



First Baptist Church of Woodbury April 30th, 2026 Edition

Sharing the Word, Loving the People, Living for the King



Ever watched the 1935 classic, *The Bride of Frankenstein*? Matt Smethurst says that one of Tim Keller's go-to illustrations was a scene from that film. As Keller tells it, at one point the monster stumbles into the cottage of a blind man in the forest. The blind man can't see how hideous the monster seems, but when he realizes that the monster can't speak he tells him, "I cannot see and you cannot speak. Maybe we can help each other. We can be friends!" The blind man then gets on his knees and thanks God for hearing his prayers and sending him a friend. The monster lives there a few days and the blind man plays his violin for him and teaches him to say a few words.

Tim Keller points out that the only humanity the monster develops, he develops in that cottage when someone takes him by the hand and calls him friend. The scene closes when a group of hunters arrive, see the monster, attack, and burn down the cottage. The last thing you see is the monster stumbling back out into the cold forest, alone and calling out, "Friend? Friend? Friend?" Smethurst says, "Even Frankenstein's monster started to become human under the influence of somebody who loved him." Is there anybody the Lord wants you to take by the hand and call friend?

This Sunday morning we will recognize this year's church family graduates and Randal Byers, our Student Minister along with his wife Ellie, will bring the message. On Sunday night we'll turn to James 5: 7 – 12, where through James the Lord tells us to be patient and then shows us what that patience looks like. Really now, is there anything more important than being in worship?

Bro Dean Anderson

Claiming God's Word

Walking in Victory

Let us now look at the individual armour that God gives us in verses 11-13 last week and claim them.

Ephesians 6:14-15-16 (NKJV) Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

Graduation Sunday

This Sunday, May 3rd

Congratulations Graduates

Eli Garrett Cannon County
High School

Claire Hargrove
Tullahoma High School /
Assoc. Degree from Motlow

Allie Melton Providence
Christian Academy

Mylee Schwartz Cannon
County High School



WMU provides age-appropriate resources so that every church member — from preschoolers to adults — can actively engage in missions. Each resource is designed to help people in your church learn, pray, support and do missions work to share the gospel. **For more information contact Morgan!**

Reminders for Sunday, May 3rd

Deacon of the Week — E. Bostedt

Offering: Deacons Ushers: D. Odom, D. Goins

3T Nursery — P. Norcutt, E. Crabtree, A. Rowland

Children's Message — A. Haley

Security — E. Bostedt, J. Todd, J. Woodin

Scripture Readers — L. Odom



AWANA

End of the Year Party

Sunday, May 3rd 5:30

"Because Kids Matter to God!"



We are needing volunteers to help in all areas. Contact Libby Sledge or Mary Ellen Smith if you are available to love on all who God brings our way. You can make a difference!

"God is working in your waiting!"



WED. NIGHT MEAL
This Wed., May 6th
5:00 PM
Mexican Menu



ARK ENCOUNTER: A deposit of \$50.00 for families going on the trip can be given to the church office with the final amount due May 24.

GOOD OLE DAYS SIGN UPS to outreach at the church booth passing out water and pamphlets for VBS will be in the hallways or contact Courtney Odom.

"If you really want to do something, you'll find a way. If you don't, you'll find an excuse."

**First Baptist Church
Food Pantry**



**Operation
Christmas Child**



Help us be the hands of Jesus as we seek to provide sustenance to the needy in the Woodbury area.

NEEDS FOR APRIL:

Boys and Girls Socks
Pencils and Erasers
Boys Underwear in ALL sizes
Bibles (See Phil Purvis to order)

***** Church Funnies *****



Respectful American Flag Disposal



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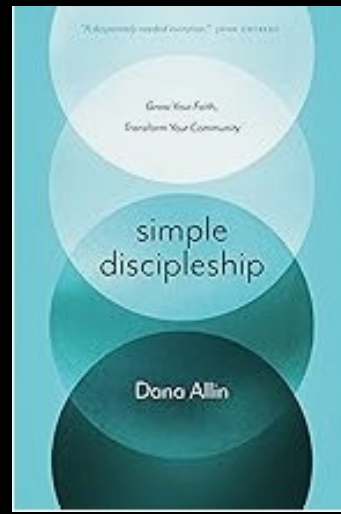
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Church Library Resource of the Week

SIMPLE DISCIPLESHIP by Dana Allin

Discipleship can feel like a meandering journey – we don't know what we want, and none of the programs offered seem to get us anywhere.

Most discipleship resources are designed as mass productions – efficient for touching many but often failing to see individuals grow in Christ. This is the best of both worlds – an assessment tool for your entire church, combined with an achievable, personalized discipling strategy.



