ELDERS MEETING SUMMARY

The Elders Meeting Summary for February is available to be picked up at the front of the auditorium.

SCOOP

- Seniors: Today is the deadline to submit photos/videos/forms for Senior Sunday.
- Senior Sunday will be April 5 during the evening service. Please see the Scoop and email for more details. If you are graduating and not on our role sheet, please see Brent Wilhite for information.
- Mission Nicaragua: the deadline to pay the $100 deposit is today.

AUDITORUIM CLASS



Tom Alexander will speak in the auditorium class on Wednesday, March 18. He will be teaching from 1 Timothy 2, "Men, Women, and the Church Assembly."

SUMMER INTERN

The children's ministry is now taking applications for a summer intern. To apply, please email your resume to **Kerri Behel** at behelfamily@yahoo.com.

SHOWER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The children of **Eddie & Susan Cloer** invite you to the 50th wedding anniversary reception for their parents TODAY from 2-4 p.m. in the Family Room at College church.
- Please join us for a baby boy shower for Ean & Sophie Myers, son of **Eddie & Amy Myers,** Sunday, March 22, from 1:30-3 p.m. at the home of **Sheena Swindle**, 178 Triple M. Registered at Sassy Stitch and babylist.com.
- There will be a wedding shower for Riley Fox and Austeja Buivydaite on March 22, 1-3 p.m. at the home of Loren Beason, 7 Ridgeview Ct. Riley's grandparents are **Nicky & Carolyn Boyd**.

LAST WEEK

Attendance 3/8/2020:
Worship — 834/Bible Classes — 743
Children's Worship — 52
Worship p.m. —316/Worship 7:15 p.m. —dismissed

FINANCES

Budget for 3/8/2020.....$45,500.00
Giving for 3/8/2020.....$42,170.02
Budget through Week 28.....$1,321,250.0
Giving through Week 28.....$1,393,416.41

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Bulletin Deadline - NOON, THURSDAYS

March 15, 2020

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Worship Schedule

Until Harding reopens, we will continue to have one Sunday morning worship at 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service
9:00 a.m.
Song Service – Warren Casey
Welcome – Kenneth Mills
876 – Jesus, Name Above All Names
895 – Thy Word
Prayer – Steven Yeakley
598 – Standing on the Promises
248 – How Firm a Foundation
523 – Our God, He is Alive
Lord's Supper & Offering – Michael Claxton
619 – Take Time to be Holy
Scripture – Nehemiah 8:1-10 – Robin Miller
Song – Ancient Words
(Children's Worship dismissed during this song)
"Lord, Help Us Hear Your Word"– Steve Cloer
Song – The Joy of the Lord
Shepherd's Prayer – Jim Citty

Worship Service
5:00 p.m.
Song Leader – Harold Valentine
Welcome – Greg Brooks
348 – Jesus is All the World to Me
Song – Whispering Hope
Prayer – Tom Alexander
93 – Christ For the World We Sing
Scripture – Cody Hastings – Acts 8:3-4
"Into All the World" – Eddie Cloer
572 – Send the Light
Closing Song – The Day Thou Gavest
Lord's Supper served in Room 100
Closing Prayer – Gordon Hogan

7:15 p.m. Worship Service
Song Service – Carson Gentry
Lord's Supper – Kennedy Barden
"Evidence from the Tomb" – Noel Whitlock
Shepherd's Prayer – Jim Adams

NEW HERE?

Welcome! For your convenience, training rooms are located in the back of the auditorium. An attended nursery is located on the east side of the building.
Children's Worship is located on the west side of the building.

