9:00 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Will Francis
Welcome – Michael Claxton
Song – We Are Marching to Zion
Song – Sing to Me of Heaven
Song – Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Prayer – Kent Giboney
Song – Cornerstone
Communion & Offering – Jeff Montgomery
Scripture – 1 Peter 1:3-9 – Dave Daughety
Song – Living Hope
"Church: The Message of Hope to the World" – Noel Whitlock
Song – Build Your Kingdom Here
Shepherd's Prayer – Ken Mills

FINANCES 2/14/2021

Budget for 2/14/2021.....$45,352.00
Giving for 2/14/2021.....$49,117.02
Budget through Week 24.....$1,125,336.00
Giving through Week 24.....$1,123,257.75

ATTENDANCE 2/14/2021

2/14/2021:
9:00 Worship— 342/ 11:00 Worship—129
Bible Classes —260/ Children's Worship — dismissed
Worship 5:00 p.m. — dismissed/ Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

FINANCES 2/21/2021

Budget for 2/21/2021.....$45,352.00
Giving for 2/21/2021.....$34,253.91
Budget through Week 25.....$1,170,688.00
Giving through Week 25.....$1,157,511.66

ATTENDANCE 2/21/2021

2/21/2021:
9:00 Worship— 331/ 11:00 Worship—119
Bible Classes —330/ Children's Worship — dismissed
Worship 5:00 p.m. — 82/ Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

February 28, 2021

COLLEGE
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Farewell to College Church

Almost thirty years ago, **Ann**, Charity, Jessica and I moved to Searcy, Arkansas, for me to begin preaching for the College Church. Our first Sunday was September 1, 1991. During the next fourteen years, you very generously, kindly, patiently, lovingly and faithfully took us into your hearts as you helped me to grow up as a preacher. You were incredible to us. More times than I can count, I have told people that I enjoyed each year of preaching at the College Church more than the one before.

Then, in 2005, I stepped out of the College Church pulpit and went to work for Harding University. That move did not end or even diminish our relationship. In fact, we have experienced even more love, redemption, care and compassion from you during the second half of our relationship than we did during the years I preached here. I have shared with many people that, especially in our most difficult moments, the College Church has been incredibly Christ-like in the way you have cared for us. Your tenderness has not been 85%, 90%, or even 99% toward us; it has been 100%. Thank you! You are more incredible than you think or dare to imagine. The Spirit of Christ lives within and among you.

If all goes as planned, we will have moved our belongings to Cookeville on Wednesday and will be residents of Tennessee when you meet this Sunday. Once again, our relationship will change, but it will certainly not end. You have helped to make us who we are, and we will always be grateful that, almost thirty years ago, God placed us into the amazing spiritual family of the College Church. Lord willing, we will be back for visits. And don't even consider driving through Cookeville without stopping for a visit!

Bruce McLarty

FAREWELL TO THE MCLARTYS

Speaking for all of us, **Michael Justus** wrote this letter to **Bruce McLarty**, who, with wife **Ann**, has moved back to Cookeville, TN.

Dear Bruce,

Years ago you shared a quotation with us from a preacher you considered a mentor. William Carey, a long-term missionary to India, once told his nephew:

> If after my removal anyone should think it worth his while to write my Life, I will give you a criterion by which you may judge of its correctness. If he gives me credit for being a plodder, he will describe me justly. Anything beyond this will be too much. I can plod. I can persevere in any definite pursuit. To this I owe everything.

While some might consider "plodding" tedious and inefficient, you have proven otherwise. Unselfishly, you have adjusted your pace to meet the needs of your church family.

You jogged with us when we were excited about daily Bible reading and encouraged us to press on when our faith hit the wall. When we were trudging under the weight of our own burdens, you matched your steps to ours. Your sense of humor and contagious laughter gave us a second wind when we weren't sure we could take another step.

You frequently trekked to the higher road and encouraged us to follow you there. You convinced us that we could go a second mile, and in spite of your own exhaustion, more than once you pulled us from the ditch when we wandered off the path.

Like Aesop's steady tortoise, you have kept the faith with your brothers and sisters at College Church and finished the course in Searcy.

Plodding is only possible with the support of family. Whether as a wife, mother, nurse or hostess, Ann has jogged alongside you with perseverance in the race that God has laid out for the two of you.

And so, Bruce & Ann, we echo the words the apostle Paul shared with those he loved in Philippi:

> We thank our God every time we remember you. In all our prayers for all of you, we always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

With apologies to Buzz Lightyear, may God go with you "to infinity and beyond!"