Reading Through The Bible in 2026

May 2026

1. OT - I Kings 10, 11; NT - Luke 21:20-38
2. OT - I Kings 12, 13; NT - Luke 22:1-20
3. OT - I Kings 14, 15; NT - Luke 22:21-46
4. OT - I Kings 16, 17, 18; NT - Luke 22:47-71
5. OT - I Kings 19, 20; NT - Luke 23:1-25
6. OT - I Kings 21, 22; NT - Luke 23:26-56
7. OT - II Kings 1, 2, 3; NT - Luke 24:1-35

NORMAL CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Closed: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Morning worship broadcast on WBRY, AM 1540 & FM 107.1; morning and evening worship and Prayer Meeting all streamed live on Facebook and YouTube (FBC Woodbury), and on the church website (fbcwoodbury.org).

Prayer Guide

Please help us keep the Prayer Guide updated – send anyone you would like to add, and notify us of anyone who can be removed. Thank you!

Church Family

Melissa Burnett

Patrick, Karie Cecil
Bobby Davenport
Dot Duggin
Darrell, Lou Goins
Cecil Gregory
Ashlyn Hare
Drunell Higgins
Randal Holt
Richie Hunter
Andy McCrary
David, Charlene Odom
Benton Parker
Brandon Schwartz
MaryWells Smith
Betty Smithson

Friends and Family—submitted by the person listed

Ethan Allen (Danny Jones)
Cara Anderson (Dean Anderson)
Sharon Armstrong (Glenda Hunter)
Wade, Cindy Blackwell (Cindy Anderson)
Gary Blanton (Lydia Womack)
Roy Brigman (Marilyn Ault)
AnnaHaillie Brown (MaryWells Smith)
Randy Burnett (Tony Burnett)
Marcella Byers (Randall Byers)
Buck Campbell (Tony Burnett)
Nick Caudle (Melissa Froome)
Adam Cothron (Jason McGee)
Bruce Daniel (Brandie Maynard)
Pat Dayton (Bob Davenport)
Miciah DiGiacomo (Penny DiGiacomo)
Tammy Douglas (Lela Woodin)
Nick Dutton (Judy Holt)
Chris Ellis (Darren Jessup)
Bree Evans (Andy McCrary)
Katie Ferrell (Stacie Francis)
Emily Basinger Foster (Judy Campbell)
Linda Freeman (Hannah Herron)
Analynn Garrett (Jeannette Todd)
Logan Hastings (Tammy Wies)
Mary Headley (Mike Parks)
Brenda Hinderliter (Penny DiGiacomo)
Joe Mike Hodge (Kaylee Rogers)
Brian Jones (Douglas Jennings)

Lana Jones (Glenda Hunter)
Anna Kaiser (Tammy Wies)
Emily Kidd (Cindy Anderson)
Betty King (Cindy Anderson)
Polly Klecan (Katie McGee)
Brenda Liford (Marilyn Ault)
Amanda Parks (Cynthia Brewer)
Terry Patterson (Jason McGee)
Carson Powell (Cecil Gregory)
Samantha Schwartzentruber (Morgan Bostedt)
Josh Simmons (Michael Odom)
Andy Smith (Douglas Jennings)
Teresa Tenpenny (Melissa Burnett)
Becky Tilford (Melissa Froome)
David, Pat Tomlinson (Carlene Thomlinson)
Kim Van Atta (Tony Burnett)
Angela Welch (Morgan Bostedt)
Quinton Whitlock (Darren Jessup)
Joyce Wilburn (Anna Farris)
Bill Wilson (Tony Burnett)

Nursing Homes/Assisted Living:

Mamie Powers, Barbara Melton, Mamie Vance, Don Stevenson

Homebound:

Martha Burke, Dean Francis, Jinx Wilkinson, Betty Wilder, Carlene Tomlinson

Missionaries:

Phil/Laura Metcalf, Angela Dawson, Chris/Rebecca Abner, Casey/Amy Jones, Olivia Schultz

Church Staff:

Dean Anderson, Rhett Brewer, Randal & Ellie Byers, Eric Bostedt, Tammy Wies

Military:

Chris Gillis, Stephon Harris, Steven Pirtle, Justin Wax, Taylor Woodworth, Kevin Walkup Robert Bucher, Jessica Manning

College Students:

Cathan Cecil, Jacob Sledge, Sarah Bostedt, Etta Gaines, Thomas McGee, Alana Stansbury, Parker Matthews

Active Deacons:

Darren Jessup, Tony Burnett, Michael Odom, Jeff Woodin, Eric Bostedt, Bob Wies, Douglas Jennings, Jason McGee

Church Matters:

VBS; Mission trip and Nunez Church in Buenos Aires, MissionLab group; WMU; Student Ministry; Bruce Marchiano & Gospel of John film; IMB Missionaries; nation & leaders; Gideons; the lost

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be
gracious to you;
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”**

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