



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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The More Excellent Way, Part 1

This week, we begin our journey through 1 Corinthians 13. This is one of the shortest and most powerful chapters in the New Testament; totally focused on "Love." We will examine what the love of God looks like and what it means to truly love one another as believers. God's love is unfailing, constant, consistent, and steadfast. God's love is not contingent on our performance, accomplishments, or qualities. It is a gift that is freely given to us, regardless of where we are in life or what we have done. The love of God is not limited by our brokenness, and it persists like an unquenchable fire. It is a love that never changes and is always present. These are a few of the topics of discussion found in what has come to be known as "The Love Chapter." *Ellis*

Blanket the World with God's Love!



Our Disciple Women's groups are again sponsoring a **Blankets of Love** Offering. There will be a table in the narthex after worship on **Sunday, February 2 and 9**, to receive your donations. A donation of \$5 will provide a blanket for someone desperately in need of comfort and warmth. Why not honor a loved one by donating one or more blankets in their name? Thank you for your generous support of **Blankets of Love**.

Spaghetti Lunch

On **Sunday, February 9**, we will celebrate our youth-sponsored spaghetti lunch immediately after the Sunday worship service. The meal will be provided by our friends in the Membership Ministry. The youth will be assisting with serving and cleanup. There will be a love offering accepted to support the youth. Please come, invite a friend, and bring your smile. We will be providing a photographer.

Membership Class

Membership Class will meet in the Chapel on **Sunday, February 2, at 8:30am**. This class is for anyone who wants to learn more about Disciples history and principles.

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, February 2, 8:30 am** Membership Class
- **Sunday, February 2, 5:00 pm** Youth Meeting
- **Sunday, February 2, 11:15 am** Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, February 4, 10:00 am** DWF Board Meeting
- **Tuesday, February 4, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at El Olvido Mexican, 2101 Rogers
- **Tuesday, February 4, 4:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, February 5, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study
- **Wednesday, February 5** Pastor's Bible Class (12:00 and 6:00 pm)
- **Thursday, February 6, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, February 6, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music

Prayer Concerns

- **Carolyn Heyroth** is in Fianna Hills Rehab.
- **Wanda Foster, John Foster's mother**, passed away. John's address is 5801 Kinkead, Apt. #7, Fort Smith, AR 72903.
- **Nelda Burks, C J Burks' mother**
- **Abby Musset** is having surgery on **Monday, February 3**.
- **Norene Bellah**

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

February 2 Disciples Bells Quintet
February 16 Disciples Bells

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

No Disciples Bells rehearsal on February 9.
Thanks for your ministry.

Elder for February

John Mundy

Deacons for February

Allen Hales (Foreman), Tim Fleming, Terry Hales, Jimmy Hudlow, Ginger Jefferies, Kim Kidder, Nick Oliver, LaBeth Riggs

Greeters for February

Ginger Jefferies, LaBeth Riggs
 Disciples Hall Entrance: Allen Hales, Jr.

Prepare Communion for February

Kim Kidder

DWF Group 3

DWF Group 3 will be eating at the Pasta Grill in Van Buren on **Tuesday, February 11, at 6:00 pm.** RSVP to Glenda Musset at 479-414-1266, if you will be there.

MEMORIAL: We gratefully acknowledge the following gift:

· In Memory of **Wanda Foster, John Foster's mother,** by Elizabeth Vaughn

Book Club News

Book club will meet **Thursday, February 20, at 2:00 pm** to discuss *Magpie Murders* by Anthony Horowitz.

We will meet March 20 to discuss *The Great Divide* by Cristina Henriquez.

We meet the third Thursday of the month in the Administration Building. All are welcome. Any questions, contact Julie Jay.

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.

Great River Region Survey

Please take part in helping us shape the future leadership of the GRR by taking this survey.

<https://forms.gle/S5tChtryTuXneAMAA>

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FOR THE RECORD January 26, 2025	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 2,004.00 15,793.00
Endowment To Date	125.00 340.00
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