



# FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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## The More Excellent Way, Part 2

We are known by God, and He loves us anyway! He created us specifically, intimately, and purposefully. He knows each one of us better than we know ourselves. He is the only one able to see through the complex minefield of human emotion and limited perception to the perfect masterpiece He lovingly created. Love is to wholly and fully accept someone, despite their faults and shortcomings. God not only knows everything about us, every sin and misstep, He knows the potential purpose He has created for us. Our capabilities and the unique traits and talents He's given us to serve are an extension of his love. Love is the more excellent way.

*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 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**.

## Hope Campus

Thank you to all church members who donated money for Hope Campus. Spices that are needed to prepare meals were purchased with these funds. Hope Campus also appreciated the breakfast cereal and coffee that have been donated. During extreme cold weather, Hope Campus feeds and houses more people.

We will prepare and serve lunch at Hope Campus Homeless Shelter on **Monday, February 10, 9:30-12:30**. To sign up, contact Ginger Jefferies at 414-2466 or the church office.

Item needed at Hope Campus is ground coffee.

## Welcome New Member

A warm welcome to **Becky Eggers**, our newest family member at FCC. She has already jumped right in and is participating in some of our weekday activities. We are so glad you're here, Becky! Contact information:

Becky Eggers  
6704 Dean Road  
Alma, AR 72921  
Phone: 580-554-0597  
[rseggers26@gmail.com](mailto:rseggers26@gmail.com)

## Spaghetti Lunch

On **Sunday, February 9**, we will celebrate our youth-sponsored spaghetti lunch immediately after the worship service. The meal will be provided by our friends in the Membership Ministry, and 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.

## In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, February 9, after worship** Youth Valentine Lunch
- **Sunday, February 9, 6:00 pm** Cabinet Meeting
- **Sunday, February 9, 6:45 pm** Ministry Meetings
- **Monday, February 10, 9:30 am** Serve at Hope Campus
- **Tuesday, February 11, 10:00 am** DWF Group 4
- **Tuesday, February 11, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Art's BBQ, 8203 Rogers Ave.
- **Tuesday, February 11, 4:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, February 11, 6:00 pm** DWF Group 3 (Pasta Grill, Van Buren)
- **Wednesday, February 12, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study
- **Wednesday, February 12** Pastor's Bible Class (12:00 and 6:00 pm)
- **Thursday, February 13, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, February 13, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music

**Dianna's Notes**

**Special Music**

**February 16** Disciples Bells

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

**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.

**Volunteers Needed**

The Fort Smith Women's Shelter is recruiting volunteers to mentor and provide spiritual support to the women and children at the shelter. If you are interested in helping out for one day a month or just a few hours, please contact **Darlene Brees at 479-739-8245.**

**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

**Prayer Concerns**

- **Carolyn Heyroth** is at home.
- **Nelda Burks, C J Burks' mother**
- **Abby Musset**
- **Norene Bellah**
- The family of **Don White**
- **Clayton Carson**
- The family of **Wanda Foster**
- **Jim Creekmore**

**MEMORIALS:** We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts:

- In Memory of **Wanda Foster, John Foster's mother**, by Nina Abernathy, Bill & Joann Accord, Allen & Terry Hales, Hardie & Ginger Jefferies, John & Margot Mundy, Connie Slater, David & Kristi Williamson
- In Memory of **Don White** by Nina Abernathy, Hardie & Ginger Jefferies, John & Margot Mundy, Connie Slater, David & Kristi Williamson
- In Memory of **Ashley Meyer** by John & Margot Mundy
- In Memory of **Will Featherston** by David & Kristi Williamson

**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.

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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  
February 2, 2025**

<b>Operating Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 8,411.35</b>
<b>Endowment</b>	<b>895.00</b>
<b>Monthly Budgeted Needs</b>	<b>\$27,571.00</b>