



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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Called to Be Like Jesus

"The term 'Christians' in Acts 11:26 refers to the followers of Jesus Christ in the city of Antioch. The word 'Christian' is derived from 'Christ,' which means anointed one or messiah. The disciples of Jesus were proclaiming and spreading the teachings of Christ in Antioch, and the people of the city started to identify them as 'Christians,' meaning followers of Christ. This label not only distinguished them from other religious groups in Antioch but also highlighted their commitment to following the teachings and example of Jesus Christ.

Imagine the significance of being known as a 'Christian' in a time and place where the teachings of Jesus were relatively new and unfamiliar. The disciples in Antioch were making a bold statement about their beliefs and values by adopting this label. They were publicly aligning themselves with Jesus Christ and His message of love, redemption, and salvation. How powerful is it to be recognized not just for what you believe but for whom you follow? This verse reminds us of the importance of embracing our identity as Christians and living out our faith in a way that is visible and impactful to those around us."

God's Blessing

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.



Blanket the World with God's Love!

Our Disciples Women groups are again sponsoring a **Blankets of Love** Offering. There will be a table in the narthex after worship on **Sunday, February 1 and 8**, to receive your donations.

A donation of \$5 will provide a blanket for someone desperately in need of comfort and warmth. Why not honor a loved one by donating one or more blankets in their name?

Thank you for your generous support of **Blankets of Love**.

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, January 25, 9:00 am** Intergenerational Sunday School Class
- **Sunday, January 25, 11:00 am** Elders' Meeting
- **Sunday, January 25, 4:00 pm** Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, January 27, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at Rib Room, 424 Garrison Avenue
- **Tuesday, January 27, 5:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, January 28, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study
- **Wednesday, January 28** Pastor's Bible Class (12:00 and 6:00 pm)
- **Thursday, January 29, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, January 29, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music

Dianna's Notes**Special Music**

January 25 Chancel Choir
Horn, Jack Jackson

February 1 Chancel Choir
Disciples Bells
Bell Matrix, Becki Hanson

February 8 Vocal Duet: Amber
Kirkendoll and DeJon Jordan

February 15 Disciples Bells Quintet

February 22 Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir meets Sunday morning in the Sanctuary at 9:30 am to rehearse. 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

Donation Bins

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

Prayer Concerns

- Bill Acord
- Ben Maxey
- Tenley Willey

January 2026 Sermon Line-up
Contagious Christianity

January 25 "Called to Be Like Jesus" Acts 11:19-26

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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
January 18, 2026

Operating Receipts To date	\$ 5,113.00 15,509.00
Endowment To date	150.00 485.00
Children's Building Offerings Balance Due	45,276.00 48,724.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$30,065.30

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