



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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20/20 Spiritual Vision

“Jesus is making a profound statement about His identity and purpose in John 8:12. Jesus emphasizes that He is the source of truth, guidance, and salvation by declaring, ‘I am the light of the world.’ The metaphor of light is powerful and rich with meaning; just as light dispels darkness and reveals what is hidden, Jesus illuminates the path to righteousness and eternal life. He is offering Himself as a beacon of hope and knowledge in a world filled with confusion and sin.

When Jesus proclaims Himself as the light of the world, He is inviting us to walk in His footsteps, to follow His teachings, and to be guided by His example. He is calling us to embrace Him as the ultimate source of wisdom and to allow His light to shine through us in our words and actions. Through this statement, Jesus is also asserting His divinity and authority, signaling to His followers that He is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies and the fulfillment of God’s plan for salvation. Let us consider this verse as we reflect on what it means to have Jesus as the light of our lives. How does His light illuminate our path and guide our decisions? Are we allowing His truth to shine through us, spreading love and compassion to others? We should strive to walk in the light of Christ, allowing His radiance to transform us and bring hope to a world in need of His saving grace.” *God’s Blessing*

Disciples Women Spring Event

Our in-person Spring Event is coming soon! We will meet at First Christian Church in Russellville on **Saturday, March 21**. The programming will begin at 10:15 am. Lunch will be served at 11:30 am. We will have a card-making craft following lunch. Rev. Zena Featherston-Marshall will be our keynote speaker. Divine Newness is the theme, and the Scripture is Isaiah 43:19. Registration is needed for a lunch count by **Friday, March 16**. This is the link to register:

[Welcome | First Christian Church Russellville](#)

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Mark your calendar for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held on **April 4 at 11:00 am**. 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. We are accepting candy donations until **March 15**. Thank you.

Crazy Crafters Project

All are welcome to assist Crazy Crafters in a fun project - making the palm leaf crosses for Palm Sunday. We’ll be making these in the Craft Room (across the hall from the Mission Room) at 10:00 am on **Thursday, March 19 and Thursday, March 26**. If you wish, watch a YouTube video, “How to Make a Palm Leaf Cross (easy Tutorial) by Susan Wright”. Please bring a pair of scissors to cut the greenery. Hope to see you there!

Betty Cashin

In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, March 15, 9:00 am | Intergenerational Sunday School Class |
| • Sunday, March 15, 11:15 am | Disciples Bells Rehearsal |
| • Sunday, March 15, 5:00 pm | Youth Group |
| • Monday, March 16, 9:30 am | Disciples’ Men’s Fellowship |
| • Tuesday, March 17, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at Pad Thai, 7805 Rogers Avenue |
| • Tuesday, March 17, 5:15 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| • Wednesday, March 18, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study |
| • Thursday, March 19, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters |
| • Thursday, March 19, 1:00 pm | Disciples of Music |
| • Thursday, March 19, 2:00 pm | Book Club |

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

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

Disciples Bells meet at 8:30 am Sunday in the sanctuary to rehearse.

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: Max File

Prepare Communion for March

Ginger Jefferies

Book Club News

Book Club meets **Thursday, March 19, at 2:00 pm in the Administration Building**, to discuss *Restored In Tuscany* by Angela Correll. All are welcome!

DWF Group 3 Meeting

DWF Group 3 will meet in Disciples Hall on **Tuesday, March 10, at 6:00 pm**. Guest speaker will be Casey Wilson, the director of Hope Campus. Please bring a green dish for a potluck meal as we will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day. You may also bring paper or plastic bowls and plastic spoons for a donation to Hope Campus.

Hope Campus News

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

Prayer Concerns

- **Norene Bellah**
- **Ruth Carson**
- **The Maxeys**
- **Calvin Reed**
- **Jeanne Stebner**
- **Ann Jordan's niece, Tyia Thornton**

Bryant Richmond spoke to DWF Group 3 in January. He helps the homeless downtown. He reports that they are in dire need of *men's tennis shoes*. If you have some, please bring to the narthex or the mission room.

David Pulliam is missing a black plastic ladle. Please let him know if you know where it is.

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

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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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
March 8, 2026**

Operating Receipts To date	\$ 3,146.00 10,441.00
Endowment To date	125.00 370.00
Children's Building Offerings Balance Due	46,182.00 47,818.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$30,065.30