



Hi James,

Happy Monday! And Happy Autumn Equinox, a season of balance and bountiful harvest! We hope this newsletter finds you well! Stay dry out there!

A quick programming note: We are excited to announce that there are TWO opportunities to see [AU.org](https://www.au.org/)'s Alessandro Terenzoni when he visits our chapter next month!

- **Saturday, October 11th at 2pm** - [Fort Smith Public Library](#) (Community Room). Register [here](#).
- **Sunday, October 12th at 1pm** - [Bentonville Community Center](#) (Magnolia Room). Register [here](#).

The month of August kept busy with our third installment of the **2025 Secular Speaker Series**, with Oklahoma State Representative and FFRF Regional Government Affairs Manager, **Mickey Dollens**, who spoke to our chapter about civil engagement and how average citizens can move the needle.

Afterwards, the group assembled at nearby [Natural Falls State Park](#) for a BBQ and short hike to the waterfalls (famous for the backdrop of the 1974 film *Where the Red Fern Grows*). Thank you to everyone who came out to make the day a success!





Mickey Dollens with members of the Ozarks Chapter of FFRF on Sunday, August 17th.



The Ozarks Chapter of FFRF tabling at the Fayetteville Farmers Market on Saturday, August 23rd.

Here is our Calendar of events for the next couple of months!

September 27th (Saturday) - 7:30am to 1:00pm

- **Fayetteville Farmers Market** - come visit the secular crowd on the Fayetteville Square!

October 11th (Saturday) - 2:00pm to 3:00pm (FORT SMITH)

- **2025 Secular Speaker Series with Alessandro Terenzoni** from Americans United for Separation Between Church & State (AU.org). This event will be held at the **Fort Smith Public Library** Community Room (3201 Rogers Avenue Fort Smith, AR 72903), and costs of \$5 per entrant. Please register [here](#) to secure your seat!

October 12th (Sunday) - 1:00pm to 2:00pm (BENTONVILLE)

- **2025 Secular Speaker Series with Alessandro Terenzoni** from Americans United for Separation Between Church & State (AU.org). This event will be held at the **Bentonville Community Center** (Magnolia Room) (1101 SW Citizens Circle, Bentonville, AR 72712), and costs \$10 per entrant. Please register [here](#) to secure your seat!

October 25th (Saturday) - 7:30am to 1:00pm

- **Fayetteville Farmers Market** - come visit the secular crowd for our final Farmers Market event of the year!

November 2nd (Sunday) - 8:00am to 11:00am

- **Adopt-A-Highway Road Cleanup** - meet at Iron Horse Coffee (220 S 1st St, Rogers, AR 72756) at 8:00am. We will carpool from downtown Rogers by 8:30am, and start the cleanup by 9:00am. The 1 mile section of road takes approximately 90 minutes to clean, and we anticipate returning to Rogers by

11:00am. Orange vests and trash bags will be provided by Benton County. For those able to join us, we recommend wearing long pants, gloves, hat, sunscreen and bug spray. While not necessary, "grabber tools" can be purchased online for ~\$10 or so. Please come support the Ozarks Chapter of FFRF by doing good in our local community!

The **Ozarks Chapter of FFRF** serves to bring together the secular community and advocate for separation between church and state. Your support, be it financial or simply showing up to one of our events, makes a meaningful impact and helps grow our cause. Please consider joining us at one of our events, or becoming a member of FFRF National and/or a member of the local Ozarks Chapter (us). We greatly appreciate our followers and supporters, and thank you for protecting the separation between church & state.

Respectfully,

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