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The Mystery of Angels

As believers in the word of God, we very seldom have a serious conversation about angels. In almost every area of Biblical study, there is the mention of angels and their ministry. From the book of Genesis to the book of Revelation, we are told that angels are present in the service of God. Have you ever wondered who they are and what their role is in salvation history? The Christmas story would not be complete without the inclusion of angels. There could not be a Christmas story without the announcement from angels to Mary, or appearing to Joseph in a dream, and showing up out in the field as shepherds watched their flocks by night. Angels ministered to Jesus on the Mount of Temptation and are even mentioned when Jesus hung on the cross. Angels appeared to the women at the tomb of Jesus on Resurrection Sunday. This week, we will focus on the mystery of angels.

Ellis

God's love *visible*



2024 CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Christmas Special Offering-December 22

This year we invite our congregation to join in the spirit of giving by contributing to the Christmas Special Offering. This annual offering is a testament to our commitment to show Christ's love in tangible ways, developing our pastoral and church member team to make a positive impact in our communities.

Let us come together through our generosity to make a difference in the ministry of the Disciples.

Fraud Alert!

Recently many First Christian members received fraudulent emails identifying themselves as Pastor Ellis requesting favors. If you are not directly contacted by Ellis for any reason, please disregard all emails or text messages that sound suspicious. Unfortunately, we live in a time of frequent fraudulent scams. God bless you.

Ellis

Holiday Office Hours

December 24	Office closed
December 25	Office closed
December 26	Closed at noon
December 31	Closed at noon
January 1	Office closed

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, December 22, 11:30 am** Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, December 24** Office Closed
- **Tuesday, December 24, 6:00 pm** Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service
- **Wednesday, December 25** Office Closed

Pam's Office Hours

Pam will be in the office on **Monday, December 23**, and **Monday, December 30**.

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

December 22 Chancel Choir and Bell Duet: Kim & Brad Kidder
Choir will meet Sunday at 9:20 am to rehearse.

There will be no Disciples Bells rehearsals on December 29.

There will be no Chancel Choir rehearsals on December 24 or December 31.

Elder for December

Hardie Jefferies

Deacons for December

Nick Oliver (Foreman), Allen Hales, Jr., Terry Hales, Becki Hanson, Ginger Jefferies, Calvin Reed, Sabrina Robinson, David Williamson

Greeters for December

Ginger Jefferies, David Williamson
Disciples Hall Entrance: Audrey Stewart

Prepare Communion for December

Calvin Reed

Community Outreach Clothing Drive

Because of the great need in our city, Community Outreach is beginning a used warm clothes drive. This includes long-sleeve tops/shirts, sweaters, jackets/coats, long pants/jeans, hats, scarves, gloves, sneaker or tennis type shoes. Please bring items to the office building. Thank you.

Elizabeth Vaughn

Congratulations to **Zena Marshall** on her retirement from the Fort Smith Public School District after 32 years of service. Well done! We are proud of you.

Your First Christian Church Family

Prayer Concern

- **Carolyn Heyroth**

Hope Campus News

We are collecting ground coffee to take to Hope Campus.

MEMORIALS: We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts:

- In Memory of **Treva Hedges, Judy Trent's mother**, by Nina Abernathy, Allen & Terry Hales, Hardie & Ginger Jefferies, Steven & LaBeth Riggs, Connie Slater

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FOR THE RECORD December 15, 2024	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 5,964.00 17,290.00
Endowment To Date	230.00 470.00
Christmas Offering	367.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$27,571.00

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

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