9:00 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Tom Ritchie
Welcome – Roy Barnes
Song – I Am a Sheep
Song – O for a Faith that Will Not Shrink
Song – Faithful Love
Prayer – Zac Muncy
Song – We Saw Thee Not
Communion & Offering – J.B. Myers
Scripture – Colossians 3:1-4 – Greg Laing
Song – Faith is the Victory
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" – Noel Whitlock
Song – My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Shepherd's Prayer – Tim Westbrook



FINANCES

Budget for 1/10/2021.....$45,352.00
Giving for 1/10/2021.....$67,039.97
Budget through Week 19.....$892,428.00
Giving through Week 19.....$885,690.62

ATTENDANCE

1/10/2021:
9:00 Worship— 391
Bible Classes —293/ Children's Worship — dismissed
Worship 5:00 p.m. — 91/ Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

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January 17, 2021

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The Mob and the Calm Heart

I was caught in a mob once.

I played on a pretty good Karns High School basketball team back in 1964, but we hadn't beaten Knoxville South in 10 years, so our fans were pretty amped up as they packed into half of one side of South's gym. Naturally, we hated South and South hated us, a mutual disdain going back years and stoked all week by students (and some adults).

All in the spirit of a healthy rivalry, of course.

When we stormed back from a 13-point deficit in the 4th quarter to win, our jubilant fans spilled onto the court, some of them determined to cut down the nets. But South fans had also descended to stop their rivals from the intended desecration. I was on the court trying to say "Good game," to someone as the buzzer sounded and did not notice how many people were suddenly surrounding the players—or how angry they were.

As I reached out to shake hands with South star, Bill Young, I was swept away by a human wave carrying me into chaos. I can still recall Bill's pale blue, baffled eyes as he watched me engulfed by the crowd, his body also buffeted, his hand still extended.

It was an ugly but thankfully brief melee. Supposedly knives were pulled, a gun was drawn, but no one suffered more than bruises. Our coaching staff escorted us quickly to the locker room.

On January 6th, 2021, that event came back to me. In 1964, I was 16 and not yet a Christian. But I had been taught enough basic values to catch a glimmer of a profound truth rooted in the gospel. Bill Young and I were not enemies. We were fellow human beings and potential victims of partisan passion unleashed.

Had I been a mature follower of Jesus then, I might have examined my own volatile emotions and prayed, "Father, forgive me for loving my team more than you. Help me realize that life is not a game to be won or lost but a struggle to do your will.

And help me to view earthly rivalries with a heart made calm by the peace of Jesus Christ, who died at the hands of a mob to save me, Bill Young, and even the mob."

John Williams

MLK'S CALL FOR CHRISTIAN VALUES

As the nation prepares to commemorate Martin Luther King's birthday, we would do well to remember King's legacy as a minister of the Gospel, a role central to his work on behalf of Civil Rights.

During the 1955-56 Montgomery Bus Boycott, King got word that his house had been bombed. After months of similar violence directed at African-Americans, a group of his followers gathered on his lawn, armed and ready to retaliate for the bombing. Although King himself was getting dozens of hateful letters and obscene or threatening phone calls every day, he said to them, "I want you to go home and put down your weapons. We cannot solve this problem through retaliatory violence … Jesus still cries out across the centuries, 'Love your enemies.' This is what we must live by."

In 1963, when King organized peaceful protests in Birmingham, Alabama, he required anyone participating to sign a 10-point pledge. Point one said, "Meditate daily on the teachings and life of Jesus." Other points included, "Walk and talk in the manner of love, for God is love," and "Pray daily to be used by God."

For African-Americans living in Birmingham in 1963, violent attacks and abuse were the norm. King knew that if they were going to maintain the spirit of nonviolence amidst this intense physical and mental oppression, they would need a perfect model who had faced down challenges like this. Jesus, having suffered such abuses at the hands of the Romans, yet declaring "Father forgive them," provided that inspiration.

In "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," King answers white Christian ministers who penned an article criticizing him for coming to Birmingham. Their rebuke hit King hard. Attacks from people who you thought were your brothers sting more than those from known enemies.

In his response King writes about how the early church passionately stirred things up to effect change, but how the church of his day had become a mirror of society's values. So he challenges Christians of his time with a charge that still rings true: "If today's church does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authenticity, forfeit the loyalty of millions, and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning."

We must be a bright shining light, and not just a dim reflection.



