



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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The Mystery of Christ's Impact

“From his teachings on love and compassion to his message of salvation, Jesus has left an indelible mark on the world that continues to be felt to this day. So, how Jesus changed the world? One of the most significant ways that Jesus changed the world was through his message of love and compassion. Throughout his life, Jesus preached about the importance of treating others with kindness and empathy, regardless of their background or circumstances. This message of love has resonated with people throughout history, inspiring Mother Teresa to Martin Luther King Jr., many of history’s most influential figures have been inspired by Jesus’s message of love and compassion. Another way that Jesus changed the world was through his message of salvation. According to Christian belief, Jesus came to earth to save humanity from sin and offer eternal life to those who believe in him.”

Home.JESUS

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 **Wednesday, December 24, and will be closed Thursday, December 25.**

Thank You Notes

Thank you to everyone who helped gift our angels at Ballman’s Preschool and their siblings. Your kindness provided more than presents—it brought hope to children and families who needed encouragement this Christmas. The staff and parents are so appreciative of FCC for making their Christmas season brighter.

Community Outreach

Christmas in the Park on December 9 was a joyful success! With cookies, cocoa, and caroling, we served over 350 cups of hot cocoa and shared the warmth of the season with our community. Thank you to everyone who helped bring this beautiful evening to life. **Community Outreach**

Advent Sermon Series 2025

December 24	What is Christmas?	Luke 2:7
December 28	The Mystery Surrounding His Impact	Matthew 16:13-16

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, December 28, 11:00 am** Elders’ Meeting
- **Wednesday, December 31** Office closes at noon
- **Thursday, January 1** Office closed

Dianna’s Notes

Special Music

December 28 Chancel Choir
January 4 DeJon Jordan

Chancel Choir will rehearse
Sunday at 9:20 am.

No rehearsals 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
- James Chinn in the loss of his grandmother
- Linda Creekmore
- Ben Maxey
- Steve Sullivan

Thank You

I would like to express our gratitude for
the scholarship. It is much appreciated.
Philip Hanson

Hope Campus News

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

Congratulations!

John and Leah Lane welcomed their first grandchild this week! Esther Louise Lane was
born December 15 in Wellington, New Zealand, weighing 5 pounds 1 ounce. Parents are
Joseph Lane and Rebekah Gerry. All are healthy!
John is working full time at Mana Medical Centre in Porirua, New Zealand.

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FOR THE RECORD December 21, 2025	
Operating Receipts To date	\$ 6,295.00 17,585.00
Endowment To date	25.00 310.00
Christmas Offering Christmas Offering to date	330.00 581.00
Children’s Building Offerings Balance Due	44,716.00 49,284.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$30,065.30

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