9:00 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Chris Randolph
Welcome – Kenneth Mills
Song Medley:
Song – Faithful Love
Song – Sanctuary
Song – There's Not a Friend
Song – Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Song – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Prayer – Scott Diles
Song – Come Share the Lord
Communion & Offering – Brent Wilhite
Scripture – Hebrews 12:1-6 – Stan Valentine
Song – Build Your Kingdom Here
"Church: Where the World Can See Jesus" – Noel Whitlock
Song – They'll Know We Are Christians
Shepherd's Prayer – Howard Norton

FINANCES

Budget for 1/31/2021.....$45,352.00
Giving for 1/31/2021.....$39,504.99
Budget through Week 22.....$1,028,484.00
Giving through Week 22.....$1,019,473.50

ATTENDANCE

1/31/2021:
9:00 Worship— 348/ 11:00 Worship—139
Bible Classes —363/ Children's Worship — dismissed
Worship 5:00 p.m. — 98/ Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

CONTACT INFORMATION

Office Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F
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February 7, 2021

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G. P. Bowser: Educating to Unify

For most of my life I attended an African-American church in the heart of West Dallas, Texas. The saints there taught me how my people progressed in the town, and I also learned some of the rich history of Black churches of Christ in America.

During Reconstruction and into the 20th century, many of our black brothers and sisters fought hard to provide a safe haven for each other in a segregated society. One particular brother who raised awareness among African- American Christians was G. P. Bowser. So many Black churches of Christ exist because of his work.

Born just outside of Nashville Tennessee, in 1874, George Philip Bowser soon moved with his mother and siblings to the city itself. He attended a Methodist church after receiving a scholarship to an African Methodist College. Though Bowser received high honors within the Methodist church, he was dissatisfied with their teachings. He joined the Stone-Campbell movement, was baptized and became a member of the Churches of Christ.

As Bowser became more familiar with the church, he quickly realized a need for strong education within the African-American church community. In 1902, he opened his Christian school at Jackson Street Church of Christ in Nashville. The school moved to Silver Point, TN, in 1913, and took on the name Silver Point Christian Institute, with a curriculum focused mostly on Bible study.

While developing the school, he also addressed the lack of communication among African-American churches by launching a newspaper called *The Christian Echo*.



G. P. Bowser: Black History Month

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Financial instability led to the demise of Silver Point, and for the next two decades Bowser moved from place to place pursuing the dream of an African-American school: at Ft. Smith, Arkansas in 1933, where for a time he conducted classes in his home, in Detroit, MI, and finally to Terrell, Texas, where, in 1948, Southwestern Christian College was established.

Bowser died in 1950, before his institution became the only accredited African-American college in the Churches of Christ, but his legacy was assured. The relentless work and iron determination of Brother G. P. Bowser is unmatched. His conviction to educate and connect African-Americans in the Lord's church brought a needed unity to those Christians.

Unity. I sometimes think to myself what it would look like to attend a multi-ethnic Church of Christ in America. But I see two races still largely attending churches with people who look just like them. Unity is still elusive, but Brother Bowser's life gives me hope.

Jessica Berry

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.



HIS HOUSE

No donations at this time.

5:00 P.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Jim Randolph
Welcome – Greg Brooks
Song – Arise My Soul, Arise
Song – Jesus Thy Name I Love
Song – Christ We Do All Adore Thee
Prayer – Les McGalliard
Song – Lamb of God
Scripture Reading – Hebrews 4:14-16 – Jackson Montgomery
"Our Great High Priest" – Noel Whitlock
Song – I Must Tell Jesus
(Lord's Supper is served in Room 100)
Song – Crown Him With Many Crowns
Prayer – Kyle 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, TODAY, 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.

HELPING THE COMMUNITY

College Church is partnering with a local pharmacy and Harding University to help get COVID vaccines to people in Searcy.

This past week the Medical Center Pharmacy started using our Room 100 as a vaccination site each Thursday from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The service will continue as long as the vaccine is needed.

Our Room 100 allows more than three times the number of vaccinations per day than would be possible at the smaller space of the Pharmacy.

Doses will be administered by a group of students from Harding's College of Pharmacy, led by faculty member **Ellen Jones**.

We are offering the location as a service to the community. To sign up for the vaccine at our building, just call the Medical Center Pharmacy (268-3311). College Church Members, please do not call our office to sign up. Remember that only those who fall within current state guidelines can receive vaccines at this time.

The Medical Center Pharmacy, run by Todd & Casey McLeod, son and daughter-in-law to our **Rowan & Cecilia McLeod**, is just one of many pharmacies in Searcy participating in this nationwide effort. **Rick Harper**, who facilitated the partnership, says, "We are blessed to live in a town with such great medical services and are happy to do our part to protect our fellow citizens from the pandemic."



Natalie Stirrup is part of the team using Room 100 to vaccinate Searcy citizens.



Ellen Jones lends her expertise to the vaccination process.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

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. For information about how to participate in women's ministries, see the flyer on pages 8-9 of this bulletin.



NEW SUNDAY MORNING CLASS

New class on Sunday morning: Connections: Connecting to God while connecting to each other. We'll use Aubrey Johnson's book, *Renewing Your Spiritual Life: A Study of Deuteronomy,* to have a text-based discussion of the lessons learned by the Israelite nation and their application to us today. Learn how faith and obedience remain the basis of spiritual renewal today. Facilitated by **Rigel Page** in Room 225.



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; **Maydell Yeakley** is in rehab at The Crossing following a fall.



Sympathy:

Mike Riggs, son of **Harry Riggs**, passed away Sunday, January 31, in Oklahoma. There was a memorial service Thursday, February 4, at the Dewey Church of Christ in Dewey, Oklahoma.

Baptism:

Joshua McGlawn, son of **Jason & Penny McGlawn,** was baptized into Christ Sunday, January 31, by his father. To God be the glory!!

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Moved: Homer & Debra Wilson, 679 DePartee Creek Road, Thida, AR 72165.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank you all for the cards, words of encouragement, phone calls and the wonderful food that you have blessed us with in our time of grief. Van Tate was a true man of God! Until we meet again we will cherish our time we had with him on this earth.

Sincerely, **Michael & Jill Wood**, **McKenzie & Codie Reed**, and **Ethan** & Christin Wood

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.**