

FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Golden Hour at a Cemetery

“Luke 24 holds profound significance in the story of Jesus’ resurrection. It challenges societal norms of the time that often devalued the testimony of women. Women were the first witnesses to the miracle of Jesus rising from the dead, demonstrating the equality and importance of women in the eyes of God. This event also shows how God chooses to reveal His greatest works to those society may overlook or underestimate.

Reflecting on this verse may lead us to ponder the ways in which we perceive and value different individuals in our own lives. It prompts us to question our biases and assumptions, encouraging us to recognize the inherent worth and dignity of all people, regardless of gender or societal status. God’s revelations can come to us in ways we may not anticipate, highlighting the importance of being open to unexpected sources of wisdom and truth.”

God’s Blessing

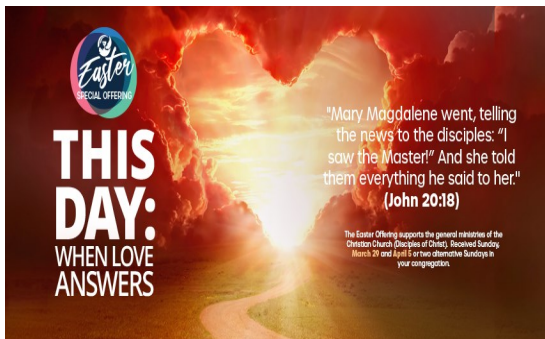
Easter Special Offering, April 5

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

- **Saturday, April 4, 11:00 am** Easter Egg Hunt and Picnic
- **Sunday, April 5, 9:00 am** Intergenerational Sunday School Class
- **Tuesday, April 7, 10:00 am** DWF Board
- **Tuesday, April 7, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Olive Garden, 7515 Rogers Avenue
- **Tuesday, April 7, 5:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, April 8, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study
- **Wednesday, April 8** Pastor’s Bible Study (12:00 and 6:00 pm)
- **Thursday, April 9, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, April 9, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music
- **Sunday, April 12, 6:00 pm** Cabinet/Board Meeting

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

April 5 Chancel Choir, Disciples Bells
April 12 Chancel Choir

Prayer Concerns

- **Walter Ahart**
- **Norene Bellah**
- **Ruth Carson**
- **James Chinn**
- **Jim Creekmore** in the passing of his son, Chris
- **Regina Foley's** family in her passing
Visitation will be 5-7 pm, Friday, April 3
Memorial will be at 2 pm, Saturday, April 4
 Both are at Ocker Funeral Home
 700 Jefferson St., Van Buren
- **Joy Jackson**
- **Ann Jordan**
- **The Maxeys**
- **Jo Miller's family** in the passing of her son, Sam
- **Tije Musset**
- **Marcus Robinson**

Elder for April

Hardie Jefferies

Deacons for April

Max File (Foreman), Todd Friday,
 Floyd Hamm, Ginger Jefferies,
 Barbara Lynch, Sabrina Robinson,
 Jennnifer Sanchez, David Williamson

Greeters for April

Barbara Lynch and Todd Friday
 Disciples Hall Entrance: Ginger Jefferies

Prepare Communion for April

Sabrina Robinson

Book Club News

Book Club meets the third Thursday of the month at **2:00 pm** in the Admin Building. We will discuss *The Hiding Place* by Corri Tin Boom at our **April 16** gathering.

May 21 *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes
June 18 *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

All are welcome!

Wedding Shower

FCC ladies are invited to a wedding shower honoring Ashley Maxey and Chasen Thibodeaux on **Sunday, April 12, at 1:00 pm** in the parlor. Ashley is the granddaughter of Ben and Marilyn Maxey and is a longtime member of our church. Ashley and Chasen will be married on May 14. They are registered at walmart.com.

A very grateful **THANK YOU** to all those who helped make and distribute the palm leaf crosses for Palm Sunday – Alice Lewis, Michelle Moran, Nina Abernathy, Sabrina Robinson, Mickie Matthews, Barbara Lynch, Lula Hanson, Catherine Walker, Ginger Jefferies, and Julie Jay. Also, to Judy Trent who took care of obtaining the palm fronds and to Pastor Robinson who cheered us on. It could not have been accomplished without each and every one of you!! I am so thankful to be a part of this loving church family. Thank you.

Betty Cashin

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FOR THE RECORD March 29, 2026	
Operating Receipts To date	\$ 2,165.00 18,669.00
Endowment To date	340.00 595.00
Easter Offering	340.00
Children's Building Offerings Balance Due	46,407.00 47,593.00
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