



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Jesus Is for Real

“Matthew 17:1-9 invites us into a moment when heaven and earth briefly touch. The Disciples have followed Jesus through villages and crowds, hearing hard teachings and confusing predictions about suffering. Then, without warning, Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain and shows them something they could never have imagined. For a few shining minutes, they see who He really is.

The Transfiguration meets the Disciples in their uncertainty. Jesus has just spoken about His coming death, and their hopes have been shaken. They expected a Messiah of power and victory, not one who would suffer. On the mountain, God gives them a glimpse of glory so they will not lose heart when the cross draws near. Faith often needs reminders that the story is bigger than what we can see.

This passage also places Jesus at the center of God’s long work in history. Moses and Elijah appear beside Him, representing the Law and the Prophets. Their presence says clearly that everything God has spoken before now points toward Jesus. When the voice from the cloud declares, ‘This is my Son,’ it becomes obvious that He is not just another teacher or prophet. He is the fulfillment of all God has promised.”

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Disciples Women Spring Event

Divine Renewal, Isaiah 43:19

March 21

First Christian Church
103 South Boston Avenue
Russellville, AR

Keynote Speaker:

Rev. Zena Featherston Marshall

Registration: 9:30 am

Coffee and donuts

Program: 10:15 am

Lunch: 11:30 am

Craft: 12:00 pm

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.

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Mark your calendar for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on **April 4 at 11:00 am**. More details will follow later in the newsletter. If you would like to donate small wrapped candy (non-chocolate) to be put in the eggs that are going to be hidden, collection boxes are in the narthex and downstairs. Thank you.

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, March 1, 9:00 am** Intergenerational Sunday School Class
- **Sunday, March 1, 11:15 am** Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, March 3, 10:00 am** DWF Board Meeting
- **Tuesday, March 3, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Taste & See, 1401 S. Waldron
- **Tuesday, March 3, 5:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, March 4, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study
- **Wednesday, March 4** Pastor’s Bible Class (12:00 and 6:00 pm)
- **Thursday, March 5, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, March 5, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

- March 1** Chancel Choir
- March 8** Chancel Choir and Disciples Bells
- March 15** Chancel Choir and Disciples Bells
- March 22** Vocal Duet: Amber Kirkendoll and DeJon Jordan
- March 29** Chancel Choir

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

Spring Break

No Disciples Bells rehearsal on March 22. No Chancel Choir rehearsal on March 24.

Elder for March

David Trent

Deacons for March

Sabrina Robinson (Foreman), Walter Ahart, Max File, Tim Fleming, Paula Friday, Todd Friday, Ginger Jefferies, Barbara Lynch

Greeters for March

Walter Ahart and Paula Friday
Disciples Hall Entrance: James Chinn

Prepare Communion for March

Ginger Jefferies

Prayer Concerns

- Ruth Carson
- The Maxeys
- Paul Mosley
- Jeanne Stebner
- Catherine Walker
- The Warringtons

Hope Campus News

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

Bingo and Chili Dinner

Join us in Disciples Hall on **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.

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

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

First Christian Church

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FOR THE RECORD February 15 and 22, 2026	
Operating Receipts To date	\$ 1,560.00 14,597.00
Endowment To date	125.00 495.00
Week of Compassion Offering	586.00
Children's Building Offerings Balance Due	45,812.00 48,188.00
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