



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Victory in the Wilderness

“In the journey of faith, understanding the nature of temptation and the victory we have in Jesus is fundamental. This reflection delves into the profound encounter of Jesus with temptation, showcasing not only His triumph but also His empathy towards our struggles. Through the lens of Scripture, particularly Matthew 3:16-17 and Luke 4:1-13, we are invited to explore the depth of Jesus’ experience and its implications for our lives today.

Jesus’ temptation in the wilderness, as detailed in Luke 4:1-13, reveals the intensity of the battle He faced. After fasting for 40 days, Jesus encountered Satan’s cunning attempts to lead Him astray. Yet, in every instance, Jesus countered with the truth of Scripture, demonstrating His unwavering commitment to God’s will. This encounter underscores the reality that temptation is a universal experience, yet through Jesus, we have a model of steadfastness and reliance on God’s word.”

Mountain City

Week of Compassion Offering, February 22



Week of Compassion is more than a week. Week of Compassion is a ministry of the whole church, serving vulnerable communities throughout the world. Anytime and anywhere we respond to a need, bearing witness to the unity of the Lord's table, faithfully sharing the gifts that we have received as an expression of Christ's love. As we work with partners, we represent the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) commitment to unity, allowing our resources to reach farther, growing our impact on a global scale.

Mission

As the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Week of Compassion works with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world.

Vision

A world where God's people transform suffering into hope.

Donation Bins

Donation bins for Hope Campus and Community Outreach will be located in the narthex only on Sundays and in the Administration Building the rest of the week.

Ellis

Office Hours

The office will close at noon on **Thursday, February 19.**

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, February 22, 9:00 am** Intergenerational Sunday School Class
- **Sunday, February 22, 11:00 am** Elders’ Meeting
- **Sunday, February 22, 4:00 pm** Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, February 24, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at El Olvido, 2101 Rogers Avenue
- **Tuesday, February 24, 5:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, February 25, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study
- **Wednesday, February 25** Pastor’s Bible Class (12:00 and 6:00 pm)
- **Thursday, February 26, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, February 26, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

February 22 Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir meets at 9:20 am Sunday to rehearse. Wear purple stoles.

Disciples Bells rehearsal is at 4:00 pm Sunday, February 22.

Elder for February

Greta Pryor

Deacons for February

Terry Hales (Foreman), Walter Ahart, Tim Fleming, Floyd Hamm, Becki Hanson, Calvin Reed, Jennifer Sanchez, David Williamson

Greeters for February

Calvin Reed, Jennifer Sanchez
Disciples Hall Entrance: Floyd Hamm

Prepare Communion for February

Becki Hanson

Book Club News

Book Club meets **Thursday, February 19**, to discuss *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon. Our book for March is *Restored In Tuscany* by Angela Correll.

We meet at 2:00 pm in the administration building. All are welcome!

Prayer Concerns

- **Ruth Carson**
- **Mickie Matthews**
- **The Maxeys**
- **Jeanne Stebner**
- **Catherine Walker**
- **The Warringtons**

Bingo and Chili Dinner

Join us in Disciples Hall **Sunday, March 8, at 5:30 pm** for a chili dinner and bingo! Please sign up in the narthex. "Spring forward" and come join us for an evening of fun and chili.

Hope Campus News

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

**Lenten Sermon Series 2026
Journey to the Cross with Jesus**

February 22	First Sunday of Lent	<i>Victory in the Wilderness</i>	Luke 4:1-11
March 1	Second Sunday of Lent	<i>Jesus Is for Real</i>	Matthew 17:1-9
March 8	Third Sunday of Lent	<i>Quenching Spiritual Thirst</i>	John 4:5-42
March 15	Fourth Sunday of Lent	<i>20/20 Spiritual Vision</i>	John 9:1-41
March 22	Fifth Sunday of Lent	<i>When Jesus Delays</i>	John 11:1-45

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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
February 15, 2026**

Operating Receipts To date	Not available
Endowment To date	
Children's Building Offerings Balance Due	45,621.00 48,379.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$30,065.30