



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Preparing the Cross for Ash Wednesday

“Lent is a 40-day period leading up to Easter that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. The word “Lent” comes from the old English word “*lecten*” which means lengthen, referring to the season of spring and longer daytime. The length of Lent represents the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness before beginning his ministry. Lent is a time of spiritual renewal and reflection in preparation for observing Good Friday, the death of Jesus, and celebrating Easter, the resurrection of Jesus.

The purpose of Lent is to draw closer to God through prayer, repentance, and self-examination. During Lent, many Christians fast or give up certain indulgences as a form of self-discipline and penance. This may include abstaining from certain foods, activities or habits.”

Spiritual Life Crosswalk Ministries



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**.

Ash Wednesday Service and

There will be **one** Ash Wednesday service on **March 5 at 6:00 pm**.

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.

Funeral Service for Carolyn Heyroth

There will be a visitation for Carolyn from **10:00-11:00 am on Wednesday, March 5**, at FCC. Funeral service will be **at 11:00 am**. Following the service, there will be a meal in Disciples Hall for the family.

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 Robuck, Interim Minister for the Great River Region. There will be a meal in Disciples Hall immediately following the service.

Hardie Jefferies, Board Chairman

In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, March 9, 6:00 pm | Cabinet Meeting |
| • Sunday, March 9, 6:45 pm | Ministry Meetings |
| • Monday, March 10, 9:30 am | Serve at Hope Campus |
| • Tuesday, March 11, 10:00 am | DWF Group 4 |
| • Tuesday, March 11, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at Taste and See, 1401 South Waldron |
| • Tuesday, March 11, 5:15 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| • Tuesday, March 11, 6:00 pm | DWF Group 3 |
| • Wednesday, March 12, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study |
| • Wednesday, March 12 | Pastor’s Bible Classes (12:00 and 6:00 pm) |
| • Thursday, March 13, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters |
| • Thursday, March 13, 1:00 pm | Disciples of Music |
| • Sunday, March 16, 6:00 pm | Board Meeting |

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

- 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

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

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.

Church Women United

First Christian Church
3501 Rogers Avenue

Friday, March 7

9:30 am potluck breakfast
10:00 am meeting

Program: World Day of Prayer

Prayer Concerns

- **Carolyn Heyroth's family**
- **Abby Musset**
- **Clayton Carson**
- **Suzanne Karr**
- **Clyde Gudermuth**
- **Konrad Bales**
- **Allen Hales, Jr.**

DWF Group 3 Meeting

Group 3 meeting is **March 11 at 6:00 pm** in Disciples Hall. Bring a brown bag meal for yourself. The speaker for the evening will be from the Women's Shelter. Here is a list of needs if you would like to bring a donation:

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

Hope to see you on March 11.

First Christian Church

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Fort Smith, Arkansas 72903
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FOR THE RECORD March 2, 2025	
Operating Receipts	Not available this week
Endowment	
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