



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Use of Our Time

A recent study revealed that an average seventy-year old man has spent twenty-five years sleeping, fourteen years working, eight years in amusements, six years at the dinner table, five years in transportation, four years in conversation, three years in education, and two years in studying and reading.

His other four years were spent in miscellaneous pursuits. Of those four years, he spent forty-five minutes in church on the Sundays he did attend, and five minutes were devoted to prayer each day whenever he prayed. This adds up to an unimpressive total of five months that he gave to God over the seventy years of his life. Even if this man had been a faithful churchgoer who attended Sunday school and three one-hour services per week, he would have spent only one year and nine months in church during his life!

If you have a question about the above arithmetic, sit down and figure out how you have been using your time. How large a portion of it is for the things related to God? Jesus said "What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?" (Matthew 16:26) *Ellis*

Community Outreach Project

Please join us at the Community Services Clearinghouse, 4420 Wheeler Avenue, on **Monday, January 20, at 10:30 am**. We will fill bags for the Backpack Program, which benefits school children with food insecurities. Thank you. *Community Outreach*

Office Hours in Inclement Weather

The church office will be closed if the Fort Smith schools are closed due to inclement weather.

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, January 19, 11:15 am** Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Sunday, January 19, 5:00 pm** Youth Group
- **Sunday, January 19, 6:00 pm** Cabinet Meeting
- **Sunday, January 19, 6:45 pm** Ministry Meetings
- **Monday, January 20** Office closed. MLK, Jr. Day
- **Monday, January 20, 6:30 pm** Disciples Men's Fellowship
- **Tuesday, January 21, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Larry's Pizza
5400 Hwy 71 South
- **Tuesday, January 21, 4:00 pm** Serve at Hope Campus
- **Tuesday, January 21, 4:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, January 22, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study
- **Wednesday, January 22** Pastor's Bible Class
(12:00 and 6:00 pm)
- **Thursday, January 23, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, January 23, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music

Prayer Concerns

- **Carolyn Heyroth** is at home.
- **Richard & Alice Lewis**
- Former member **William Parker** passed away this week.

Great River Region News

We have moved. Come join us as we celebrate our new space.

Saturday, January 25
12:30-2:30 pm
First Christian Church/Chalice Hall
2803 E. Kiehl Avenue
Sherwood, AR 72120

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

January 19 Disciples Bells, Chancel Choir

January 26 Chancel Choir

Disciples Bells will meet at 8:30 am to rehearse.
Chancel Choir will meet at 9:20 am to rehearse.

Wear robes with green stoles.

Elder for January

Tim Randolph

Deacons for January

LaBeth Riggs (Foreman), Max File, Tim Fleming, Kim Kidder, Calvin Reed, Sabrina Robinson, Audrey Stewart, David Williamson

Greeters for January

Floyd Hamm, Becki Hanson
Disciples Hall Entrance: Connie Slater

Prepare Communion for January

Nick Oliver

DWF Group 3 Meeting

DWF Group 3 will meet tonight, **Tuesday, January 14, at 6:00 pm** in the parlor. Supper is provided. If you have one, please bring a baby picture (or young-ish picture) of yourself and we'll try to guess who's who. We are starting off the new year by celebrating our sisters in Christ. ***Kristi Williamson***

Church Women United

Please help us welcome a new president and treasurer of our organization on:

Friday, January 17, 9:30 am

First United Methodist Church Narthex

We'll be having a potluck to start off our new year, so please bring something to share.

Book Club

Book Club meets **Thursday, January 16, at 2:00 pm**. We meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2:00 pm. All are welcome. Any questions, contact Julie Jay.

January *Maggie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz

Service Trip

We are planning a service trip to Rolling Fork, MS, to work with Rolling Fork Rising in late February or early March. Call Zena Marshall for details if you are interested in participating.

First Christian Church

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Fort Smith, Arkansas 72903
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FOR THE RECORD January 12, 2025	
Operating Receipts To Date	No service on Sunday
Endowment To Date	
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