9:00 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Mills Bryant
Welcome – Nick McNabb
Song Medley – There Is Power in the Blood
How Great Thou Art
Light the Fire
Prayer – Kanembe Shanachilubwa
Song – My Only Hope is You
Communion & Offering – John W. Smith
Scripture – Mark 4:35-41 – Sherrill Bennett
Song – Master the Tempest is Raging
"Peace in the Midst of Uncertainty" – Noel Whitlock
Song – Jesus is Lord
Shepherd's Prayer – Mike Justus

FINANCES

Budget for 12/20/2020.....$45,352.00
Giving for 12/20/2020.....$56,373.94
Budget through Week 16.....$750,224.00
Giving through Week 16.....$728,807.71

ATTENDANCE

12/20/2020:
9:00 Worship— 283
Bible Classes —218/ Children's Worship — dismissed
Worship 5:00 p.m. — 91/ Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

FINANCES

Budget for 12/27/2020.....$45,352.00
Giving for 12/27/2020.....$57,021.82
Budget through Week 17.....$795,576.00
Giving through Week 17.....$785,829.53

PREVIOUS WEEK

12/27/2020:
9:00 Worship— 225
Bible Classes —dismissed/ Children's Worship — dismissed
Worship 5:00 p.m. — 68/ Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

FINANCES

Budget for 1/3/2021.....$51,500.00
Giving for 1/3/2021.....$32,821.12
Budget through Week 18.....$847,076.00
Giving through Week 18.....$818,650.65

LAST WEEK

1/3/2021:
9:00 Worship— 320
Bible Classes —264/ Children's Worship — dismissed
Worship 5:00 p.m. — 71/ Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

January 10, 2021

COLLEGE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Intentionally connected to God, His Word, His world, and to each other.

Thanks to the Lord for a New Year

I am optimistic about the outlook for the College Church in 2021.

First, we have a rich congregational history that has survived the Great Depression, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Cold War, 9/11, various recessions, and the normal challenges every local church faces. Our history predicts we can survive—and thrive—in the future.

Second, we have some of the best people in this congregation that I've ever known. When I visited Dr. Clifton Ganus shortly before his death and thanked him for his leadership in the College Church, he deflected attention from himself and began to point out the virtues of those following in his footsteps. He believed in us, and I believe we will measure up to his expectations in 2021.

Third, we have a congregation devoted to the word of God, and they love to study it for themselves. Every year, a large group reads the Bible from cover to cover. Carl & Frankie Mitchell led the way in this simple yet powerful plan for personal spiritual growth. **David Burks, Bruce McLarty, Noel Whitlock**, and their wives have supported this effort, one that has produced a strong core of disciples who know God's word.

Fourth, College Church has an outstanding full-time ministry team. I've observed many such groups in my 69 years of serving the Lord's people, and the College Church teams in 2021 ranks among the best I have ever seen. They are a gift from God, and we should give thanks for them every day.

Fifth, we have a challenging congregational "Vision for the Road Ahead." Hundreds of our members worked diligently to prepare a five-year plan for our spiritual growth. We have already made progress on many of the goals outlined in the plan. The Lord willing, 2021 will see an even greater push to make that vision a reality. The church will be hearing more about this as the year unfolds.

Finally, College Church is a family of faith. We stand on the promises of God. Pandemics and political upheaval may come and go, but, by the grace of God, we will do our part as citizens of heaven to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth in 2021 and beyond.

Our future is bright.

Howard W. Norton

PRAYER & PRAISE

Prayers:
Louise Ganus is in UH; **Barbara Jones** is in UH.

Sympathy:
Bruce Howell, brother of **Byron Howell,** passed away on Thursday, December 31, 2020, in Nashville.

Former member, Terry Wickre, brother-in-law of **John Prysock** and **Lynn Wolfe**, passed away in White Water, CO. There will be a private memorial service in April.

The Caring-and-Sharing Ministry lost a valued participant this week. Donna Young, whose broad smile and gregarious nature was a fixture at the Monday Night dinners for almost a decade, died on January 6 after a period of illness. Donna had also become a faithful member of **Don England's** Sunday morning Bible class. Those in Caring-and-Sharing and the Bible class will miss her. But her time with us will serve as a reminder that our outreach to others can bring good people our way. Funeral arrangements are pending.

New Baby:
Steve & Kaye Baber would like to announce the arrival of a new granddaughter, Lainey Jae. She was born Thursday, December 31, 2020, to Cody & Jana Willis. She weighed 6 pounds and 12 ounces.

Terry & Ranan Hester announce the birth of a new grandson, Bryson Brook Goodwin. Born Thursday, December 31, 2020, to Kory & Elisa Goodwin of Bella Vista, AR. He weighed 8 pounds and was 20.5 inches long.



JANUARY 10TH WORSHIP TIMES

9:00 AM: Worship
10:15 AM: Bible Classes
5:00 PM: Worship
All services will be live-steamed on Facebook.

5:00 P.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leaders – Jim Randolph
Welcome – Noel Whitlock
Song – One Step at a Time
Song – Jesus Knows and Cares
Prayer – Mike Justus
Song – Farther Along
"Can We Keep Our Eyes on God When They're Filled with Tears?" – Eddie Cloer
Song – Faithful Love
(Lord's Supper is served in Room 100)
Song – Prince of Peace, Control My Will
Prayer – Jim Gowen

HIS HOUSE

His House needs blankets and towels.



