



# FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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### Giving God His Due

“Jesus was teaching in the temple courts. He was popular with the people, but the religious leaders were out to arrest and kill him. Some were sent to ‘catch him in his words,’ hoping to find some fault they could use against him. They approached him with flattering words about integrity and his truthful teaching.

Then they posed a question that they hoped would get him into trouble with the Romans; ‘Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?’ But Jesus wasn’t about to be trapped. He knew their hypocrisy.

He asked to see one of their coins, and he used it to teach about meeting our obligations to authorities and recognizing that ‘what is God’s is a whole lot more. All that there is, is the Lord’s, ‘the earth and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it’ (Psalm 24:1). That includes you and me and everyone else today, as well as in the past. We’re all God’s , thus we are all called to give to God what belongs to him!”

*Rev. George Vink*

### Graduation Sunday

We will recognize our graduates during the worship service on **Mother’s Day, May 11**. Please call the church office if you have a graduate to be recognized.

### DWF General Meeting

DWF General meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 13, at 11:30 am**. Please bring a salad or finger food for the potluck lunch. Program will be presented by Laundry of Love. We are collecting liquid laundry detergent, vinegar, dryer sheets, and rolls of quarters to donate. All ladies of the church are invited!

### Congratulations!

- **Trey Hudlow** for being voted the River Valley Democrat-Gazette's Boys Swimmer of Year
- **Tim Fleming** for ten years of service to the Sisters of Mercy Hospital
- **Jack Jackson** for 30 years of service to UAFS

We are proud of you all.

*Your First Christian Church Family*

### In the Life of the Church

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| • <b>Sunday, May 4, 8:30 am</b>    | Membership Class                            |
| • <b>Sunday, May 4, 11:15 am</b>   | Disciples Bells Rehearsal                   |
| • <b>Sunday, May 4, 5:00 pm</b>    | Youth Group                                 |
| • <b>Tuesday, May 6, 10:00 am</b>  | DWF Board Meeting                           |
| • <b>Tuesday, May 6, 11:30 am</b>  | Lunch Bunch at Blue Ember, 8000 Phoenix     |
| • <b>Tuesday, May 6, 5:15 pm</b>   | Chancel Choir Rehearsal                     |
| • <b>Wednesday, May 7, 8:00 am</b> | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study                |
| • <b>Wednesday, May 7</b>          | Pastor’s Bible Classes (12:00 pm & 6:00 pm) |
| • <b>Thursday, May 8, 10:00 am</b> | Crazy Crafters                              |
| • <b>Thursday, May 8, 1:00 pm</b>  | Disciples of Music                          |

**Dianna's Notes**  
**Special Music**

May 4

Disciples Bells Quintet

May 11

Youth Bell Choir and Friends  
Chancel Choir  
Ladies Choir Ensemble

May 18

Chancel Choir

May 25

Piano and Organ Duet  
Dianna Jackson and Mary Beth Oliver

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

**Elder for May**  
Danny Lynch

**Deacons for May**  
Kim Kidder (Foreman), Stephanie Bailey,  
Max File, Jimmy Hudlow, Ginger Jefferies,  
Calvin Reed, Sabrina Robinson, Audrey  
Stewart

**Greeters for May**  
Terry Hales, Nick Oliver  
Disciples Hall Entrance: Connie Slater

**Prepare Communion for May**  
Glenda Musset

**Prayer Concerns**

• Abby Musset

• Doris Clifton, Glenda Musset's sister

• Lisa Fillmore, the Hendrickson's daughter

• Becky Eggers

• Shelly Norris

• Terry & Patsy Hendrickson

**Church Women United**

Friday, May 2

9:30 am

Unity Missionary Baptist Church  
1301 North 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Friendship Day

**Hope Campus News**

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

We are collecting Little Debbie Snacks to take to Hope Campus.

**Book Club News**

Book club will meet **Thursday, May 15,** to discuss Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt.

Upcoming reads will be:  

June

Braiding Sweetgrass by Robyn Wall Kimmerer

July

All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot

We meet the third Thursday at 2:00 pm each month in the Administration Building. All are welcome. Call Julie Jay with any questions.

**DWF Groups 3 and 4**

DWF Group 3 will not meet in May but will resume in the fall.

DWF Group 4 will not meet in May.

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FOR THE RECORD April 20 and 27, 2025	
Operating Receipts To date	\$11,187.00 21,307.03
Endowment To date	275.00 465.00
Total Easter Offering	751.00
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