



# FORT SMITH DISCIPLE

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## *The Testimony of an Old Man*

One of the greatest blessings we can experience as Christian believers is growing old in the Lord. Every time we have a birthday, it is a testament to the goodness and mercy of a God who has kept us every day of our lives. When we reflect back on all the things God has brought us through, it should make us rejoice and praise God for keeping us in spite of every close call, every mistake, and all the misdeeds we have committed. Indeed, our steps have been ordered by the Lord, but more than that, we can relate to the testimony of David who declared, "I once was young but now I am old." It is truly a blessing to be alive and have recall of our younger years. Old age should make us humble and thankful; being a senior citizen should make us smile. We were not all promised three score and ten years as the Psalmist in the 90<sup>th</sup> Psalm declares, but for many of us, here we are. The greatest blessing about aging is being able to say we have never seen the righteous forsaken! God is good and faithful to the righteous and their children.

*Ellis*

## *Welcome New Members*

We are doubly happy to receive with arms wide open our newest members **Meredith Taliaferro & Tyler Davis**. Meredith is a student at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville; she is also the granddaughter of Floyd & Ginger Hamm. Tyler is the assistant baseball coach at Poteau High School. Welcome and congratulations Meredith & Tyler. Your family just got a lot BIGGER!

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## *Office Hours in Inclement Weather*

The church office will be closed if the Fort Smith schools are closed due to inclement weather.

## *Prayer Concerns*

- **Carolyn Heyroth** is in Mercy Hospital.
- Former members, **Ashley Meyer and William Parker**, passed away.
- **Wanda Foster, John Foster's mother**, is in Baptist Hospital.

## *In the Life of the Church*

- **Sunday, January 26, 11:00 am** Elders' Meeting
- **Sunday, January 26, 4:00 pm** Disciples Bells Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, January 28, 11:30 am** Lunch Bunch at George's, 2120 Grand Avenue
- **Tuesday, January 28, 4:15 pm** Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, January 29, 8:00 am** Ecumenical Men's Bible Study
- **Wednesday, January 29** Pastor's Bible Class (12:00 and 6:00 pm)
- **Thursday, January 30, 10:00 am** Crazy Crafters
- **Thursday, January 30, 1:00 pm** Disciples of Music

**Dianna's Notes**

**Special Music**

- January 26** Chancel Choir
- February 2** Disciples Bells Quintet
- February 16** Disciples Bells

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

**No Disciples Bells rehearsal on February 9  
Thanks for your ministry.**

**Elder for January**

Tim Randolph

**Deacons for January**

LaBeth Riggs (Foreman), Max File, Tim Fleming, Kim Kidder, Calvin Reed, Sabrina Robinson, Audrey Stewart, David Williamson

**Greeters for January**

Floyd Hamm, Becki Hanson  
Disciples Hall Entrance: Connie Slater

**Prepare Communion for January**

Nick Oliver

**Service Trip**

We are planning a service trip to Rolling Fork, MS, to work with Rolling Fork Rising in late February or early March. Call Zena Marshall for details if you are interested in participating.

**Great River Region Survey**

Please take part in helping us shape the future leadership of the GRR by taking this survey.

<https://forms.gle/S5tChtryTuXneAMAA>



**Blanket the World with God's Love!**

Our Disciple Women's groups are again sponsoring a **Blankets of Love** Offering. There will be a table in the narthex after worship on **Sunday, February 2 and 9**, 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**.

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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

<b>FOR THE RECORD January 19, 2025</b>	
<b>Operating Receipts To Date</b>	<b>\$ 5,837.00 13,789.00</b>
<b>Endowment To Date</b>	<b>25.00 215.00</b>
<b>Monthly Budgeted Needs</b>	<b>\$27,571.00</b>