



# 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*

<b>January 4</b>	"We Are the Salt of the Earth"	Matthew 5:13
<b>January 11</b>	"We Are the Light of the World"	Matthew 5:14-16
<b>January 18</b>	"Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus"	1 Cor. 11:1
<b>January 25</b>	"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.**

**Prayer Concerns**

- **Bill Acord**
- **Ben Maxey**
- **Steve Sullivan**

**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

**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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**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

**FOR THE RECORD**  
**December 28, 2025**

<b>Operating Receipts</b> To date	<b>\$ 1,019.00</b> <b>18,604.00</b>
<b>Endowment</b> To date	<b>75.00</b> <b>385.00</b>
<b>Children's Building Offerings</b> Balance Due	<b>44,791.00</b> <b>49,209.00</b>
<b>Monthly Budgeted Needs</b>	<b>\$30,065.30</b>

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