



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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What Shall We Do?

“Acts 2:36-40 highlights the essential steps for spiritual transformation and salvation in the Christian faith. It emphasizes the importance of repentance, which involves a sincere turning away from sin and a willingness to change one’s ways. Baptism symbolizes a public declaration of faith and a spiritual cleansing, representing a new beginning in the life of a believer. Receiving the Holy Spirit signifies a personal encounter with the divine presence, empowering individuals to live a life guided by spiritual values and virtues. The message is ultimately about the transformative power of faith and the promise of salvation through a personal relationship with God. Have you ever experienced a moment of reflection where you felt called to make a change in your life? Can you imagine the symbolic significance of being immersed in water as a testament to your faith and commitment? How might your life be different if you were to embrace the guiding influence of the Holy Spirit in your thoughts and actions? Reflecting on these aspects can help us understand the profound meaning behind this verse and the transformative journey it invites us to embark on. So, let us ponder these steps and consider how they can shape our spiritual path towards salvation and a renewed relationship with the divine.” *God’s Blessing*

Graduate Recognition

Please call the church office if you or any family members are graduating from high school or college this year and want to be recognized on Graduate Recognition Sunday.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the delicious meal provided for my family following the funeral service for my son, Sam.

This helped to somewhat ease the pain of that day. Again, thank you dear friends and church family. *Much love, Jo Miller*

Welcome New Members

We are thrilled to welcome **Eric and Natasha Martin** to our church family. Eric is the grandson of Norene Bellah. The Martins live at 1800 Rannoch Trace, Fort Smith, AR 72908.

Eric 479-252-4658 emartin6087@gmail.com

Natasha 479-414-6590 nmartin0221@gmail.com

Welcome to you both — your family just got a lot bigger!

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, April 19, 9:00 am** Intergenerational Sunday School Class
- **Sunday, April 19, 11:15 am** Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, April 21, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Longhorn Steakhouse, 3805 Phoenix Ave.
- **Tuesday, April 21, 4:00 pm** Serve at Hope Campus
- **Tuesday, April 21, 5:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, April 22, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study
- **Wednesday, April 22** **No** Pastor’s Bible Study (12:00 and 6:00 pm)
- **Thursday, April 23, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, April 23, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

April 19 DeJon Jordan
April 26 Amber Kirdendoll

DWF Group 3

DWF Group 3 will meet **Tuesday, April 14, at 6:00 pm** in Disciples Hall. Please bring your dinner. Dessert and lemonade will be provided. The speaker for the evening will be Fort Smith Police Officer Robyn Shoptaw. She will speak about "Scams." Anyone in the church is invited to attend. *Darlene Brees and Nina Abernathy*

Prayer Concerns

- **Walter Ahart**
- **Ruth Carson**
- **Jim Creekmore's family**
 Celebration of life for **Chris Creekmore**
Saturday, April 18, 2:00 pm
 4074 SW H Street, Cave Springs, AR
 Gather with the family in a casual setting with music, words, and snacks.
- **Joy Jackson**
- Memorial service for **Marilyn Maxey** will be **Sunday, April 19, at 3:00 pm.**
- **Jo Miller**
- **Marcus Robinson**
- **Shirley Farmer Russell**

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 Administration Building. We will discuss *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten 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!

Hope Campus News

We are collecting large boxes of breakfast cereal. Unused plasticware from takeout food is also appreciated.

MEMORIALS: We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts, given as a thoughtful expression of sympathy and of care...

- In Memory of **Roberta Williams** by Bill & Joann Acord
- In Memory of **Regina Foley** by Bill & Joann Acord, Hardie & Ginger Jefferies, Mickie Matthews, Glenda Musset, Dewayne & Greta Pryor, LaBeth Riggs, David & Judy Trent
- In Memory of **Chris Creekmore** by Bill & Joann Acord, Hardie & Ginger Jefferies, Mickie Matthews, Dewayne & Greta Pryor, LaBeth Riggs, Jennifer Sanchez, David & Judy Trent
- In Memory of **Sam Miller** by Bill & Joann Acord, Hardie & Ginger Jefferies, John & Margot Mundy, Dewayne & Greta Pryor, LaBeth Riggs, Jennifer Sanchez, David & Judy Trent
- In Memory of **Marilyn Maxey** by Bill & Joann Acord, Hardie & Ginger Jefferies, John & Margot Mundy, Glenda Musset, Dewayne & Greta Pryor, LaBeth Riggs, Connie Slater, David & Judy Trent, Elizabeth Vaughn

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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
April 12, 2026

Operating Receipts To date	\$ 5,573.00 12,151.28
Endowment To date	1,115.00 1,550.00
Children's Building Offerings Balance Due	46,767.00 47,233.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$30,065.30