



# FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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## A Mountain Top Experience with Jesus

It is a blessing to be in the house of the Lord Sunday after Sunday; to be in God's presence and to enjoy the fellowship of other saints. When we leave the safety and security of worship service each week, we have no guarantee we will have the same number the next time the doors are open. Hebrews 10:25 says "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another." There are so many aspects to a worship service that no one should ever leave empty or regret coming to meet God and his people. Whenever we come in spirit and truth gathered in his name, Jesus has promised to meet us there. We should all seek to have a mountain top experience when we enter the sacred space called our sanctuary. Sanctuary means all are accepted; sanctuary means a safe space, a hiding place from the worries of the world. The sanctuary is the place we meet Jesus for a mountain top experience.

*Ellis*

## Ordination Service for Rev. Dr. Ellis Robinson

The ordination service for Pastor Ellis Robinson will be on **Sunday, March 23**, during the morning service. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Alison Roebuck, Interim Minister for the Great River Region. There will be a meal in Disciples Hall immediately following the service.

*Hardie Jefferies, Board Chairman*

## Welcome New Member

A warm welcome to **Bernitha Whaley**, our newest family member at FCC. We are so glad you're here, Bernitha!

Contact information:

Bernitha Whaley  
1331 South 46<sup>th</sup> Street, #32  
Fort Smith, AR 72903  
479-539-2971  
[bernithadavis@gmail.com](mailto:bernithadavis@gmail.com)

## 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**.

## Board Meeting

There will be a church board meeting on **Sunday, March 16, at 6:00 pm** in the Disciples Hall. All Elders, Deacons, and Trustees are required to attend. If you cannot attend, you are required to have a proxy designated. A written or electronic designation must be presented to the Secretary, Terry Hales, prior to the roll call.

## In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, March 2, 8:30 am** Membership Class
- **Sunday, March 2, 11:15 am** Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Sunday, March 2, 5:00 pm** Youth Group
- **Tuesday, March 4, 10:00 am** DWF Board Meeting
- **Tuesday, March 4, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Green Papaya, 4412 Grand Avenue
- **Tuesday, March 4, 5:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, March 5, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study
- **Wednesday, March 5** Ash Wednesday Services (12:00 and 6:00 pm) (Sanctuary)
- **Thursday, March 6, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, March 6, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music
- **Friday, March 7, 9:30 am** Church Women United, First Christian Church

**Dianna's Notes**

**Special Music**

- March 2** Disciples Bells  
Vocal Solo: Mary Beth Oliver
- March 5** Ash Wednesday  
Vocal Solo: Dianna Jackson
- March 9** Bell Solo: Randy Alexander  
Vocal Duet: Mary Beth & Nick Oliver
- March 16** Chancel Choir  
Solo: Carl Warrington

***Disciples Bells will meet at 8:30 am to rehearse.***

**Choir practice time change:**

Starting **March 4**, choir practice will begin at **5:15 pm**. I hope this will allow some of you to join the choir. Please come and join our music family.

**Elder for March**

Brad Kidder

**Deacons for March**

Stephanie Bailey (Foreman), Jimmy Hudlow, Ginger Jefferies, Barbara Lynch, Margot Mundy, Glenda Musset, Dewayne Pryor, Calvin Reed

**Greeters for March**

Glenda Musset, Sabrina Robinson  
Disciples Hall Entrance: Margot Mundy

**Prepare Communion for March**

Sabrina Robinson

**Church Women United**

First Christian Church  
3501 Rogers Avenue  
**Friday, March 7**  
9:30 am potluck breakfast  
10:00 am meeting

**Hope Campus**

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

**Women's Shelter Donations Requested**

**DWF Group 3** will be accepting donations for the Crisis Intervention Center at our **March 11** meeting. Items requested are:

- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Kitchen trash bags
- Bleach
- Multi-purpose spray cleaner
- Baby wipes
- Bottles
- Baby/toddler snacks

**Prayer Concerns**

- **Carolyn Heyroth** is at home.
- **Abby Musset**
- **Clayton Carson**
- **Suzanne Karr**
- **Norene Bellah**

**First Christian Church**

3501 Rogers Avenue  
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72903  
Phone: 479.783.1139

<b>FOR THE RECORD</b> <b>February 23, 2025</b>	
<b>Operating Receipts To date</b>	<b>\$ 4,553.00</b> <b>39,786.35</b>
<b>Endowment To date</b>	<b>75.00</b> <b>2,050.00</b>
<b>Week of Compassion To Date</b>	<b>337.00</b> <b>787.00</b>
<b>Monthly Budgeted Needs</b>	<b>\$27,571.00</b>

**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