FROM THE ELDERS: THE CORONAVIRUS

By now we all know about this new and serious health threat. The College Church elders believe we should neither panic nor underestimate COVID-19, as it is known. Rather, we should make informed decisions about how to conduct our social and church lives as medical experts strive to control the virus. Here is a summary of our thinking and advice based on discussions with three of our congregation's doctors:

- Although risk from surfaces is relatively low, we are increasing sanitation of high traffic areas in the building: bathrooms, water fountains, etc.
- Since the virus seems to spread primarily person-to-person through touching or respiratory droplets, it is best to maintain "social distancing" of six feet when possible, and use head-nods or elbow bumps for greetings. Avoid crowds if you are coughing or sneezing. And, of course, wash your hands frequently and thoroughly.
- Though most cases of COVID-19 have not been life threatening, the elderly have proven to be at more risk for serious illness and death. Thus we advise all members, but especially those over 60, to consider staying home from church gatherings if you have symptoms (dry cough, fever, shortness of breath), for your own sake as well as others.
- To give people options other than gathering at the building, we are planning to add streaming of Sunday and Wednesday services to currently available streaming of Sunday morning services. Communion supplies can be obtained in the office.
- We will use Facebook and other social media platforms to keep you abreast of developments relating to the disease.
- Let's do all we can to keep ourselves and others safe, remain committed to doing the Lord's work, and trust God to guide us through this crisis.

College Church Facebook live link: https://www.facebook.com/CollegeChurchofChrist/

CINDI COOPER: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SCRIPTURE?

Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me."



"I know the verse has become almost a cliché," **Cindi** says, "but I've been so low at times that I needed those words to remember who I belonged to." Thinking also of her role in Caring and Sharing, Cindi, a College Church member since 1989, believes the verse connects her to the down-and-out among that group. They are not "special cases" but "kindred spirits." Like her, like all of us, they need to be convinced that the source of real strength, Christ, is also their only real hope.

PRAYER & PRAISE

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bob Allen is at home, but may not have visitors for one more week**; Nancy Collins** is in Searcy Healthcare; **Louise Ganus** is in the Crossing; **Susan Watson** is in Oakdale 605.

DISPATCH FROM COOKEVILLE



On Monday, a crew of volunteers from Searcy, including 18 Harding University students and several members of the College Church Disaster Relief Team, joined the massive cleanup efforts in Cookeville, Tennessee, where an E4 Tornado had devastated the community.

They spent the day combing the rubble of an almost completely leveled subdivision, looking for retrievable items of value—monetarily or emotionally—to survivors.

Their final stop was at the ruins of the Kimberlin home, where all three members of that devout family died: Dad Josh, Mom Erin, and 2-year-old son Sawyer. When darkness fell, leaving them tired and somber, the Searcy contingent drove their bags of damp papers, faded photos, toys, and other items to a nearby storage center, where members of the Kimberlin family awaited.

The first member of the group exited the bus and approached the building. Its automated door slowly rose, and from its lighted interior came a woman who, without a word, embraced the stranger and held him tightly for almost 20 seconds. Then she moved to the next person and the next. She was crying tears of joy and gratitude, she said.

She was Kim Cantley, the mother of Joshua Kimberlin.

The unloading was quickly finished. Everyone formed a circle, someone led a prayer, and Kim asked to say a few words.

Again tearfully, she assured them that her grief was giving way to a sense of blessing. She mentioned her grandson and his love of the song "Holy, Holy, Holy." Then she spoke directly to the college students ringed around her:

"If Josh were alive he would say to live every day of your life for God—and never be tempted by peer pressure or anything else to give Him up!" In a flood of emotion she then testified to the supreme value of a life devoted to Christ and His church, as perhaps only a grieving Christian mother could.

After more embraces and goodbyes, the Searcy volunteers left for their beds. The next day they would face more digging among the rubble for meager traces of family memories. But tonight they had witnessed the living spirit of one family whose faith seemed to animate the lifeless artifacts in that storage room with triumphant meaning.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR SENIOR SERVANTS

Out of a desire to exercise an abundance of caution, it was decided to cancel, or at least postpone for several weeks, the Senior Servants Dinner that was scheduled for March 27. This was done for the protection of our Seniors who are part of the segment of our society that is most vulnerable to the Coronavirus. Also, for the time being, all ESP meetings, bus trips to eating establishments and bus trips to area congregations will be suspended. This will all be reviewed in a few weeks, possibly about the first of June. As you know, this will all depend on what happens within our nation as a result of the Coronavirus.

Harry Riggs, Seniors Minister