



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Christian Influence

“Of all the people in your life, who has had the greatest influence on you? That question is usually easier to answer than the next: Of all the people around you, whom would you say you have influenced the most? Sometimes people tell us the impression we have made, but many times they don’t. That’s where faith comes in. The Bible assures us that our lives for Christ are not spent in vain. Jesus said Christians are the ‘salt of the earth’ and the ‘light of the world.’ Those simple yet profound figures should encourage us. Whether we realize it or not, people are watching and listening. This is all part of Jesus’ teaching—not that others should praise the good we do, but that they see the good in us and glorify the One who saved us and made us whole!”

Tennessee Bible College

Office News

The office will close at noon on **Wednesday, December 31**, and will be closed **Thursday, January 1**.

January 2026 Sermon Line-up Contagious Christianity

January 4	“We Are the Salt of the Earth”	Matthew 5:13
January 11	“We Are the Light of the World”	Matthew 5:14-16
January 18	“Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus”	1 Cor. 11:1
January 25	“Called to Be Like Jesus”	Acts 11:19-26

In the Life of the Church

- **Tuesday, January 6, 10:00 am** DWF Board Meeting
- **Tuesday, January 6, 11:30 am** Bruce Terri, 1102 Fort St., Barling
- **Tuesday, January 6, 5:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, January 7, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study
- **Wednesday, January 7** Pastor’s Bible Class (12:00 and 6:00 pm)
- **Thursday, January 8, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, January 8, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music

Dianna’s Notes

Special Music

January 4 DeJon Jordan
January 11 Chancel Choir

No rehearsals December 23-January 5.
Choir Rehearsal resumes January 6.
Bells Rehearsal resumes January 11.

Elder for January

Randy Alexander

Deacons for January

Jennifer Sanchez (Foreman), Max File,
Paula Friday, Todd Friday, Terry Hales,
Ginger Jefferies, Barbara Lynch,
Sabrina Robinson

Greeters for January

Todd Friday, Terry Hales
Disciples Hall Entrance: Sabrina Robinson

Prepare Communion for January

Max File

Prayer Concerns

- Bill Acord
- Ben Maxey
- Steve Sullivan

Hope Campus News

We will prepare and serve lunch at Hope Campus Homeless Shelter on **Monday, January 12**. We are collecting 12 oz. styrofoam or paper bowls and plastic spoons. Unused plasticware from takeout food is also appreciated.

Book Club News

Book Club meets at 2:00 pm in the Administration Building. All are welcome!

January 15 *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne
February 19 *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

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FOR THE RECORD December 28, 2025	
Operating Receipts To date	\$ 1,019.00 18,604.00
Endowment To date	75.00 385.00
Children’s Building Offerings Balance Due	44,791.00 49,209.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$30,065.30

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