9:00 A.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Tom Ritchie
Welcome – Mike James
Song – Glorify Thy Name
Song – What the Lord Has Done In Me
Song – Prince of Peace, Control My Will
Prayer – David Anguish
Scripture – Genesis 26:1-5 – Jim Adams
Song – The Power of the Cross
Communion & Offering – Bill Pratt
Song – Heaven Came Down
"Counted as Righteousness " – Noel Whitlock
Song – Salvation Belongs to Our God
Shepherd's Prayer

FINANCES 2/28/2021

Budget for 2/28/2021.....$45,352.00
Giving for 2/28/2021.....$49,431.11
Budget through Week 26.....$1,216,040.00
Giving through Week 26.....$1,206,943.77

ATTENDANCE 2/28/2021

2/28/2021:
9:00 Worship— 387/ 11:00 Worship—119
Bible Classes —414/ Children's Worship — dismissed
Worship 5:00 p.m. — 78/ Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

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March 7, 2021

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

The Elephant in the Pew

As we conclude a series of articles on race and Christianity, we want to turn the focus on ourselves—the church—and the sin of racism within our fellowship.

Mentioning "racism" in a church bulletin may raise a few eyebrows. Others might question whether the church has a role in addressing a "social issue." We believe, however, that the divine love at the heart of the gospel inevitably has social implications for followers of Christ. Any teachings, traditions, or attitudes that weaken our ability to love our neighbor betrays the nature of the "transformed," unified communities we call the Churches of Christ.

The Book of Acts begins with a demonstration of unity in diversity on the day of Pentecost (Chap. 2), and the New Testament consistently addresses social divisions that spoil that unity, including subsequent "Pentecosts" for Samaritans (Acts 8) and Gentiles (Acts 10).

The first recorded congregational dispute centers on social exclusion. Grecian widows felt neglected because they were not "Jewish" enough (Acts 6: 1-6). What about the Book of Romans? At its core, Paul's letter argues that both Jews and Gentiles have full claim to the same blessings in Christ.

Fast forward to the Stone-Campbell Movement. The church has rightly attempted to follow the pattern of promoting unity. Yet evidence abounds that social and cultural biases and bigotry still divide us. Twenty centuries after Pentecost, what should the church say about race?

If we strive to follow the New Testament example in dealing with the sin of racism, we will help those in the body of Christ to put away bigotry and ethnic pride, as they should every sin, and to pursue unity in our diversity. "We are all one in Christ," Paul says (Gal. 3: 28-29). Doing nothing to heal division within the church risks negating our ability to be a light to the world.

But there is a reason racial division is so rarely discussed. It's hard to admit we may harbor such ugly feelings, especially in the context of a bitterly divided world. So maybe the best way to acknowledge the "elephant in the pew" is to begin with this prayer:

> Search me O God and know my heart; Try me . . . and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way (Psalm 139: 23-24).

Jonathan Friar and **Tim Westbrook**

NEW ADULT CLASS

For those who would like to study further the topic of racism as a sin (see today's front-page article), we invite you to consider joining the new Bible class that begins on March 28th. The class series is entitled "Created in God's Image: Race, Reconciliation, and a Look in the Mirror." The class will meet in Room 211 on Sunday mornings during the Bible class hour. For more information contact **Tim Westbrook** at twestbrook@harding.edu or text 501-230-6332.

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 also plan to stream the event on our Women's Ministry Facebook page. Email **Anessa Westbrook** at adwestbrook@harding.edu with any questions.



DIRECTORY UPDATE

Arthur & Sheri Shearin, 505 E. Park Trail.



Don't forget to spring forward Sunday, March 14.

5:00 P.M. ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song Leader – Jim Randolph
Welcome – Jeff Montgomery
Song – Joyful, Joyful
Song – Lord of All Being
Prayer – Bob Diles
Song – All Things Bright and Beautiful
Song – I Know Who Holds Tomorrow
"The Creator has Plans for You" – J.B. Myers
Song – Have Thine Own Way, Lord
(Lord's Supper served in Room 100)
Song – Great is thy Faithfulness
Prayer – Dale Brown

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.**

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.

CARING & SHARING

Caring and Sharing will resume service to the Searcy community on Monday, March 15. 'Drive-thru' meal delivery will begin at 6:30 p.m. under the canopy on the west side of the church building.

BRIDAL SHOWER

Ladies are invited to a bridal shower honoring **Tara Finley,** bride-elect of Alex Philbrick, on Sunday, March 21, 2:00-3:30 p.m. at the home of **Kim Kirkman**, 810 Golf View Drive. Tara is the daughter of **Scott & Cheryl Finley** and the granddaughter of **Bob & Joyce Corbin** and **Bettye Finley**. Selections: The Boutique, Target, Tipton & Hurst, Williams Sono-ma. Gifts early please.



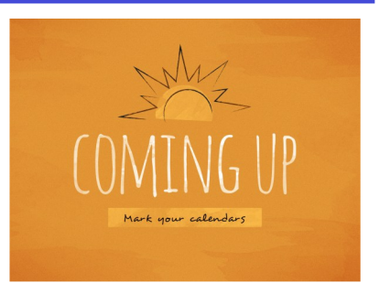
THANK YOU

The family of **Edith R. Barnes** would like to thank you for your prayers, phone calls, texts, cards, and the lovely green plant. Your kind words and expressions of love are greatly appreciated during our time of grief. We are thankful for our College Church family.

