



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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The Glory of God

“Luke 2:9 begins by describing the presence of an angel of the Lord standing by the shepherds. The appearance of an angel in itself was an extraordinary occurrence, as angels were heavenly beings often associated with delivering divine messages or carrying out God's purposes. The fact that an angel of the Lord came specifically to the shepherds signifies the importance and significance of the message they were about to receive.

Moreover, the verse speaks of the glory of the Lord that shone around the shepherds. The term "glory" represents the radiant manifestation of God's presence, power, and majesty. It is a visible expression of His divine attributes. The sudden appearance of God's glory in the presence of the shepherds signifies a moment of divine revelation and encounter. It indicates that something significant was about to happen, and the presence of God Himself was near.”

Talktotheword.com

Christmas Special Offering, December 21

The Christmas Offering supports regional ministries. In 31 regions across the United States and Canada, ministers are nurtured and congregations are provided opportunities for work and worship. Often recognized for the ministries of camps and conferences, regions also play a critical role in the preparation and authorization of ministerial ordination. Both are key to church leadership and development. Regions partner with congregations to support the work required to call a new minister.

Bill & Jette Lindsay Spring Semester 2026 Scholarship Recipients

The recipients for the Bill & Jette Lindsay Spring Semester 2026 Scholarship are: **Addie Littleton, Zylar Rogers, Meredith Taliaferro, and Grayson Vaughn.** Congratulations to these recipients. Trustee, Dewayne Pryor, will present these in worship this Sunday.

Volunteer Greeters

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

Office News

The office will close at noon on **Thursday, December 18.**

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, December 21, 11:15 am** Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, December 24** Office closes at noon
- **Thursday, December 25** Office closed

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

- December 21** Disciples Bells Quintet
Chancel Choir
- December 28** Chancel Choir
- January 4** DeJon Jordan

*Chancel Choir will rehearse
Sunday at 9:20 am.*

*No rehearsals December 16 and
December 23-January 5.*

Choir Rehearsal resumes January 6.

Bells Rehearsal resumes January 11.

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

Prayer Concerns

- **Bill Acord**
- **Ben Maxey**

Hope Campus News

We are collecting 12 oz. styrofoam or paper bowls and plastic spoons. Unused plasticware from takeout food is also appreciated.

Cabinet and Ministries will not meet in December.

A Note of Gratitude

We want to express our deepest gratitude to all of the participants in the Christmas program Sunday evening. You all helped bring to life an idea which came to light some months ago to involve as many members of the congregation as possible to present the story of our Savior's birth. Also, we thank all of you who attended and brought food to share. The true meaning of Christmas was evident in this very special evening.

A video of the program can be found on the church website. *John Mundy and Michelle Moran*

Advent Sermon Series 2025

- December 21** The Mystery Surrounding His Glory 1Timothy 3:16
- December 24** What is Christmas? Luke 2:7
- December 28** The Mystery Surrounding His Impact John 3:16

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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 December 14, 2025	
Operating Receipts To date	\$ 3,775.00 11,290.00
Endowment To date	125.00 285.00
Christmas Offering	251.00
Children's Building Offerings Balance Due	44,691.00 49,309.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$30,065.30