



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Forever Changed

Jesus Christ is the greatest person who has ever walked this earth. He ministered for only three years and died at the young age of thirty-three. From the moment He arrived in Bethlehem that dark winter night, He has been transforming the lives of those who have had a personal encounter with Him. It is impossible to be in the presence of the Son of God and remain the same. The shepherds left their flocks to see Him, and when they saw Him, they were changed. The wise men, who traveled many miles from the east following a star, paid him a visit. Once they saw Him, they returned home a different way than they came. All throughout His ministry, Jesus was a life changer. This is why He was followed by the multitudes out in the wilderness, without regard or thought as to how they were going to eat. The mark of a true Christian is the transformation that takes place after having met Jesus. Our change is due to His divinity and glory. God is in Him, and once we see Him with the eye of faith, God comes in us and lives in us! We will be forever changed.

Ellis

Welcome New Member

How nice it was on Sunday to welcome Mary Hughes into the FCC family. Mary has been attending our church for quite some time and decided to make it official. She resides at Brookfield and receives her mail at the home of her sister, Betty Cashin, who is a member of our congregation. Warmest welcome into our family, Mary! Betty's address is 2000 Euper Court, Fort Smith, AR 72903.

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/tennis type shoes. Please bring items to the office building. Thank you.

Elizabeth Vaughn

Holiday Office Hours

December 31 Closed at noon
January 1 Office closed

In the Life of the Church

- **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, January 30.

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

December 24 Disciples Bells
Organ and Piano Duet: Mary Beth Oliver and Dianna Jackson

December 29 Walter Ahart, Soloist

January 5 Chancel Choir

Disciples Bells meet Christmas Eve around 5:30 pm to set up and rehearse. Wear your Christmas best.

No rehearsals December 24-January 1

Merry Christmas

Rehearsals resume January 5.
Thanks for your ministry.

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

Prayer Concern

- **Carolyn Heyroth** is in Mercy rehab.

Hope Campus News

We are collecting ground coffee to take to Hope Campus.

MEMORIALS: We gratefully acknowledge the following gift:

- In Memory of **Treva Hedges, Judy Trent's mother**, by John & Margot Mundy, David & Kristi Williamson

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FOR THE RECORD December 22, 2024	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 2,104.00 19,394.00
Endowment To Date	85.00 555.00
Christmas Offering To Date	310.00 677.00
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