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Let Your Light Shine

"This verse calls upon believers to embody the values and teachings of their faith by serving as a beacon of light in a world that is often filled with darkness. Just as a lighthouse guides ships to safety in the midst of a storm, believers are encouraged to shine brightly with the love and truth of God, providing guidance and hope to those around them. Believers can inspire others to seek out the goodness and grace of God in their own lives by reflecting the qualities of kindness, compassion, and integrity. Think about how you can shine your light in the world today. How can you show God's love and truth through your actions and words? Are there ways you can bring positivity and hope to those around you who may be struggling or in need of guidance?"

Ellis

Cabinet & Ministries Meetings

Sunday, January 11

6 pm: Cabinet

(in the Chapel, Administration Building)

6:45 pm: Ministries *(in various rooms)*

Chairs: Please contact your people and let them know where your Ministry will meet.

Community Outreach Project

Please join us at the Community Services Clearinghouse, 4420 Wheeler Avenue, on **Monday, January 19, at 10:30 am**. We will fill bags for the Backpack Program, which benefits school children with food insecurities. Thank you.

Community Outreach

January 2026 Sermon Line-up

Contagious Christianity

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

- **Sunday, January 11, 11:15 am** Disciples Bells
- **Sunday, January 11, 6:00 pm** Cabinet Meeting
- **Sunday, January 11, 6:45 pm** Ministries Meetings
- **Monday, January 12, 9:30 am** Serve at Hope Campus
- **Tuesday, January 13, 10:00 am** DWF Group 4
- **Tuesday, January 13, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at LaHuerta, 5605 Rogers Avenue
- **Tuesday, January 13, 5:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, January 13, 6:00 pm** DWF Group 3
- **Wednesday, January 14, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study
- **Wednesday, January 14** Pastor's Bible Class (12:00 and 6:00 pm)
- **Thursday, January 15, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, January 15, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music
- **Thursday, January 15, 2:00 pm** Book Club

Dianna's Notes**Special Music****January 11** Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir meets Sunday at 9:20 am in the Sanctuary to rehearse. Wear green stoles.

Thanks for your ministry.

Choir Rehearsal resumes at 5:15 pm January 6.

Bells Rehearsal resumes January 11 at 11:15 am in the Sanctuary.

Looking forward to ringing with you in 2026.

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

Thank You

Thank you for the \$500 scholarship check.

Addie Littleton

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 plastic-ware from takeout food is also appreciated.

Prayer Concerns

- **Bill Acord**
- **Ben Maxey**

DWF Group 3

DWF Group 3 will meet **Tuesday, January 13, at 6:00 pm** in the Parlor. Bring your dinner and drink. Carla Harvell will speak to us about the Pulse Street Ministry, which helps the homeless. Anyone in the church is invited to attend.

We are collecting warm items, such as sleeping bags, blankets, warm shoes, and sweat pants and tops.

Glenda Musset and Elizabeth Vaughn

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 January 4, 2026	
Operating Receipts	\$ 6,588.00
Endowment	160.00
Children's Building Offerings	44,951.00
Balance Due	49,049.00
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

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