



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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The Diversionary Tactics of the Devil

There is no doubt that the enemy of God is a being named Satan. The reality of Satan is mentioned more than a few times in Scripture and is referred to by many names. Satan is the enemy of God and opposes everything God is in His nature and everything God stands for and does. The main task of Satan is to destroy the children of God. Also called the devil, Satan uses anything and everything within his/her evil power to come after the Christian believer to trick us into doing things that discredit God and believing things that are not true. Satan wants to devour us according to the Scriptures. This week we will examine a few of the diversionary tactics Satan uses against us!

Ellis

Stewardship Commitment Sunday

Please be making plans to join us for worship on Stewardship Commitment **Sunday, May 5**. We will share our traditional fish and chicken dinner following worship.

In order to save on postage, Stewardship Commitment Cards will be available before and after worship on **Sunday, April 21**. The cards not picked up on Sunday will be mailed the following week. Thanks for your prayerful consideration of your gifts for the mission and ministry of the church.

Nick Oliver, Stewardship Ministry Chair

FCC Van Ridership

The Property Ministry is evaluating the possibility of renewing the use of the church van to transport individuals to church services on Sunday. Currently, we are aware of three individuals that have expressed an interest in this service. To make it work, we will need volunteer drivers. Our insurance requires that drivers be between the ages of 21 and 70, and beyond 70 with a doctor's approval. A completed form is required to get on the insurance approval list. The schedule would be determined by the number of volunteer drivers. We believe this is an excellent opportunity to serve our members and the community. If you would be able to help in this capacity, please contact me.

Floyd Hamm (479-629-5597), Property Ministry Chair

Disciples Women's General Meeting

Disciples Women's General Meeting will be in Disciples Hall on **Saturday, April 20, at 11:00 am**. All ladies of the church are invited. Bring your favorite salad dish to share and stay to hear a presentation from the Storybook Project of Arkansas. Call Becki Hanson at 479-883-3874 if you have any questions.

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, April 21, 5:00 pm** Youth Group
- **Tuesday, April 23, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Larry's Pizza, 6400 Hwy 7 S
- **Tuesday, April 23, 4:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, April 24, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study (Disciples Hall)
- **Thursday, April 25, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters

Eclipse Glasses

We are collecting eclipse glasses to send to Latin America so the children can enjoy the October, 2024 eclipse safely. If you have some, please put them in the box in the narthex.

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

April 23 Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Disciples Bells will not meet on April 21 and 28.

Elder for April

Tim Randolph—479-462-1712

Greeters for April

Julie Jay and Margot Mundy
 Disciples Hall Entrance: Audrey Stewart

Prepare Communion for April

Audrey Stewart

You are invited to the wedding of **Gina Cusick and Brannon Riggs, son of Steven and LaBeth Riggs**, at 5 o'clock p.m. on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at The Loft at Stone Oak, 3411 Old Chismville Road, Greenwood, Arkansas.

First Christian Church Historical Information

During the last few years, I have been accumulating historical information on First Christian Church. Much of the information came from past members and historians. I have compiled all of this information and added other pieces I thought would be of interest. I have thoroughly enjoyed working on this project and have learned so much about our church's history. The project is now complete, and I want to share it with you. I think you would enjoy reading this history and discovering things about our church that you may not have known otherwise. This history has been copied to 2.0 USB flash drives, and I am making them available to any who request one. If you need it in another format, I'll figure that out for you. Please call, text, email, or let me know when you see me if you are interested in having this history.
Randy Alexander

Book Club News

We will be reading the following books:

- April 18** *Killers of the Flower Moon*
by David Gann
- May 16** *Bluebird, Bluebird*
by Attica Locke

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

Welcome New Member

Walter G. Ahart
 1216 North D Street
 Fort Smith AR 72901
 479-401-9190
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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.

Prayer Concerns

- Keep **Jack & Joy Jackson** in your prayers.
- Keep **Bob Pulliam** in your prayers.

First Christian Church

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FOR THE RECORD April 14, 2024	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 5,575.00 13,171.93
Endowment To Date	50.00 290.00
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