



FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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God Wants to Use Us

Every person has been designed by God for a specific purpose. We are all different. The world in which we live could not function if we were all the same and possessed the same level of skills and abilities. God knew that it would take diversity to make humanity properly function as he designed. We all have God-given talents. Talent is what we do well and comes naturally for us with very little effort. Talent must be discovered and then developed. God knows what we are capable of and what we have not been given the ability to do. However, if we are to be used effectively for God, we must be available to be used by God when He calls. The shepherds in the Christmas story are a perfect example of being available and used by God. The shepherds were already busy doing what they had been called to do, and God knew who they were, what they were, and where they were. God knew they would accept the assignment He had for them and would perform it well. God wants to use us as well. What are your talents? What brings you joy and satisfaction. Are you available?

Ellis

God's love *visible*



 2024 CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Christmas Special Offering December 15 and December 22

This year we invite our congregation to join in the spirit of giving by contributing to the Christmas Special Offering. This annual offering is a testament to our commitment to show Christ's love in tangible ways, developing our pastoral and church member team to make a positive impact in our communities.

Let us come together through our generosity to make a difference in the ministry of the Disciples.

Holiday Office Hours

December 24 Office closed
December 25 Office closed
December 26 Closed at noon
December 31 Closed at noon
January 1 Office closed

Pam's Office Hours

Pam will be in the office on
Monday, January 23, and
Monday, January 30.

Pastor's Bible Class

There will be no Bible Class until **January 8.**

Community Outreach Clothing Drive

Because of the great need in our city, Community Outreach is beginning a used warm clothes drive. This includes long-sleeve tops/shirts, sweaters, jackets/coats, long pants/jeans, hats, scarves, gloves, sneaker/tennis type shoes. Please bring items to the office building. Thank you.

Elizabeth Vaughn

In the Life of the Church

- **Sunday, December 15, 5:00 pm** Youth Caroling
- **Tuesday, December 17** Lunch Bunch will **NOT** meet until January 7.
- **Tuesday, December 17, 4:00 pm** Serve at Hope Campus
- **Tuesday, December 17, 4:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, December 18, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study
- **Thursday, December 19, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, December 19, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music
- **Tuesday, December 24, 6:00 pm** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dianna's Notes

Special Music

December 15 Bell Duet: Randy Alexander & Brad Kidder

December 22 Chancel Choir and Bell Duet: Kim & Brad Kidder

There will be no Disciples Bells rehearsals on December 15 and December 29.

There will be no Chancel Choir rehearsals on December 24 and December 31.

Elder for December

Hardie Jefferies

Deacons for December

Nick Oliver (Foreman), Allen Hales, Jr., Terry Hales, Becki Hanson, Ginger Jefferies, Calvin Reed, Sabrina Robinson, David Williamson

Greeters for December

Ginger Jefferies, David Williamson
Disciples Hall Entrance: Audrey Stewart

Prepare Communion for December

Calvin Reed

Hope Campus News

We are collecting ground coffee to take to Hope Campus.

Prayer Concerns

- **Judy Trent** in the loss of her mother, Treva Hedges
- **Richard Lewis**

DWF Group 3 Meeting

We are hosting the DWF Group 3 December meeting this evening at **6:00 pm** at **Las Americas Too, 7209 Chad Colley Blvd., Barling**. You can look forward to some holiday fun and fellowship! Also, for our service project, please bring adult size socks to be donated to Next Step Day Room. If you haven't already let us know that you plan to attend, please text or call Mary Beth Oliver at 479-414-4311 or Mickie Matthews at 479-461-3998. Thanks!

Mary Beth and Mickie

Welcome

Charlotte "Charli" Dawn Neece was born at 3:33 pm, November 26, to Sabastian & Shaylee Warren Neece. Charli weighed 7 lb. 13 oz., 20.5 inches long. Big brother, Jackson, is taking good care of her! Proud grandparents are **John & Vicki Warren**.

MEMORIAL: We gratefully acknowledge the following gift:

- In Memory of **Treva Hedges, Judy Trent's mother**, by Elizabeth Vaughn

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FOR THE RECORD 12/8/2024	
Operating Receipts To Date	\$ 2,339.00 11,326.00
Endowment To Date	75.00 240.00
Monthly Budgeted Needs	\$27,571.00

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