The **Burchfield** and **Barnes** families

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.



PRAYER & PRAISE

Prayers:
Mavis Baldwin; **Budd Hebert; Genny Lawyer; Jean Minor** is in rehab at The Crossing, Room 203; **Maydell Yeakley** is in rehab at The Crossing following a fall.

Sympathy:
Mary-Lou Dunn passed away on Saturday, February 27, following her battle with cancer. There will be a Celebration of Life Sunday, March 14, 4:00 p.m. at the Sunshine School.

Jim Randolph's sister, Virginia Haile, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, March 2.

Birth:
Todd & Debbie Gentry would like to announce the arrival of a new granddaughter, Stella Joy Gentry. She was born, Wednesday, March 3, to Hunter & Courtney Gentry. She weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces.

Zac & Connie Muncy and **Steve & Kay Baber** would like to announce the arrival of a new granddaughter, Valerie Lynn Muncy, born to Blake and Jill Muncy of Conway on Wednesday, March 3. She weighed 8 pounds 11 ounces. Great grandmothers are **Verna Mansell** and **Eloise Muncy**.

Noel & Lael Whitlock would like to announce the arrival of a grandson, Wells Nolan Krantz. He was born Monday, March 1, to Cody & Joelle Krantz. He weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces.

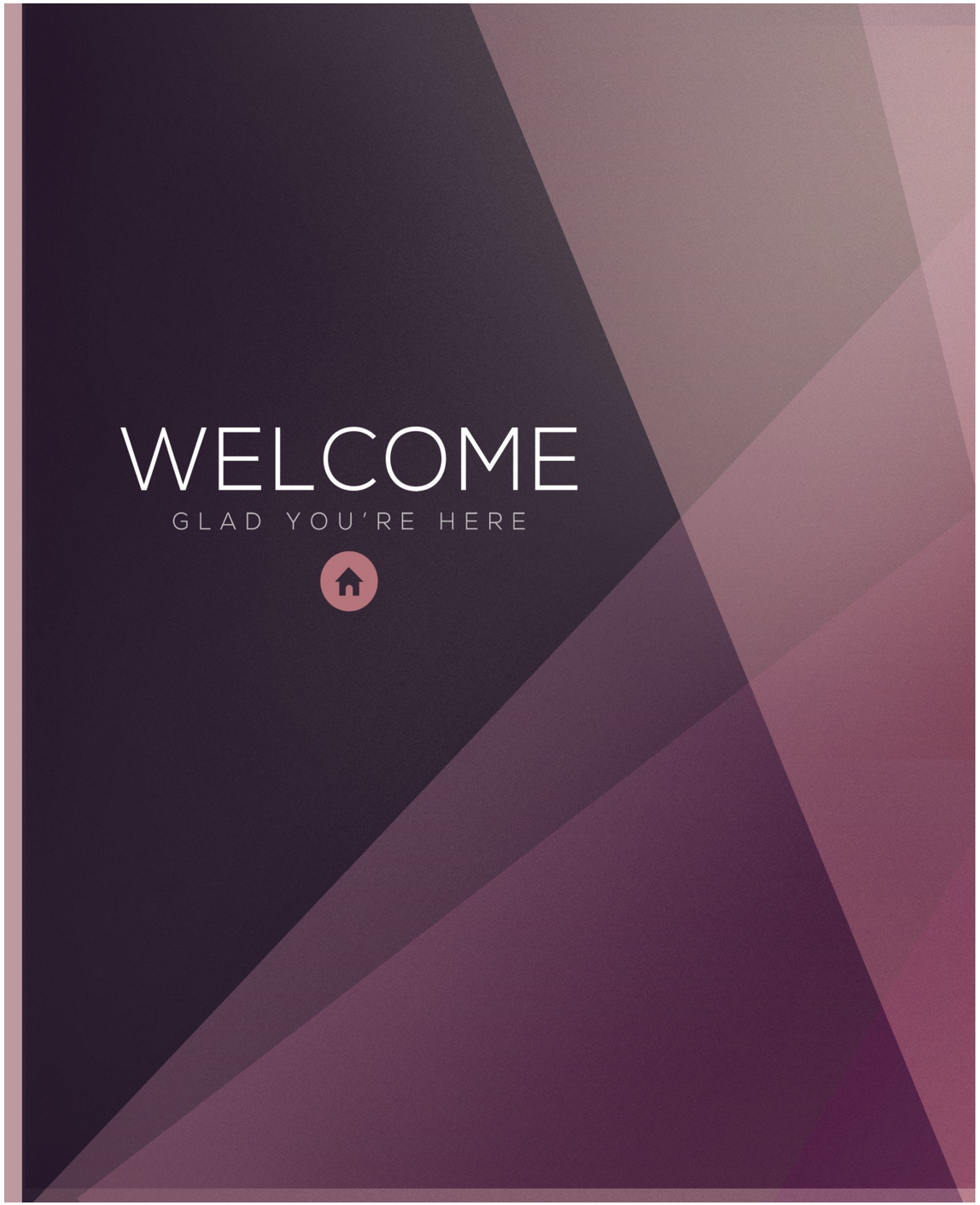


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Welcome
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