



# FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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## God Became One of Us

As we reflect on Bible verses about Jesus being born, we are reminded of the profound implications of this miraculous event. It signifies God's love, anticipation, and commitment to humankind. Each verse we explore enriches our understanding of why Christmas is more than just a holiday; it is about celebrating the ultimate gift given to the world—Jesus Christ.

In this season, let us embody the hope, joy, and peace that His arrival brings. May we share this good news with others, spreading the light that Jesus brings into a world in need of salvation. Whether through worship, family gatherings, or acts of kindness, let us celebrate the birth of the Savior together, reflecting on His incredible love and sacrifice.

*Ellis*

On Sunday, **December 14**, we will have poinsettias adorning our sanctuary. You can reserve one "In Honor of..." or "In Memory of..." with your payment of \$8.

Your cash / check reserves your poinsettia. Use the small 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 poinsettia is ordered. **Monday, December 15**, is the last day to order.

*Order forms will be in the bulletins on December 7 and 14.*

## Bereavement Class

There will be a bereavement class on **Wednesday, December 3, at 6:00 pm in the Chapel**. The class will be about getting through the holiday season for those who have lost loved ones. The facilitator is Mike Jones, Bereavement Specialist. All are invited.

## Advent Special Events

- **Saturday, December 6, 1:00 pm:** Prepare the greens.
- **Sunday, December 7:** Hanging of the greens and Chrismon tree
- **Tuesday, December 9, 5:30 pm:** Christmas in the Park (Creekmore Park). Join us for caroling and bring some cookies to share with folks in the park.
- **Wednesday, December 24, at 6:00 pm:** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

## Bill & Jette Lindsay Scholarship

Scholarship applications for the Spring semester 2026 are available in the office or the church website. Deadline is **Sunday, December 7**.

## The Christmas Story Is Coming

There is excitement in the congregation with *The Christmas Story* coming. Hope you have marked your calendars for **December 14, at 5:00 pm**. Your fellow congregation members, in conjunction with Membership Ministry, will provide a dinner theater for everyone to enjoy.

Please note that David & Kristi Williamson have graciously offered to transport anyone that does not want to drive in the dark. Please contact the office if you would like to be transported to this event. If there is anyone else who can provide transportation, please contact the office.

Hope to see everyone there.

## In the Life of the Church

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| • <b>Saturday, December 6, 1:00 pm</b>   | Prepare the greens                                   |
| • <b>Sunday, December 7, 11:15 am</b>    | Disciples Bells Rehearsal                            |
| • <b>Sunday, December 7, 2:00 pm</b>     | Youth Group (dress rehearsal)                        |
| • <b>Monday, December 8, 9:30 am</b>     | Serve at Hope Campus                                 |
| • <b>Tuesday, December 9, 11:00 am</b>   | DWF Group 4 (notice time change)                     |
| • <b>Tuesday, December 9, 11:30 am</b>   | Lunch Bunch at Patrick's Burgers, 4300 Rogers Avenue |
| • <b>Tuesday, December 9, 5:15 pm</b>    | Chancel Choir  |
| • <b>Tuesday, December 9, 5:30 pm</b>    | Christmas in the Park (Creekmore Park)               |
| • <b>Wednesday, December 10, 8:00 am</b> | Ecumenical Men's Bible Study                         |
| • <b>Wednesday, December 10</b>          | Pastor's Bible Classes (12:00 and 6:00 pm)           |
| • <b>Thursday, December 11, 10:00 am</b> | Crazy Crafters                                       |
| • <b>Thursday, December 11, 1:00 pm</b>  | Disciples of Music                                   |
| • <b>Thursday, December 11, 6:00 pm</b>  | DWF Group 3, Las Americas, Chaffee Crossing          |
| • <b>Saturday, December 13, 2:00 pm</b>  | Youth Group (dress rehearsal)                        |

**Dianna's Notes**

**Special Music**

- December 7** Chancel Choir, Disciples Bells
- December 14** Chancel Choir
- December 21** Disciples Bells Quintet  
Chancel Choir

*Disciples Bells will rehearse at 8:30 am Sunday.  
Chancel Choir will rehearse at 9:20 am Sunday.*

*Choir wear purple stoles.*

**Elder for December**

David Pulliam

**Deacons for December**

Max File (Foreman), Walter Ahart, Tim Fleming, Paula Friday, Floyd Hamm, Ginger Jefferies, Calvin Reed, Sabrina Robinson

**Greeters for December**

Paula Friday, Calvin Reed  
Disciples Hall Entrance: Ginger Jefferies

**Prepare Communion for December**

Floyd Hamm

**DWF Group 4 Salad Luncheon**

The DWF Group 4 December Salad Luncheon will be **Tuesday, December 11, at 11:00 am** in the Crazy Crafters Room.

**Hope Campus News**

We are collecting bags or boxes of penne pasta. There are containers in the Administration Building marked Hope Campus.

**DWF Group 3 Christmas Party**

The Disciples Women's Fellowship (DWF) Group 3 Christmas Party is scheduled for **Thursday, December 11, 6:00 pm**, at Las Americas, 7209 Chad Colley Blvd., Chaffee Crossing. Please remember to bring personal care items (shampoo, conditioner, and body wash) for the Women's Shelter. Please RSVP by text or phone call to Mary Beth at 479-414-4311 or Mickie at 479-461-3998 so we can get an approximate head count. Thank you!

**Friendship Class Christmas Party**

**Friday, December 12, at 6:00 pm**  
David and Judy Trent's house  
Bring a finger food and a gift for "dirty Santa".

**MEMORIALS:** We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts:

- In memory of **Julie Spearman** by Hardie & Ginger Jefferies, John & Margot Mundy, David & Judy Trent

**Volunteer Greeters**

If you are interested in being a volunteer greeter on Sundays, please sign the signup sheet in the narthex.

**Cabinet and Ministries will not meet in December.**

**Advent Sermon Series 2025**

- December 7** The Mystery Surrounding His Birth 1Timothy 3:16
- December 14** The Mystery Surrounding His Life 1Timothy 3:16

**Prayer Concerns**

- **Bill Acord**
- **Ben Maxey**
- **Jeanne Stebner**

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**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

FOR THE RECORD November 30, 2025	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 1,868.00 22,572.00
Endowment To Date	170.00 1,315.52
Children's Building Offerings Balance Due	44,451.00 49,549.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$30,065.30