

FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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What to Do About Jesus?

On Dark Friday, Jesus had been arrested and brought before Pontius Pilate, the presiding official for the Roman government in Jerusalem. Jesus had just spent Thursday evening being examined by the Jewish powers that be and found guilty of blasphemy or claiming to be God, which was a death sentence in Jewish culture. Now it is Pilate who will have the last word. After being warned by his wife that she had a dream about this innocent man, and after a close examination found no fault in Him, Pilate was faced with the most eternal decision he would ever have to make; what to do about Jesus.

This question poses a direct challenge to those of us who identify as Christians. What do we personally do with Jesus? In answering this question, we align our priorities with our faith and consider what that means in our daily lives and in our relationships with others. Pilate wrestled with indecision, which threw him into crisis mode. During this time of Lent leading into Easter, let us ask ourselves, what have I done about Jesus, what am I currently doing, and what will I do as one of his followers moving forward. Our decision has eternal implications.

Revised FCC Spring Cleanup

It looks like the weather is going to be bad toward the end of the week. I think it's best to delay the property cleanup a week until **Saturday**, **April 12**. Spring is always difficult to plan for. We hope to start around 8-8:30 am. We have tree limbs that need to be cut up and removed, as well as bushes to be trimmed. A chainsaw would be appreciated. We should also prepare the courtyard area for the Easter Floyd Hamm, Property Chairman egg hunt.

Hope Campus News

We will prepare and serve lunch at Hope Campus Homeless Shelter on Monday, April 14, from 9:30-12:30. To sign up, contact Ginger Jefferies at 414-2466 or the church office.

We are collecting bags of pasta to take to Hope Campus.

First Christian Church Easter Egg Hunt

Please mark your calendar for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19, at 11:00 am. 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.

Come have fun and fellowship. A light lunch will be provided. Bring your Easter baskets and a blanket or chairs for seating. Invite family and friends.

There will be three hunting areas provided: toddler area, special needs area, and an area for the older children. Event is sponsored by our FCC Youth, Community Outreach, and our friends from Elks Lodge 341.

On Sunday, **April 20**, we will have lilies adorning our sanctuary. You can reserve one "In Honor of..." or "In *Memory of...*" with your payment of \$10.

Your cash or check reserves your lily. Use the brown envelopes in the pew pockets, or drop your check off in the church office. Please be sure to include for whom and from whom the lily is ordered. Monday, April 14 is the last day to order.

In the Life of the Church

• Sunday, April 6

• Sunday, April 6, 11:15 am

• Sunday, April 6, 5:00 pm • Tuesday, April 8, 10:00 am

• Tuesday, April 8, 11:30 am

• Tuesday, April 8, 5:15 pm

Tuesday, April 8, 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 9, 8:00 am

Wednesday, April 9

Thursday, April 10, 10:00 am

Thursday, April 10, 1:00 pm

Membership Class will not meet.

Disciples Bells Rehearsal

Youth Group

DWF Group 4

Lunch Bunch at Whippoorwill, 509 Garrison

Chancel Choir Rehearsal

DWF Group 3

Ecumenical Men's Bible Study

Pastor's Bible Classes (12:00 pm & 6:00 pm)

Crazy Crafters

Disciples of Music

Crazy Crafters

Crazy Crafters will meet Thursday, April 3, at 10:00 am. Volume 62, Number 40 Page 2

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

April 6 Disciples Bells; Chancel Choir

April 13 Chancel Choir

April 20 Disciples Bells; Chancel Choir

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

Chancel Choir will meet at 9:20 am to rehearse.

Elder for April

Jack Jackson

Deacons for April

David Williamson (Foreman), Tim Fleming, Terry Hales, Barbara Lynch, Margot Mundy, Nick Oliver, Calvin Reed, Audrey Stewart

Greeters for April

Margot Mundy, David Williamson Disciples Hall Entrance: Audrey Stewart

Prepare Communion for April

Audrey Stewart

Women's Shelter

If you have not made a donation to the Women's Shelter, you can bring it to the office and put it in the tub labeled Women's Shelter Donations.

April Showers

April 6 at 1:00 pm, please join us in the parlor for a wedding shower honoring **Blythe Taylor and Robert Aimes**. Blythe's mom, Dana Taylor, and her grandmother, Regina Foley, will also be attending! Registry is with Target and Zola.

April 13, immediately after church service, we will celebrate the upcoming marriage of **Stacey Riggs and Trevor Hodge** with brunch in Disciples Hall. Stacey and Trevor are registered at Dillard's, Amazon and Creative Kitchen.

Prayer Concerns

- Abby Musset
- Clayton Carson
- Ben Maxey
- The Family of Suzanne Karr
- Lisa Fillmore, daughter of Terry & Patsy Hendrickson
- Callie Anne Cook, granddaughter of Jim & Linda Creekmore

DWF Group 3 Meeting

Disciples Women Group 3 will meet **Tuesday**, **April 8**, **at 6:00 pm** in the parlor. Bring a brown bag dinner. *Cathy Jo Burks*

MEMORIALS: We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts:

- In honor of **Rev. Dr. Ellis Robinson** for Mission Impossible and Week of Compassion
- In memory of **Suzanne Karr** by Hardie & Ginger Jefferies, Glenda Musset, Dewayne & Greta Pryor, Janice Wade
- In memory of Carolyn Heyroth by Elizabeth Vaughn

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FOR THE RECORD March 30, 2025	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 1,893.23 23,430.23
Endowment To Date	310.00 1,165.00
Week of Compassion Total	1,437.00
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