9:00 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Chris Randolph
Welcome – Glen Metheny
Song Medley:
Song – Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down
Song – Wonderful, Merciful Savior
Song – In His Time
Prayer – Adam Dunning
Scripture – Luke 13:22-30 – Caleb Ingram
Song – How Deep the Father's Love
Song – In Christ Alone
Communion & Offering – Eric Giboney
Song – Wonderful Grace of Jesus
"Dealing With Guilt" – Noel Whitlock
Song – I Know Whom I Have Believed
Shepherd's Prayer – David Bangs

FINANCES

Budget for 1/24/2021.....$45,352.00
Giving for 1/24/2021.....$48,393.89
Budget through Week 21.....$983,132.00
Giving through Week 21.....$979,968.51

ATTENDANCE

1/24/2021:
9:00 Worship— 344/ 11:00 Worship—129
Bible Classes —293/ Children's Worship — dismissed
Worship 5:00 p.m. — 95/ Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

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January 31, 2021

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Technology and the Church: What Lies Ahead?

When we sing "Count Your Many Blessings," I hope the list includes the technology that allowed us to "gather" together when COVID emerged last spring.

With the systems and services **Mike James** talked about last week, Christians from all over the world could pivot to online services, classes and meetings. Without such technology, we would have been desperately isolated from fellow Christians. Instead, we have continued to have meaningful contact with each other.

Reet and I have been able to worship occasionally with our home congregation in Australia. It has been incredibly encouraging to see the young teenagers we knew back then leading worship and classes today. One of those young men is the full-time preacher. This blessing was possible because of the technology in our buildings.

Let's be clear. Online worship is not a replacement for the in-person experience. It doesn't capture the hubbub of brothers and sisters talking and laughing together. When we gather in one place, the singing stirs our souls in ways that are difficult to achieve virtually. It is better IRL (in real life)!

However, since this technology is here to stay, why not see it as a gift from God? If church is not about the building, and if the gospel is not about the physical body, we should ask how we can use technology to expand our reach. Can God work through our congregation to reach those who have not—and may never—set foot in our building? Imagine our church databases and digital communications joining to get food, medical help, or the gospel to more local citizens—and faster!

But we should also think globally. Isn't it logical that the God who created time and space would give his followers tools to conquer them in order to preach Jesus? Live-streaming allows us to synchronously go into all the world. Imagine "every creature in heaven and on earth" invited through social media to a virtual tent meeting, a congress of souls praising God and quenching their thirst for good news (Rev. 5:13)!

God's world is always changing, but His plan remains the same. He wants us to use the digital revolution as we would any other tool: to reach, care for, and disciple people. How much more could God do through us if we took full advantage of technology?

Keith Cronk

NOEL'S NOTES

These past few Sundays have blessed us with good attendance, along with several guests, some who are looking for a church home. I know we must maintain social distancing, but it is still important to be aware of guests in our assemblies and members worshipping from home. To all of you watching online, please know you are greatly missed. We eagerly long for the day when we can praise our Heavenly Father together—in person!



Next Sunday, February 7, we will begin a mini-sermon series simply called "Church." The Bible defines church as those who are "called out," made up of people who have put their absolute trust in Jesus Christ. To make an impact on the world, our faith and love for Jesus should be visible to that world. For the next four Sundays, we will look at a few of the qualities of God's people that are to be reflected in the College Church family. The series will consist of these lessons:

Where the World Can See Jesus
Where Everyone is Welcome
The Voice in the World
The Hope of the World

Our Sweetheart Celebration to honor widows, widowers, and couples married 50 years or more will actually be two celebrations this year. The Youth and Family ministry will serve widowers and couples on Sunday, February 14, but instead of hosting a luncheon, students will be writing cards and preparing care packages. Widowers and couples should RSVP by January 29. See **Brent Wilhite's** announcement in this bulletin or contact him for more information. Widows will have their own celebration at a later date under the auspices of the Young-at-Heart ministry.

As we consider what to pray for this winter, let me urge you to include these needs: Remember those among our brethren who are ill or who are grieving. Several members have lost loved ones recently. Remember our missionaries too, because like us, most of them are working where COVID is affecting their assemblies and efforts. Finally, with 1 Timothy 2: 1-2 in mind, pray for those who govern us so that peace and goodness will prevail in our nation.

Life continually reminds us that whether it's the prosperity of our country, the strength of our church, or the welfare of our loved ones, we can take nothing for granted. But we always have prayer, and it does make a difference.

HIS HOUSE

No donations at this time.

5:00 P.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Clay Pennington
Welcome – Brett Watson
Song – I Will Sing the Wondrous Story
Song – Higher Ground
Song – Sweet By and By
Prayer – Mike Rush
Song – It Is Well With My Soul
Scripture Reading – Hebrews 4:1-13 – Jim Adams
"Strive to Enter that Rest" – Noel Whitlock
Song – I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
(Lord's Supper is served in Room 100)
Song – Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom
Prayer – Kris Citty

RIVER CITY MINISTRY

River City Ministry provides a hot breakfast and lunch to the homeless every weekday. Every $1.00 you give provides everything necessary to prepare and serve breakfast and lunch at one of the only shelters that serves a hot meal with meat every day of operation. This "Souper Bowl" Sunday, February 7, help us feed the hungry by donating to RCM. Set a giving goal for yourself, your office, group, organization, or church or create a fundraiser on your Facebook page and select River City Ministry of Pulaski County. You can provide one day of hot meals for $125, one week of meals for $625, or one month of meals for $2,500. Together we can tackle hunger in Central Arkansas! Donations can be sent to River City Ministry, P.O. Box 2179, North Little Rock, AR 72114 or made electronically at: **https://www.rivercityministry.org/souper-bowl-sunday**



Note: College Church helps support one of RCM's apprentices, Ben Myatt.

