



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Reasons to Be Thankful

Thanksgiving season is the time of year when our thoughts turn to gathering with family and friends and counting our many blessings. We all have much to be thankful for. There are many simple things in life that God does for us every day on which we can't put a price. We call these simple acts of kindness blessings. The 103rd Psalm is a litany of a few blessings we may take for granted. The Bible is clear in stating that God blesses everyone. He allows the sun to shine on the just, as well as the unjust, because He loves us and we are all His sons and daughters. During this time of thankfulness, take time to count your many blessings and thank God for all He has done!

Ellis



November 24 Thanksgiving Offering

Support for Disciples Mission Fund and gifts to the Thanksgiving Offering are a critical part of the ongoing collaborative work of church and higher education that is such a foundational part of the heritage of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Please give generously to this offering. Your gift makes a difference in the lives of our students, and it makes a difference in the world.

Advent Special Events

- Christmas in the Park - **Tuesday, December 3, at 5:30 pm** (Creekmore Park). Join us for caroling and bring some cookies to share with folks in the park.
- Gathering of the Greens - **Saturday, December 7**. All are welcome to meet at the church at **8:00 am** to caravan to Birkhead's cabin on Mt. Magazine. Please bring gloves and loppers if you have them. Coffee, hot chocolate, and doughnuts will be provided. Please remember, the temperature can be up to ten degrees cooler up there, so dress accordingly. Please text Terry Hales at 479-459-1236 if you plan to go.
That afternoon all are welcome to join us in the Narthex to prepare the greens for our Hanging of the Greens Service on **Sunday, December 8**.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - **Tuesday December 24, at 6:00 pm**

Office News

The office will close at **noon on Wednesday, November 27**, and will be closed **Thursday, November 28** for Thanksgiving.

If you have an article for the November 26 newsletter, please submit it by **Thursday, November 21, or no later than 10:00 am Monday, November 25**. Thank you.

Barbara Brown

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, November 24, 11:00 am** Elders' Meeting
- **Sunday, November 24, 4:00 pm** Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, November 26, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at El Olvido, 2301 Rogers Ave.
- **Wednesday, November 27** Office closes at noon
- **Thursday, November 28** Thanksgiving Day (Office closed)

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

- December 8** Disciples Bells
Chancel Choir
- December 15** Bell Duet: Randy Alexander
& Brad Kidder
- December 22** Chancel Choir and
Bell Duet: Kim & Brad Kidder

*Happy Thanksgiving
Enjoy your family time.*

**No Disciples Bells rehearsal on
Sunday, November 24**

**No Chancel Choir rehearsal on
Tuesday, November 26**

Elder for November

Greta Pryor

Deacons for November

Floyd Hamm (Foreman), Stephanie Bailey,
Jimmy Hudlow, Ginger Jefferies, Barbara
Lynch, Margot Mundy, Dewayne Pryor,
Audrey Stewart

Greeters for November

Jimmy Hudlow, Margot Mundy
Disciples Hall Entrance: Audrey Stewart

Prepare Communion for November

Terry Hales

Hope Campus News

We are collecting large boxes of breakfast cereal to take to Hope Campus.

Membership Class

Membership Class is **Sunday, December 1, at 8:30 am** in the Chapel. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex.

Toddler Class Needs

The Toddler Sunday schoolers are in need of small, old shirts to use when they paint. If you have any children's shirts your kids or grandchildren have outgrown, please consider donating them to the toddler classroom. Nothing larger than a size 10, please. Just bring your donation to the children's building on any Sunday morning. Thank you!

Connie Alexander

Book Club News

Book Club will not meet until **Thursday, January 16, at 2:00 pm**. All are welcome.

January *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge

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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 November 17, 2024	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 5,276.00 17,021.00
Endowment To Date	815.00
Thanksgiving Offering	400.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$27,571.00