



# FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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## The Broken Disciple

This week we look at a story about a broken disciple. This story is not unlike what many go through in their walk of following Christ. The story of Peter's denial, while under pressure and fear, should make us aware that Satan is always attempting to get us to deny our Lord. Luke and the other Gospel writers focus on a side story away from the central drama of the crucifixion. Peter followed at a distance. He followed as long as it was safe. Perhaps it was the desire to be safe that caused Peter to deny Jesus three times that night. Many Christians follow Jesus from a distance. They follow him as long as it does not affect their comfort or safety. But Jesus called us to "take up our cross and follow him." If we want to follow Jesus closely, we must be willing to follow him even into dangerous or uncomfortable situations. *Ellis*

## Welcome New Members

We were blessed to welcome **Keri Martin and James Chinn** this past Sunday. They have been faithful attendees for the past few months. A big thank you goes to Jeanne Steiner for inviting them originally and bringing them each week. Their contact information is:

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[jameschinn@yahoo.com](mailto:jameschinn@yahoo.com)

813-733-2704 (Keri)

813-445-1733 (James)

James & Keri, your family just got a lot bigger!!

## Newsletter for Next Week

Next week's newsletter will be sent on **Monday, March 31**. If you have an article to submit, please submit it by **Thursday, March 27**, or no later than **10:00 am on Monday, March 31**.

## FCC SPRING CLEANUP

The Property Ministry is asking for volunteers to help clean up the church grounds on **Saturday, April 5**. We hope to start around 8-8:30 am. This is, of course, weather dependent and may need to be delayed. We have tree limbs that need to be cut up and removed, as well as bushes to be trimmed. A chainsaw would be appreciated. We should also prepare the courtyard area for the Easter egg hunt.

*Floyd Hamm, Property Chairman*

## Membership Class

Membership Class will meet in the Chapel on **Sunday, April 6, at 8:30 am** for those who sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. This class is for anyone who wants to learn more about Disciples history and principles.

## Arkansas Disciples Women's Gathering

**Saturday, April 12, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**First Christian Church**

**304 White Hall Avenue**

**White Hall, AR 71602**

We will gather to encourage and motivate Disciples Women from across Arkansas. We will share information, fellowship, a keynote, a meal, and a craft. We hope everyone can join us!

## In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, March 30, 11:00 am** Elders' Meeting
- **Tuesday, April 1, 10:00 am** DWF Board Meeting
- **Tuesday, April 1, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Art's BBQ, 8203 Rogers Avenue
- **Tuesday, April 1, 5:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, April 2, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study
- **Wednesday, April 2** Pastor's Bible Classes (12:00 pm & 6:00 pm)
- **Thursday, April 3, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, April 3, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music

**Dianna's Notes**

**Special Music**

**March 30** Bell Solo: Brad Kidder  
**April 6** Disciples Bells; Chancel Choir

**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

**Women's Shelter**

If you have not made a donation to the Women's Shelter, you can bring it to the office and put it in the tub labeled Women's Shelter Donations.

**April Showers**

**April 6 at 1:00 pm**, please join us in the parlor for a wedding shower honoring **Blythe Taylor and Robert Aimes**. Blythe's mom, Dana Taylor, and her grandmother, Regina Foley, will also be attending! Registry is with Target and Zola.

**April 13, immediately after church service**, we will celebrate the upcoming marriage of **Stacey Riggs and Trevor Hodge** with brunch in Disciples Hall. Stacey and Trevor are registered at Dillard's, Amazon and Creative Kitchen.

**Prayer Concerns**

- **Abby Musset**
- **Clayton Carson**
- **Ben Maxey**
- We mourn the passing of **Suzanne Karr**, who passed away early Sunday morning. Suzanne had requested there be no service. Please keep her family in your prayers.

**Candy Donations Needed**

Please mark your calendar for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 19, at 11:00 am**. (More details later.) Candy donations are being accepted in the Narthex and downstairs. Please donate non-chocolate candy since chocolate melts when the filled eggs are hidden outside. Thank you for your support.  
*FCC Youth*

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

- In Memory of **Suzanne Karr** by Nina Abernathy, John & Margot Mundy, David & Kristi Williamson
- In Memory of **Carolyn Heyroth** by David & Kristi Williamson

**First Christian Church**

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FOR THE RECORD March 23, 2025	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 1,553.00 21,537.00
Endowment To Date	285.00 855.00
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