then what the world knows now, that there was another side to this story. They had to wait for Sunday. There was a Sunday side to the cross. Life is sometimes just like Good Friday. We will all have our crosses to bear and some have more than others. If we can just make it to our Sunday side of life, we discover there is a Sunday side to our crosses. You just have to wait on God to bring us to our Sunday Resurrection.



March 31 is the second opportunity to contribute to our Easter Special Offering. This special offering allows us to focus our worship, celebrations and fellowship around moments that are central to our faith. The Easter Offering supports General Ministries of the Church, college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more. Your gift has the power to change lives around the world. Please consider a special gift toward the Easter Offering.

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 30, at 11:00 am

Come have fun and fellowship:

- Lunch will be provided.
- Bring your Easter basket and a blanket or chairs for seating.

There will be three hunting areas provided:

- Toddler area
- Special Needs area
- Older children area

Thank you so much for the donations of candy.
The Youth have the eggs filled and ready to go for the Easter Egg Hunt.

In the Life of the Church

- Tuesday, April 2, 10:00 am
- Tuesday, April 2, 11:30 am
- Tuesday, April 2, 4:15 pm
- Wednesday, April 3, 9:00 am
- Thursday, April 4, 10:00 am

DWF Board Meeting Lunch Bunch at La Huerta, 5605 Rogers Avenue Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Ecumenical Men's Bible Study (Disciples Hall)

Crazy Crafters

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Dianna's Notes

Special Music

March 31 Chancel Choir and Disciples Bells

April 7 Chancel Choir

Rehearsal Schedule

March 31 No Disciples Bells Rehearsal

Disciples Bells will meet Sunday in the Sanctuary at 8:30 am to rehearse.

The Chancel Choir will meet at 9:20 am on Sunday morning in the Sanctuary to rehearse.

Elder for March

Brad Kidder-479-831-8910

Greeters for March

Glenda Musset, Elizabeth Vaughn Disciples Hall Entrance: Margot Mundy

Prepare Communion for March

Sabrina Robinson

The Neighbor Endowment

The Trustees are pleased to announce a new endowment called "The Neighbor Endowment."

The purpose of this gift is to help residents in need in the River Valley which includes a 35-mile radius around the city of Fort Smith and its immediate communities. Examples of this need could be urgent home repairs, utility/food insecurities, or any emergency need in which a hand up is essential.

The person in need will contact the church office for an application form and return it to the church office after completion. The Trustees will review the form and contact the applicant.

Prayer Concerns

- Keep Jack & Joy Jackson in your prayers.
- Jim Creekmore needs prayer.

Contact Information

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Hope Campus

We will be collecting ground coffee to take to Hope Campus. Unused plasticware from take-out food is also appreciated.

First Christian Church

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FOR THE RECORD
March 24, 2024

Operating Receipts
To Date \$ 5,862.00
21,302.00

Endowment 115.00
To Date 855.00

Easter Offering 346.00

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, Senior Pastor **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