



LIONS FOR CHRIST

Classes at the University of Arkansas Fort Smith begin on Aug. 17, and your campus ministry, the Lions for Christ, is already highly engaged. With the help of the West Ark family, the LFC hosted a dinner for Cub Camp and spruced up the LFC house.

Monday begins a nine-day stretch known as "Welcome Week." (I know, it's more than a week, but just go with it). Our ministry leaders and students will be engaged in numerous activities to reach out and create community. It wraps up with the MIDWEEK launch on Aug. 26 at 6PM at the LFC House.

You can help by encouraging Cade & Rachel Richards, as well as Koby Venable, our new ministry apprentice. Welcome college students and let them know that we are a congregation where they are welcomed.

THE WAY

Pray for THE WAY! That's the WestArk Youth (W-A-Y). They are at the JumpStart youth rally in Neosho, MO this weekend. If you look around the displays at WestArk, you will see the latest calendar for The WAY activities. Encourage Joseph & Sarah Harrell. Ask them how you can support the youth ministry. The WAY will resume meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 19.

WESTARK KIDS

The WestArk Kids children's ministry wrapped up a great summer session highlighted by "What A Mess! VBS." Thank you to everyone who helped with the work night on Aug. 12. The WestArk Kids classrooms are ready to go for the fall classes. Kid's Praise launches on August 16. This is a special time during worship for ages 2 to 1st Grade. Our church family has a legacy of nurturing children in faith. It's not just parents, but all generations. Encourage our children's minister, Hope Evans. She welcomes volunteers for classes and Kid's Praise. There's also a need for organizers and builders. We hope to schedule another work day soon. Perhaps this is a chance for you to use your spiritual gifts. Do it for the kids!

Get ready for the Ministry Open House on Sunday, Aug. 30 - 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM in the auditorium. Discover adventurous opportunities to serve others. See more at westark.org/ministryminute

order of worship

Sing Amen

Rejoice in the Lord

WELCOME & PRAYER

God So Loved

The Love of God

Abide

There Is a Fountain

LORD'S SUPPER

OFFERING

God Is So Good

COINS FOR CHRIST

Our God He Is Alive

SERMON

On Bended Knee

Father God

SHEPHERD'S PRAYER

KID'S PRAISE IS BACK!

**AGES
2 YEARS - 1ST GRADE**

**NURSERY ROTATION
WEEK 3**

upcoming events

- AUG 17** **Food Patrol** Monday at 10:00 in the FLC! Come join the fun! Sign up at westark.org/foodpatrol
- AUG 19** **Fall Midweek Classes** starting for children and adults. Begins at 6:30 PM. See westark.org/class for details.
- AUG 23** **Young Adults Event** sponsored by MOCS. Dinner & Games in Gym at 6 PM. For LFC, college students and young professionals. Bring a prize for bingo (<\$5).
- AUG 26** **Lions for Christ - First MIDWEEK Meeting for the Fall @7pm** Meets at the LFC House.
- AUG 27** **Ladies' Craft Night** - Annex at 6 PM. Free card marking night. Bring a dish to share.
- AUG 30** **Ministry Open House** - 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM in the foyer and auditorium. For all classes 7th grade and up.
- SEPT 5** **WOW Luncheon** - Noon at the Home of Wade & Belinda Coggins, 11500 Maple Park Drive, Fort Smith.
- SEPT 9** **Women's Step Study** - 6:00 - 7:30 PM in The Gathering Place. Open to anyone involved in CR or not. See Anissa Hodo for info.
- SEPT 13** **Loving Like Jesus** - Eight-week series on Sunday mornings. Meets in Library at 9:30 AM.

birthdays this week

AUGUST 17 Larry Garrett Wade Neumeier Tiffany Null	AUGUST 18 Donna Carson AUGUST 19 Louise Howard Karen Pointer	AUGUST 20 Spencer Harris Carl Neumeier Emily Pressley Kendall Ruff	AUGUST 21 Madison Canfield AUGUST 22 Gary Nolasco	AUGUST 23 Jimmie Smith Jill Wood
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SEPTEMBER IS BLUE JEANS MONTH AT THE HOPE CHEST

The Hope Chest is collecting blue jeans, especially men's sizes. You can contribute by donating new or slightly used jeans. You may give a special contribution. Please use the "Blue Jeans for Hope Chest" fund or indicate the same on a check.

Giving Goals 2026

Weekly Budget for Contribution: **\$20,636**

Contribution for August 9: **\$17,380**

Special AC Fund

Goal: \$330,000

Current Total: **\$291,403**

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prayers

Karen Carter had surgery on her hand on Friday, Aug. 14.

Cindy Looney is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Aug. 18.

Melton Snider will have knee surgery on August 19.

Kay Garrett asks for prayers as she seeks the best treatment options for a non-invasive carcinoma.

Mitch Harper has been undergoing treatment for health issues this past week. He is home and doing well now.

Bob Donahue is at Methodist assisted living. He and **Cookie** welcome your prayers and visits.

Sherria Burk is waiting for results of her MRI on August 12.

Praise! **Alaila Thomas**, grand-daughter of **Terran Stillwell**, was baptized last Sunday.

continuing prayers

- **Bob Donahue**
- **John Glidewell**
- **Rusty Howard**
- **Brice Martin**
- **Carlene Payne**
- **Carolyn Smith**
- **Ellen Smith**
- **Graham Vinson**
- **Bill Walker**