DIRECTORY UPDATE

Moved in town: Cliff & Jessica Collins, 11 Southridge Lane.
Moved out of town: Gene & Beckie Weaver, 295 Old Kings Hwy, East Sandwich, MA 02537.





THANK YOU

Thank you for your words of sympathy, your voice of concern, your gesture of caring and the love you offer. Thank you so much for the plant, phone calls, cards and texts. I really appreciated it.

Peggy Heusel

Thank you for all of the food, cards and prayers during my previous back surgery. I am improving daily; however, I still covet all your prayers for healing.

Arthur Mock

We thank you for the reception. It was a wonderful thing you all did to encourage us!

Mr. & Mrs. Matt Vandever

The recent loss of our mom has been easier to bear with your many kind and thoughtful expressions of sympathy. Thank you for your prayers, calls, texts, emails and the beautiful potted plant. Each one was deeply appreciated.

Danny & Cathy Wood, Mike Wood
And the entire family of Frances Wood

BABY SHOWER



Please join us for a drive-thru baby shower in honor of Erica Williams, member of Downtown Church of Christ, on Sunday, January 17, 2:00-3:00 p.m., at Midnight Oil Coffee House. Erica is the daughter of **Mark & Janice Barton**. She is registered at Amazon, Target and The Sassy Stitch.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE CLASS

The drop-off location has changed for Bible class for children in the Sheep through first grade classes. From now on, drop-off and pick-up will be in the Children's Worship Center. The name tags will be in the Children's Worship Center, as well. Thank you, **Kerri Behel**.



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES: A JANUARY UPDATE

As our congregation heads into 2021, children's Bible classes are entering their 12th week of resumption after a long hiatus. With schools in session and safety measures in place, the elders wanted to get back to the vital weekly spiritual education of our young ones.

Here are updates from the Children's and Youth and Family ministries:

First, **Kerri Behel** (Birth-3rd Grade): "Over the past 11 weeks of renewed Bible classes, the children's ministry is averaging 33 students in birth-third grades. Twenty-three teachers have answered the call to serve this age group on Sunday mornings. To insure safety, teachers and students are maintaining social distancing and using masks.

They are also taking precautions with extra cleaning of tables, chairs and hands, and using separate materials like personal crayons for each child.

During this time, we have had two positive COVID cases and had to quarantine two children's classes. At times, several classes have combined as teachers were forced to quarantine for close contact situations outside of church. We are not able to meet for nursery and children's worship at this time to avoid close contact with young children and adults."

Trey Reely (4th-6th Grade): "Our classes have been combined, and they all meet in the 6th grade classroom. All chairs are spaced as much as possible, and the kids wear masks. We have averaged 13 students a Sunday. We just began a study of Hebrews using materials provided by Lads to Leaders."

Kerri, Trey and their many helpers have been dealing with an unprecedented set of obstacles since the pandemic began. It has not been easy, but they are undaunted in their efforts to bring God's word to our children in a safe environment. As the new year begins, please continue to pray for God's blessings on these teachers and children.

BEGINNING JANUARY 17TH

- 9:00 a.m. worship service
- 10:15 a.m. Bible Class: During this time, the combined Adult Bible Class that has met in the Auditorium, will move to the Family Room so that the Auditorium can be cleaned for the 11:00 a.m. service. The Adult Bible Class will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook.
- 11:00 a.m. worship service: This service will be led by the College Ministry and geared to university students; however, anyone is welcome to attend this service.



ELDERS MEETING SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 2020

This month the elders

- Prayed for specific needs in the church family;
- Prayed specifically for God to help us reach the lost, locally and around the world, and to thank God for our young families and their children and ask Him to send us more;
- Held both virtual and in-person meetings of the elders;
- Were chaired by Sam Billingsley as David Burks began his Sabbatical from the eldership;
- Welcomed Jim Gowen back to the eldership following his Sabbatical;
- Were updated about COVID issues in the community and in the congregation;
- Were reminded that there would be no Bible classes on December 23, December 27, or December 30;
- Learned that December 13 would be Barry Rucker's last Sunday to serve as an elder and worship with the congregation before he and Jana move to Oklahoma;
- Discussed ACS Abundant as an upgrade for the church database;
- Approved, in principle, a new logo design for the congregation;
- Approved objectives proposed for the Adult Education curriculum;
- Approved allocating $46,000 of the remaining Great Commission Sunday contribution to specific mission projects while retaining $22,000 for future needs;
- Received schedules for the 2021 elders meetings, for devotional and prayer leaders at those meetings, and for the elder chair rotation projected out to 2029;
- Approved a new job description for Steven Yeakley that details his involvement with various ministries.

FAMILY CONCERNS

Briarwood Nursing & Rehab: **Ellen Brown** 104.
The House of Three: LR: **Bill Diles**.
The Crossing at Riverside: **Mable Carpenter** 309; **Louise Ganus**; **Eloise Muncy** 212B; **Joe Hurd's** mother, Patsy Hurd 216A; **Sharon Manor's** father, Harvie Reynolds 105; **Sharon Manor's** mother, Opal Reynolds 114.
Oakdale: **Carolyn Boutell** 117; **Rick Boutell** 117.
Providence: **Laura Smith** 308.
Searcy Healthcare: **Clarene Keesling** 82.
Hickory Heights: LR: **Larry Heusel.**