



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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

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.

Thank You

Thank you for the \$500 scholarship check.
Addie Littleton

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