Angela & David Adams

5:00 P.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Ryan Simpson
Welcome – Jeff Montgomery
Song – Lord, I Lift Your Name on High
Song – Jesus, You're My Firm Foundation
Song – Hallelujah, What a Savior
Prayer – Jim Adams
Song – There's Not a Friend
Scripture Reading – Hebrews 3:1-19 – David Cole
"The Danger of Unbelief" – Noel Whitlock
Song – Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
(Lord's Supper is served in Room 100)
Song – Lord, Reign In Me
Prayer – Jim Randolph

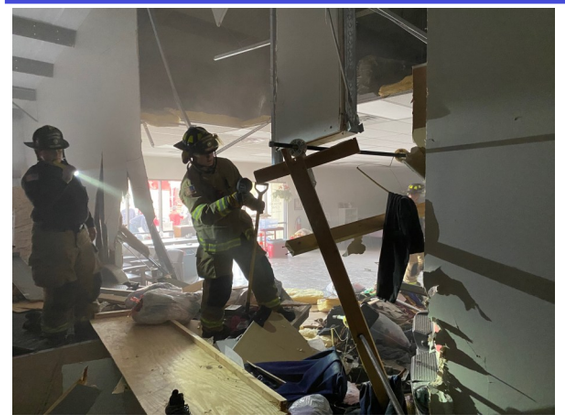
BEGINNING JANUARY 17TH

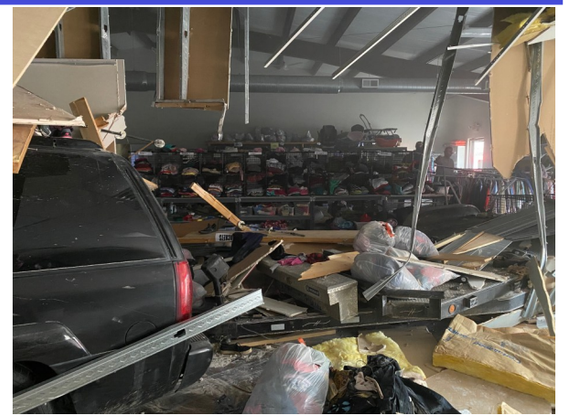
- 9:00 a.m. worship service
- 10:15 a.m. Bible Class: During this time, the combined Adult Bible Class that has met in the Auditorium will move to the Family Room so that the Auditorium can be cleaned for the 11:00 a.m. service. The Adult Bible Class will continue to be live-streamed on Facebook.
- 11:00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





HIS HOUSE DAMAGED





On Thursday afternoon, January 14, shortly after 3 p.m. and only about 30 minutes after workers had left the building, an SUV pulling a trailer smashed through the front wall of His House, destroying part of the inner wall between the clothing and waiting rooms, and doing extensive damage elsewhere inside. The driver appeared unhurt. So far, no cause for the accident has emerged. The building has been boarded up, and His House will be closed until further notice. We thank God that no one got hurt and pray for the ministry and those it cares for as repairs get underway.



PRAYER & PRAISE

Sympathy:
Rachel Hood's sister, Becky Garcia, passed away Wednesday, January 13, in Abilene, Texas.

Zane Hutcherson, father of **Daniel Hutcherson**, passed away Monday, January 11. Services will be held Sunday, January 17 in Memphis, TN.

Sharon Manor's father, Harvie Reynolds, passed away Monday, January 11. There will be a private graveside service at a later date in Alabama.

Eunice Holder, a former member, passed away Wednesday, January 13. Visitation will be Sunday, January 17, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Powell Funeral home in Searcy. There will be a family graveside service in Romance.



HIS HOUSE

No donations at this time.

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** 115B; **Joe Hurd's** mother, Patsy Hurd 216A; **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.**

THANK YOU

Thank you for the cards, flowers and personal phone calls regarding the recent loss of our Mom, Jo Yaeger. They were very heartfelt and we appreciate them. If you would like to visit her memorial site, it is www.joyaeger.life. Tim did an excellent eulogy for her, and you can see the many facets of her life. She was truly dedicated to her family, to God and the spreading of his Word to the lost. There will be a private memorial service here in Searcy at a later date.

Sincerely, **Doug Yaeger, Cindy Curtis** and our families.

Thank you so much for the cards, food, and phone calls following my recent accident and surgery. Looking forward to being together with your soon.

In Christian Love, **Johnice Hearn**



BABY SHOWER



Please join us for a drive-thru baby shower in honor of Erica & Clay Williams, members of Downtown Church of Christ, TODAY, 2:00-3:00 p.m., at Midnight Oil Coffee House. Erica is the daughter of **Janice Barton**. She is registered at Amazon, Target and The Sassy Stitch. It's a boy!

CHILDREN'S BIBLE CLASS

The drop-off location has changed for children in the Sheep-through-first-grade Bible 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**.