THANK YOU

We want you to know how much we appreciate all the cards, small gifts, acts of service and, of course, your prayers. We love and appreciate you so much. Love you so much (Philippians 1:3).

Edwin Myers

Thank you from the family of **Annabelle Moser** for the lovely fresh flowers, cards, texts, calls, and emails after her death. We were not quite prepared for Mother's death but, as with many others this year, COVID took her quickly. We appreciate being part of the College Church family. Mother is safely home.



Larry & LaNelle Stamps

HOPE COTTAGE

Hope Cottage, an emergency shelter in White County for women and children fleeing domestic violence, could use help in stocking their "Transition Closet". When their clients transition to start life without violence, they need basics that they cannot afford. Our His House Ministry is a wonderful resource for them. However, due to confidentiality, safety, and timing concerns, they also maintain this closet to help the women and children.

Items needed for the closet at this time: bath towels and washcloths, sheets (all sizes), flatware, basic cooking utensils. **Ed & Beth Wilson** work closely with this good work, and will pick up items to deliver to the shelter, using "no contact" if you prefer. For safety and confidentially reasons, the location of the shelter cannot be disclosed. Call Beth Wilson, 501-230-0228 if you have questions or would like items to be picked up from your home.



ELDERS MEETING SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 2021

This month the elders

- Prayed for specific needs in the church family;
- Prayed specifically to have God 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;
- Welcomed Rick Harper as chair for the next four months;
- Approved a worship schedule for the spring with a 9:00 a.m. service followed by a 10:15am Bible class in the Family Room, and an 11:00 a.m. second service;
- Decided to continue with in-person worship assemblies as we have been, review our protocols and renew our commitment to safe practices, continue to emphasize that the option of virtual worship is best for some members, and maintain a high level of care and concern for both the physical and spiritual health of all our members;
- Acknowledged the gift to each elder of two books (*Change Your Mind Toward God* and *God's Eternal Covenant Along with His People*) from Jerry Loutzenhizer, long-time missionary supported by the congregation;
- Were updated on the implementation of ACS Abundant, the process of looking into having a rental management agency handle the church's rental properties, and the follow-up to the accident at His House;
- Received a report on the Communication Ministry's initial planning for a series of bulletin articles on the Commitment statements from the Vision for the Road Ahead;
- Approved Danielle Ayers as the intern to work with the CIA service group at the Rock House;
- Discussed safety protocols and the process to be followed at the end of the worship services in the auditorium;
- Approved letters of commendation for Barry Rucker and Al Frazier who have stepped down as elders.

SWEETHEART CELEBRATION

In 2021 our annual Sweetheart Celebration, which honors our widowers and couples married 50+ years, will look different. This year we are preparing care packages for pick-up or delivery on Sunday, February 14. Please check your email for more information or contact **Brent Wilhite** by email at brentwilhite7@yahoo.com or call/text 501-207-1548 for further details. We are thankful to serve this group of incredible examples of faith and love.



PRAYER & PRAISE

Prayers:
Edith Barnes is in The Crossing recovering from a broken hip and has COVID; **Greg King** is struggling with COVID and pneumonia; **Maydell Yeakley** is in rehab at The Crossing following a fall.



Sympathy:
Clarene Keesling passed away Friday, January 15. Services will be at a later date in Kansas.

Van Tate, father of **Jill Wood**, grandfather of **McKenzie Reed** and **Ethan Wood**, passed away on Sunday, January 24, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. There was a family service on Wednesday, January 27.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The women's ministry invites you to attend the first event in our new Creative Connections series. Join Bethany Palmer, former owner of the Pasta Grill, as she demonstrates how to prepare an easy, delicious Valentine's Day meal for your loved one, family, or friends. Join us on February 12, 6:30 p.m. in the Family Room. Due to COVID capacity restrictions, registration is required to attend in person. **Click here to register.** This event will also be live-streamed on the College Church of Christ Women's Ministry Facebook page. Interested in joining the Creative Connections event team? Email **Anessa Westbrook** at adwestbrook@harding.edu.



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.
Hickory Heights: LR: **Larry Heusel.**

WEDDING SHOWER

You are invited to a come-and-go wedding shower celebrating **Nic Spelce**, son of **Rick & Vicki Spelce**, and his bride-elect Kassie Kilgore on Saturday, February 6, 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. at the College Church in Room 100. The happy couple are registered at Walmart, Target, and Amazon. Gifts can be dropped off the week before in the College Church office or in the McInteer Building Room 121. Masks and social distancing are required in the building.



BABY SHOWER

There will be a Zoom baby shower for Joelle & Cody Krantz on Saturday, February 6, 1:00-2:30 p.m. Joelle is the daughter of **Noel & Lael Whitlock**. They are registered at Target, Amazon and Walmart. A Zoom invitation can be provided for those interested in joining and celebrating with Joelle online. Please contact the church office or Lael if you would like the link.

