



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

In Matthew chapter 4, we find Jesus beginning His public ministry after John the Baptist had been arrested. The scene is set in the region of Galilee, specifically in the town of Capernaum. Jesus had just returned from the wilderness after being tempted by the devil for forty days and nights. As He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. Jesus called out to them, saying, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Simon and Andrew immediately left their nets and followed Jesus. As they continued walking, they came across two other brothers, James and John, who were also fishermen with their father Zebedee. Jesus called out to them as well, and they too left their boat and father to follow Him. The surroundings were likely bustling with activity as people went about their daily lives, but in the midst of it all, these four men were called by Jesus to become His disciples and join Him in spreading the good news of the kingdom of heaven.

Ellis

Community Outreach Project

Please join us at the Community Services Clearinghouse, 4420 Wheeler Avenue, on **Monday, January 26, at 10:30 am**. We will fill bags for the Backpack Program, which benefits school children with food insecurities. Thank you.

Community Outreach

Valentine’s Day Feast

On **Sunday, February 8**, after the worship service, Membership Ministry will have a Valentine’s Day feast with the theme Made with Love (and Garlic) - Pasta with a Purpose - to support our youth mission trips.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated for the sanctuary’s new Christmas tree and three large wreaths. Your money was spent after much consideration to quality and aesthetics. The enthusiasm and support is appreciated, and we are so glad everyone enjoyed decking the halls of First Christian Church with the new decorations.

Worship Committee

Donation Bins

Beginning **Sunday, January 18**, donation bins for Hope Campus and Community Outreach will be located in the narthex only on Sundays and in the Administration Building the rest of the week.

Ellis

In the Life of the Church

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| • Sunday, January 18, 11:15 am | Disciples Bells |
| • Sunday, January 18, 5:00 pm | Youth Group |
| • Monday, January 19, 6:30 pm | Disciples Men’s Fellowship |
| • Tuesday, January 20, 11:30 am | Lunch Bunch at Larry’s Pizza, 6400 Hwy 71 South |
| • Tuesday, January 20, 4:00 pm | Serve at Hope Campus |
| • Tuesday, January 20, 5:15 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal |
| • Wednesday, January 21, 8:00 am | Ecumenical Men’s Bible Study |
| • Thursday, January 22, 10:00 am | Crazy Crafters |
| • Thursday, January 22, 1:00 pm | Disciples of Music |

Dianna’s Notes

Special Music

January 18 Chancel Choir
January 25 Chancel Choir
Horn, Jack Jackson
Disciples Bells

Chancel Choir meets Sunday morning in the Sanctuary at 9:20 am to warm up "To Everything There Is a Season." Wear green stoles. Thanks for your ministry.

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

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*

Prayer Concerns

- Bill Acord
- Ben Maxey

Church Women United

Friday, January 16

9:30 am for refreshments
10:00 am—11:45 am
First United Methodist Church East
2901 Massard Road

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

January 2026 Sermon Line-up
Contagious Christianity

January 18 “Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus” 1 Corinthians 11:1
January 25 “Called to Be Like Jesus” Acts 11:19-26

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FOR THE RECORD January 11, 2026	
Operating Receipts To date	\$ 4,208.00 10,796.00
Endowment To date	175.00 335.00
Children’s Building Offerings Balance Due	45,126.00 48,874.00
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