



# FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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## When Jesus Came to Town

“Matthew 21:1-11 symbolizes Jesus’ humility and His role as the true King of the people. Jesus is demonstrating a stark contrast to the earthly kings who would ride in on horses as a symbol of power and dominance by entering Jerusalem on a donkey. Instead, Jesus chooses a humble and gentle animal, reflecting His own humility and compassion towards His followers. This act also fulfills the prophecy mentioned in the Old Testament, showing that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah who comes in peace rather than with force. Consider the deeper meaning behind Jesus’ actions as He enters Jerusalem on a donkey. Ask yourself why Jesus chose to enter in this way and what message He was trying to convey to His followers and to the world. Contemplate the significance of Jesus as a different kind of King, one who values humility, compassion, and love above all else. Let this verse challenge you to examine your own understanding of leadership and power, and to strive towards embodying the same humility and grace that Jesus demonstrated.”

*God’s Blessing*

## Easter Special Offering, March 29 & April 5

Your gift to our Easter Offering is part of our joining with all Disciples to show and to amplify God’s enduring love. Our offerings support the church’s general ministries, and half of our sum is returned to the Great River Region for local use.

Specific examples include:

- Bible study guides for women’s groups. In our church, that is used by DWF Group 4.
- Care and support for incarcerated people and for those who minister to them
- Hispanic Ministries and Asian Disciples Groups
- Disciples Home Ministries

Your gift to this Special Offering allows us in the River Valley, Arkansas to do more together than we can do alone.



## Annual Easter Egg Hunt

We hope to see everyone at our annual Easter Egg Hunt and picnic on **April 4, at 11:00 am**. Bring your Easter baskets and a blanket or chairs for seating. Peter Rabbit will be there to help everyone hunt eggs and take pictures.

Three hunting areas will be provided: the toddler area, the special-needs area, and an area for the older children.

Bring family and friends. Hope to see everyone there for fun and fellowship.

**Community Outreach will provide a light lunch, and they are accepting donations to help purchase the food. If interested, contact Elizabeth Vaughn.**

## In the Life of the Church

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| • <b>Sunday, March 29, 9:00 am</b>   | Intergenerational Sunday School Class      |
| • <b>Sunday, March 29, 11:00 am</b>  | Elders’ Meeting                            |
| • <b>Sunday, March 29, 4:00 pm</b>   | Disciples Bells Rehearsal                  |
| • <b>Tuesday, March 31, 11:30 am</b> | Lunch Bunch at George’s, 2120 Grand Avenue |
| • <b>Tuesday, March 31, 5:15 pm</b>  | Chancel Choir Rehearsal                    |
| • <b>Wednesday, April 1, 8:00 am</b> | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study               |
| • <b>Wednesday, April 1</b>          | <b>NO</b> Pastor’s Bible Study             |
| • <b>Thursday, April 2, 10:00 am</b> | Crazy Crafters                             |
| • <b>Thursday, April 2, 1:00 pm</b>  | Disciples of Music                         |
| • <b>Friday, April 3, 6:00 pm</b>    | Good Friday Service                        |
| • <b>Saturday, April 4, 11:00 am</b> | Easter Egg Hunt                            |

**Dianna's Notes**

**Special Music**

- March 29** Chancel Choir
- April 5** Chancel Choir, Disciples Bells
- April 12** Chancel Choir

**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

On Sunday, **April 5**, we will have lilies adorning our sanctuary. You can reserve one "In Honor of..." or "In Memory of..." with your payment of \$12. Order forms will be in the bulletins on **March 29**.

Your cash / check reserves your lily. Use the brown envelopes in the pew pockets, or drop your check off in the church office. Please be sure to include **for whom** and **from whom** the lily is ordered. **Sunday, March 29**, is the last day to order.

**The office will close at noon on Thursday, March 26.**

**Prayer Concerns**

- **Walter Ahart**
- **Norene Bellah**
- **Ruth Carson**
- **James Chinn** in the loss of his mother, Roberta Williams
- **The Maxeys**
- **Tije Musset**
- **Marcus Robinson**

**Hope Campus News**

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

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.

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FOR THE RECORD March 22, 2026	
Operating Receipts To date	\$ 3,006.00 16,504.00
Endowment To date	50.00 420.00
Children's Building Offerings Balance Due	46,232.00 47,768.00
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