Your College Church Family

5:00 P.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Clay Pennington
Welcome – Greg Brooks
Song – Living by Faith
Song – Faith of Our Fathers
Song – My Faith Looks Up to Thee
Prayer – Norm Stone
Song – I Believe in Jesus
Scripture Reading – Hebrews 5:1-10 – Jim Randolph
"Reverent Surrender" – Noel Whitlock
Song – Faith is the Victory
(Lord's Supper is served in Room 100)
Song – Lord, Send Me
Prayer – Jim Citty

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Moved in town: **David & Jo Ann Ridings**; 801 S Benton D107; mailing address: P.O. Box 142, 72145; David's cell: 501-230-6093; Jo Ann's cell: 501-230-6094.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The women's ministry invites you to attend the next event in our Creative Connections series. Join **Margie Davis** as she leads us in a guided painting event. The event is Sunday, March 21, 2:30 - 4 p.m. in the Family Room. Registration on the College Church website is required for in-person attendance. We will also plan to stream the event on our Women's Ministry Facebook page. Email **Anessa Westbrook** at adwestbrook@harding.edu with any questions.

CARD MINISTRY

Budd Hebert had a stroke while he and his wife, **Doris**, were visiting their daughter in California. He will remain out there for some time. His daughter has requested cards of encouragement for him. Please send them to Budd Hebert c/o Shirley Senn, 13826 Cheryl Creek Drive, El Cajon, CA 92021. Shirley's phone: 904-861-4477. Budd's email: bhebert@harding.edu.

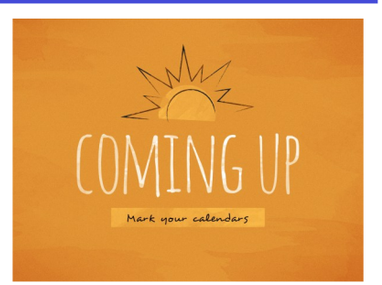
ELDERS MEETING SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 2021

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 of the elders;
- Discussed the project that had been approved via email to allow Todd & Casey McLeod to use Room 100 for Covid-19 vaccinations;
- Discussed a timeline for reviewing and updating ministry team and staff job descriptions and the church organizational chart;
- Discussed reports of families who are visiting or moving to other congregations during the disruption caused by the pandemic;
- Learned that the annual review of the church finances found no issues;
- Received a preliminary update on the plan to retire building fund debt by August 31;
- Learned that the renovation of His House has begun and new cubicles for interviewing and new switches and outlets are being added during this project;
- Were told that there was good attendance at the first college student singing and that more would be scheduled for the first and third Sunday evenings of the spring semester;
- Approved the new church logo;
- Learned that **Alan Hardison** has joined the discipling ministry and that the ministry is adding new discipling groups;
- Received a report that **Sujin Nelson** is leaving for mission work in Austria next week, traveling via Thailand where she will work until she obtains appropriate paperwork;
- Initiated some preliminary investigation of a mask-optional service;
- Committed to helping members with excessive heating and electric bills;
- Commended the projects organized by **Harry Riggs**, **Todd Gentry**, and **Brent Wilhite** to help senior members who need snow shoveled or errands run.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Service Schedule for March 7
There will be one combined worship service.
Worship - 9:00 a.m.
Bible Class - 10:15 a.m.



THANK YOU

I want to thank our wonderful College church family for all the cards, calls, prayers, expressions of care and sympathy during my son Mike's illness and following his death. We are so blessed to be part of such a loving congregation.

Harry & Cheryl Riggs

Last week we had the memorial service for Harvie Reynolds, **Sharon's** father. He passed away three weeks earlier. We appreciate so much the kindnesses and expressions of sympathy that we received from our family at the College Church. The plant given by the congregation serves as a tribute to Harvie's life. It is a privilege to be a part of the church family.

Dale & Sharon Manor

PRAYER & PRAISE

Prayers:
Mavis Baldwin; **Maydell Yeakley** is in rehab at The Crossing following a fall; **Budd Hebert**.

Sympathy:
Carolyn Boutell mother of **Rick Boutell** and **Bob Boutell**, mother-in-law of **Meridith Boutell**, and grandmother of **Allison Boutell,** passed away Wednesday, February 24. Services were Friday, February 26.

Birth:
Mark & Janice Barton would like to announce the arrival of a new grandson, Charles Lawrence. He was born Monday, February 22, to Erica & Clay Williams, members at Downtown Church of Christ. He weighed 7 pounds 7 ½ ounces.



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: **Rick Boutell** 117.
Providence: **Laura Smith** 308.
Hickory Heights: LR: **Larry Heusel.**

ONLINE GIVING CHANGES

We are making exciting changes to our church's online giving program. While the updated program offers more ways to support the church, it will require that your payment methods be registered with our new system. This measure helps ensure a secure move to the updated feature set. If you have scheduled your contribution online, then you have received emailed instructions on how to register your payment method. Please complete these steps prior to your next scheduled donation. Your generous support is vital to our ministry. Thank you for participating in this transition. For more information about this new online giving site and for step-by-step instructions on how to update everything, please click this **LINK**.



